



**Minutes of Meeting
ACPA Annual General Meeting
1:00 PM, 9 May 2009
Sheraton Inn, 2620 - 32 Avenue, N.E.
Calgary, Alberta**

Attendance

According to the sign-in sheets, 49 ACPA members (various membership categories) and 8 guests attended the 2009 AGM.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM.

1. Guest Speaker – Bruce Peachey

Bruce Peachey, P.Eng., FCIC, gave a well-received presentation entitled “Human Enhanced Water Evaporation.” The speaker biography and a summary of the talk are available at www.pchem.ca/ACPA/Events/AGM2009%20flyer.pdf (on the second page).

2. Address by President – Roger Cowles

- Review of committee membership
- Review of environmental sign-off activities
- Review of Oilfield Chemicals Workshop
- Discussion of sponsored student meetings and CIC meetings/seminars

3. Review of the Minutes of the 2008 AGM – Roger Cowles

- Motion to accept minutes of 2008 AGM: Chris Swyngedouw. Seconded: Joe Schultz. Carried unanimously.

4. Treasurer’s Report – Paul Kucharczyk

- 2008 year end net income: ~\$70K
- Expenses: ~\$49K
- Net income: ~\$29K
- Accounting anomaly was due to a double charge for the tax return, resulting in a GST overpayment
- Retained earnings for 2008: ~\$90K
- Retained earnings for 2009: anticipated to be ~\$114K
- 2009 budget income: ~\$59K
- 2009 budget expenses: ~\$51K
- Reviewed GIC returns
- Motion to accept 2008 financial report: Pat Kalita. Seconded: Frank Bachelor. Carried unanimously.



5. Registrar's Report – Trent Parks

ACPA membership as of the AGM this year totals 345 members in good standing, which is up 24 from last year. The breakdown of this total is as follows:

- 298 full members
- 0 provisional members
- 15 CIT members
- 10 retired members
- 5 associate members
- 17 student members

Of these, 280 have paid for 2009 membership as of May 6, 2009. (We generally maintain the status of members as “in good standing” until around mid-year, when we send out our list of those who are no longer ACPA members. Before that time, members are still considered “in good standing”.)

Results for this year's Board election (84 ballots cast):

- Tim Blackmore
- Maurice Chevalier
- Darren Crichton
- Eugene Dakin

A question was raised on possible changes to future acceptance criteria for ACPA membership. Frank Bachelor replied that the criteria are not likely to change in the near future. He mentioned that many applications are rejected because the applicants do not meet acceptance criteria, and he asked that sponsors carefully review the qualifications of people for whom they are signing applications. Numerous biochemists and others have applied and been rejected because they do not have enough chemistry courses. The requirements are posted on the ACPA website membership page at <http://www.pchem.ca/ACPA/Membership/Membership.html>. These requirements must be followed to maintain our professional credibility and our right to title.

6. Report of the Legislative Committee – Bob Taylor

APCA has started to achieve recognition by governments, industry and the public. A key achievement was gaining right to title (i.e., P.Chem.) in 2001. Right to practice is the next step to be achieved, although this is by no means certain. Defining the overlapping scopes of practice among the various professions will be a key part of obtaining right to practice, and these definitions have been developed within a new act to govern chemistry professionals. A draft version of this act was completed by this committee in November 2008, and the associated regulations are now being developed. These regulations will be the enforceable documents where the right to practice is actually specified.

Early in 2008, qualified ACPA members were granted the right to sign off on land reclamation, and this was a key step in the progress towards right to practice. Cooperation has been very good among the various Alberta professional associations (including the engineering, forestry and agrology associations), and this cooperation has helped us in working towards our goals.

Inclusion of chemistry technologists in some way under the ACPA legislation and regulations is still under active consideration, but no significant progress has been made to date.



7. Report on the National Advisory Committee on the Profession of Chemistry in Canada (NACPCC) – Ken Schmidt

The National Advisory Committee on the Profession of Chemistry in Canada (NACPCC) was set up under the auspices of the Canadian Society for Chemistry, and it has representatives from the provincial chemistry professional associations of BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia. This committee addresses the national Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) program, which requires the free movement of professionals across the country. The NACPCC decided that their target would be to match the highest level of professional authority currently available to chemists in Canada; i.e., the right to practice held by members of the OCQ in Quebec. The next meeting of the NACPCC will be in June 2009, when the ACPA will be represented by Ken Schmidt. Establishing an ethics course for professional chemists will be the first outcome of the group's efforts. The course material would include not only ethics but also scope of practice, safety, intellectual property, quality systems and other non-core material content. The course content would be consistent nationwide, but implementation would be provincially based. Passing the examination for this course will be mandatory to obtain or maintain membership in the provincial professional organizations, but a certain period of grace will be allowed for completion of this requirement by the existing membership. Work is ongoing to have elements of this course included in university chemistry curriculums.

Liability insurance is needed by some members, but numbers are low. Work is going on to develop an insurance program as a group across the country.

8. Presentation of the Frank Bachelor Award – Frank Bachelor

This award recognizes dedication and service to the profession of chemistry in Alberta. The award was presented to Dr. Ken Schmidt, a former ACPA Board member and long-time volunteer for the chemistry profession in Alberta.

9. Presentation of the Arthur Bollo-Kamara Award – Kathy Janzen

This scholarship of \$1000 is awarded for a combination of academic achievement in chemistry, contributions to the community and participation in cultural activities. This award was given to U. of Alberta fourth-year undergraduate student David Grewer. Mr. Grewer was unable to receive the award in person because he was required to attend a student conference the same weekend as the AGM.

10. Chemist's Ring Ceremony – Roger Cowles

Recipients: Bob Taylor, Atosa Kavousian and Adina LaPerle.

11. Adjournment

- Motion to destroy the ballots: Frank Bachelor. Seconded: Mary Mayes. Carried unanimously.
- Motion to adjourn: Stan Backs. Carried unanimously.