



NEWS

The Newsletter of the Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta

Fall 2001 ISSUE

Announcements

The June 2001 AGM minutes are attached. This is the unofficial version (ie. has not been approved by the AGM)

A new section called Personals has been added to the newsletter. In order to maintain this section we will need your help. If you have changed positions or moved or know of members who have, please let us know by e-mail. (roberts@internode.net)

The new ACPA web address is : www.pchem.ca. Newsletters will be archived at this location in PDF format for easy retrieval.

From the President

Here it is fall again and for many people the rush to get things done before the snow flies is upon us.

As you may have noticed our website, pchem.ca , is up and running. **The Board would like to extend its thanks and appreciation to Kathy Janzen who volunteered her time to develop the site and get it running.**

We are looking at things to place on the site to increase its usefulness to the members. One of these initiatives is to develop a list of chemistry course providers, seminars and other things that can be used for Professional Development Credits to maintain your P.Chem. status.

This brings me to the issue of the status of our application for the right to title as Professional Chemists. I said at the AGM in June that I knew that the "mills of the gods grind slowly" but I did not realize just how slow. In June I was told that the documents would be sent out of the POARA office and up the line in a couple of weeks. Well, it turns out that there were some changes within the department and things got delayed. Then the "Labor Mobility" people had to look at it. In late July, it was ready to go to the next step, which was the Standing Policy Committee. It was thought that it would get on the August or September meeting agenda. In early September, I was told that the earliest that we can get on the agenda is the November meeting. Once we get through the Standing Policy Committee, we still have to get Cabinet approval. I am told that this should be a "slam dunk" but

based on our previous experiences I won't bet on it. Optimistically, we may have our designation finalized by early 2002.

On a non-chemistry note, thinking back over the events that took place in New York, Washington, and Pennsylvania on September 11, I would like to remind us all to keep our priorities in the proper perspective - live every day to the fullest extent possible and enjoy your family and friends. Life is short and its length uncertain.

Don White
President

Bio Corner

From time to time this section will be published to give you background information on members who serve on the board of directors. This issue features four new directors who were elected for the first time to the board at the June AGM.

Dixon Thompson

Dixon received his honors B.Sc. from the University of Calgary/University of Alberta in 1964 and his Ph.D. in Organic and Biochemistry from the University of Illinois in 1970.

He was employed by Environment Canada, the LeDain Commission, Science Council of Canada and joined the Faculty of Environmental Design at the University of Calgary in 1973 where he is Professor of Environmental Science specializing in environmental chemistry and (eco)toxicology, product and technology assessment and water management. He is a member of SETAC and AWMA.

Tim Blackmore

Tim Blackmore graduated from the University of Alberta in 1984 with a B.Sc. in Chemistry and is currently employed by Enbridge Pipelines Inc. as a Senior Petroleum Quality Analyst.

He started his career in chemistry with Chemex Labs Alberta Inc. as a oilfield sampler and field laboratory analyst. Later he moved into the main laboratory and continued to develop his knowledge of analytical hydrocarbon testing, followed by several years of quality assurance. After ten years of commercial hydrocarbon laboratory background, he moved to the pipeline industry. For the past five years he has served as an advisor to Enbridge Pipelines on test results for crude and petroleum product testing as well as addressing internal and external concerns with regards to crude quality.

Tim is currently a board member of the Canadian Crude Quality Technical Association, and an active participant on the behalf of Enbridge in several of the quality projects running under the aegis of the CCQTA.

Tim is also active as a volunteer in Scouting and the local fire department of his town.

Dave Wong

Dave received his B.Sc. from the University of Alberta in 1976 and his M.Sc. in Environmental Science, Faculty of Engineering, University of Alberta. He has held the positions of Quality Control Officer HPI ltd, Senior lab Technician and Quality Assurance Co-ordinator at the Gold Bar Wastewater Treatment plant Laboratory and is currently the Quality Assurance Officer EPCOR waters services. He is also a laboratory accreditation auditor for the Standards Council of Canada and for the Canadian Association for Environmental Analytical Laboratories.

Jim Hyne

Jim received his honors B.Sc. in 1951 and his Ph.D in 1954 from the University of St. Andrews. He has held the position of Instructor, Chemistry at Yale University, and Associate Professor Dartmouth College. In 1960 he joined the faculty of the University of Alberta in Calgary and served as Associate Professor and Administrative Officer. From 1964-1966 he was the first head of the Chemistry department. He held the position of Professor of Chemistry, University of Calgary from 1964-1990. He became Dean of the Faculty of Graduate studies in 1966 and served as President, Canadian Association of Graduate Schools. From 1964-1994 he has served as Director of Research, Alberta Sulphur Research Ltd. Other positions

of note that Jim has held are Director, Petrofina Canada, and Principal Researcher AOSTRA Heavy Oils Aquathermolysis Research Group. He has also received numerous honors and awards throughout his career. Currently he an Emeritus Professor, University of Calgary, Honorary Director Alberta Sulphur Research Ltd, and is the owner of Hyjay Ranches and is President of Hyjay Research and Development Ltd.

Personals

Laurier Schramm has recently left his post as Executive Director, Petroleum Recovery Institute and taken the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of the Saskatchewan Research Council.

Andrew Masters has moved to Toronto to take up his new position as Vice President, Eastern Laboratory Operations, Maxxam Analytics.

Wayne Rae has left Maxxam and is now in Fort McMurray with Syncrude .

From the Editors

All contributions from members to the newsletter will be welcome. Please send them to Robert Swingle at Maxxam Analytics 2021-41 Avenue N. E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 6P2 or fax them to 403-2919468. If you prefer electronic mail address them to the internet at roberts@internode.net. It would be nice if you could send any lengthy material on disk in PC format using Microsoft Word.

ASSOCIATION OF THE CHEMICAL PROFESSION OF ALBERTA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

JUNE 2, 2001

Alastair Ross Technology Center
3553 – 31 Street NW
Calgary, Alberta

Attendance:

The Annual General Meeting of the ACPA was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Don White, President of the ACPA, acted as Chairman of the meeting and welcomed those present.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Moved by Tim Blackmore, seconded by Frank Bachelor that the minutes of the May 27, 2000 meeting be adopted. *Carried.*

President's Report

Don White delivered the President's Report. He reminded those present at the meeting that there would be a Wine and Cheese reception, sponsored by the University of Calgary, following the meeting. Don thanked the Environmental Science Program (Liz Dixon), the Faculty of Environmental Design (Dean Mary-Ellen Taylor, Jim Hyne, Martin Kirk and Dixon Thompson).

ACPA Regulation Approval

Don reported on the progress in finalizing the ACPA Regulation with POARA. He reported we are in the final stages of the process. He mentioned that due to a modification in the Miscellaneous Statutes Act, the title P.Chem. needs to be included in the Regulation before sending it to the Minister of Labour. Once it goes to the Minister, he will take it to Cabinet for approval. Once this is done, ACPA will be an actual Professional Association. Following this, the Bylaws will need to be re-written and other house keeping items will be required. Don mentioned that the benefits of having a P.Chem designation were starting to be seen. NAIT will give salary credit if teachers have P.Chem designation and the City of Edmonton requested that applicants to a recent chemist position have eligibility to ACPA.

Don reminded those present that proof of their degree had to be supplied to the registration committee, if it was not already done. Discussions followed this pertaining to the notarization by an existing ACPA Board member of a Degree Certificate or transcripts. Jean Cooling raised concerns about individuals providing falsified documents and suggested that the Association should get in touch with the issuing University to get transcripts or degree sent directly to the Board. Jim Hyne suggested that this would be a hard job and that the Association must emphasize the importance of the ethics and competence committees presented in the Bylaws. Dixon Thompson suggested that the Bylaws be reviewed in the fall and assume that most people are acting ethically until such time there are questions or suspicions to suggest otherwise.

Professional Development Seminar

Don reported that the Professional Development seminar in February was a financial success even though attendance was down from initial registrations. Don thanked Bob Swingle for his work on the last two seminars. ACPA would like to see more members and non-members attending.

Integration of ACPA with CSC, ACPO and OCO

Don reported that ACPA has been active with other chemical societies in Canada (CSC, ACPO and OCO) in trying to come up with a national agreement on Professional Chemists without losing any of the provincial associations' independence. He reported that Kevin Dunn is the main contact and that he has attended meetings etc. to ensure the ACPA's interests are considered. Kevin Dunn reported that nationalization has slowed down.

Promotions and Special Events

Website - Don reported that the Pchem.ca website was progressing, with Stan Backs taken the lead on this project. Content has been developed or loaded on the site. Stan Backs reported that the ACPA website was pchem.ca and the website would be done by the end of June.

Display Board - Don reported that ACPA had obtained two tabletop displays (one in Calgary and one in Edmonton), which can be set up at various venues to raise awareness with other technical societies in the province. It was used at two events in the 2000-2001 season. The graphic draft of the display was set up at the meeting for those present to see and comment on. Stan Backs and Ken Schmidt requested that feedback on the display be forwarded to them.

Regulatory Review

Don reported that some ACPA members reviewed the User Guide for Waste Managers. Don reported the User Guide was submitted to Alberta Environment and that the consultant and Environmental Services Association of Alberta would be holding information sessions in Calgary and Edmonton to present the changes to the Guide.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Copies of the Treasurer's report for June 1, 2000 to May 31, 2001 were provided to those present.

Summary:

Balance forward –Chequing Account	\$11,845.10
T-Bill Account	\$10,340.27
Membership dues paid	\$ 5,948.00
2001 Professional Development Seminar Fees	\$ 7,291.53
T-Bill Interest Earned	\$ 464.91
Expenses	\$(7,458.34)
Balance as of May 31, 2001	\$28,431.47

Moved by Kevin Dunn, seconded by Bob Taylor, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. Carried.

Jim Hyne asked if ACPA felt there was enough money to cover initial start-up, once ACPA became a Professional organization. Kevin Dunn replied that there was enough to cover one year's operation expenses. Don mentioned that ACPA would have a Fee change in 2002, once ACPA received their professional status.

Proposed ACPA Membership Structure

Don White presented the proposed Membership structure. Kevin Dunn reported that the justification to the fee increase was based on the estimated operating budget of \$30,000. The increase in annual fees is provisional upon receiving accreditation.

Motion: Moved by Dixon Thompson, seconded by Kevin Dunn, that the Student membership of \$25.00 be accepted and that a Student Member would have no voting rights. The motion included that the Qualification Criteria be amended to read "Currently enrolled in a recognized graduate or undergraduate chemistry or applied chemistry program or equivalent. Carried.

Stan Backs felt that the "Chemist in Training (C.I.T.)" Fee was too high.

Motion: Moved by Kevin Dunn; seconded by Trent Parks that the "C.I.T. Qualification Criteria and voting rights be accepted as presented, but that the fee be reduced to \$75.00. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Dixon Thompson, seconded by Frank Bachelor that the fee of \$150.00, voting rights and Qualification Criteria for the "Professional Chemist" be accepted as presented. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Frank Bachelor; seconded by Dixon Thompson that the fee of \$50.00, voting rights and Qualification Criteria for ACPA Associate Member be accepted as presented. Carried.

Motion: Trent Parks made a motion that the category of Professional Chemist, Retired will exist and will have voting rights at a fee of \$50.00, but there was a need to amend the Qualification Criteria. The Qualification Criteria would be re-defined by the Board and sent out to the membership for approval. Seconded by Bob Swingle. Carried.

Rob Taylor asked if a letter soliciting what employers felt the benefits of having P.Chem were and felt that there was a need to increase the presence of Chemist in Alberta. Stan Backs suggested that ACPA get an add in the phone book before next year's phone book comes out. Discussions followed on ways to justify costs and value of membership to members.

Registrar's Report

92 paid members for 2001
28 members from 2000 have not renewed
46 members from 1999 have not renewed in 2000 or 2001
2 new members

Moved by Kevin Dunn, seconded by Tim Blackmore that the registrar's report be approved. Carried.

Jim Hyne suggested that ACPA work on trying to get more teachers as members. Ian Rubinstein again suggested that we have to market the benefits of ACPA membership to industry so that there is a growing awareness of ACPA. It was suggested that we advertise once ACPA gets accredited and that legal firms receive notification once accreditation is received.

Election of Directors

Frank Bachelor read out the result of the vote for the 2001/2002 Board of Directors. The new Board members are Don White, Mary Mayes, Trent Parks, Kevin Dunn, Frank Bachelor, Stan Backs, Ken Schmidt, Bob Swingle, Tim Blackmore and David Wong.

Motion: Don White made a motion that the Board of Directors be expanded from 10 to 12 members, to deal with the extra work required once accreditation is received. Seconded by Stan Backs. Carried.

The two additional members added to the Board, as determined from the ballots, were Dixon Thompson and Jim Hyne.

Professional Development Credits

Beta Test - Don reported that Frank Bachelor sent out trial Beta tests of the Professional Development Credit format for evaluation. Frank reported that he received back 38 out of 59 tests sent out. He reported the results indicated that the Professional Development Credits requirements need to be revised. He reported the Board of Directors established a committee to come up with changes and put them on a form. This form would cover the bulk of activities that members could be involved in. The intent is to put this on the website. Jean Cooling asked who was on the committee and Don White replied that the committee would be attached to the minutes.

Motion: Move by Kevin Dunn, seconded by Stan Backs, that the ballots be destroyed. Carried.

Adjournment

Moved by Don White, seconded by Kevin Dunn that the meeting be adjourned. Carried.

Presentation

Ken Schmidt gave a talk the Alberta Synchrotron Institute and the Canadian Light Source Inc.

2001 ACPA Board of Directors

Name	Position	Affiliation
Don White	President	Technical Manager Safety-Kleen Environmental Services
Mary Mayes	Secretary	Project Chemist Matrix Solutions Inc
Trent Parks	Treasurer	URS Corporation
Kevin Dunn	Past-President	Management Systems Consultant
Jim Hyne	Director	
Frank Bachelor	Director	FWB Chemical Consulting
Stan Backs	Director	SynchroComm Technical Communications
David Wong	Director	Quality Assurance Officer Epcor
Dixon Thompson	Director	Faculty of Environmental U of Calgary
Ken Schmidt	Director	DK3 Scientific
Bob Swingle	Director	Manager, Scientific Services Maxxam Analytics Inc.
Tim Blackmore	Director	Enbridge Pipelines Inc.