



**Minutes of the CWA Board of Directors conference call held at
 10:30 AM on Friday, March 22, 2002**

Date: March 25, 2002

Board of Directors:	Executive Committee		Paul Kovosi *	Director
	Dave Fink *	President	Lennard McGoey	Toronto
	Luc Doyon	Director	Barry Patchett	Chair, Education
	Bruce James *	Golden Triangle	Greg Petteplace	Director
	David Jordan *	Winnipeg	Darrall Rigby	Calgary
	Directors		Tony Rose *	Nova Scotia
	Victor Cooke *	Thunder Bay & Past President	George Saxby *	Regina
		CWS	Richard Seif	Past President, WPMAC
	Randy Cottrell	Edmonton	Ken Singh	Director
	Marc Desjeans	Director	John Stecjuk	Hamilton
Bill Eccles	Ottawa	CWA Staff		
Richard Hadley	Past President,	David Long *	Executive Director	
WPMAC		John Levi *	Program Manager	
Grant Harvey *	Director	* Present		

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in Halifax on Friday, May 3 and Saturday, May 4.

Operations Updates

Bylaws

Darrall Rigby, Deet Adam and Bob Shaw completed their initial review of the Constitution and bylaws of the Canadian Welding Association. They sent it to the national office for further editing and amendment. The national office will review and it and return it to Darrell and his group for further editing prior to presenting the draft in Halifax. ACTION: National Office

Technical Committee

Grant Harvey, chair of the Technical Committee, reported that the three letters discussed in February's minutes had been sent on February 28 as follows:

1. ACGIH stating CWA's reservations with the 0.2 mg/m₃ level for manganese in welding fume as well as a proposed further reduction to 0.03 mg/m₃;
2. MOL advising them of CWA's reservations regarding the use of ACGIH TLVs in Ontario's regulations and stating that CWA chose Option 3 in the OEL Process Project;
3. John Vander Doelen with a copy of the HDRC study - **Worker Exposure to Welding Fumes and Gases in Federally Regulated Workplaces** - which details the levels of manganese in welding fume and confirms the agreement made between MOL and CWA in the meeting of October 5, 2001.

Copies of the three letters were circulated to all directors prior to this meeting. Further Grant reported that:

- Eva Karpinski would support CWA in its lobbying efforts on manganese.
- John Palach of Hobart Brothers sits on the AWS's SH-1 committee. Ken Brown of Lincoln Electric chairs the committee. This committee is as unhappy with the ACGIH manganese levels as the CWA is.
- AWS is funding the second phase of the 1999 Harvard Study (Brain & Molina) on the *Effects of Iron Status on Pharmacokinetics of Intratracheally Instilled Manganese in Rats*.
- AWS is also funding the MIT study related to the transmission of manganese oxide combined with iron oxide across the blood-brain-boundary.

Marketing Committee

The Marketing Committee will host a focus group for end-users / fabricators on April 11. The objective is to develop a value proposition that will encourage end-users to join CWA. David Jordan will provide a copy of the CWS flyer, which might be used as part of the value proposition for end-users.

ACTION: National Office

Education Committee

Barry Patchett, chair of the Education Committee, indicated that the success of the committee would depend on relations with the CWB, CWA Chapter chairs, local colleges and universities.

He requested a list of chapter chairs in order to solicit their input and participation on the committee. The National Office will coordinate the meetings of this committee.

CWB

Dave Fink and David Long will meet with CWB on Tuesday, March 26 to discuss an alliance agreement consisting of R&D, technology, career awareness, etc.

Any agreement will be reviewed by the Board of Directors before becoming public.

Spring meeting

The Draft Agenda for the Spring meeting was sent to all Board members.

Friday evening is scheduled as a cocktail party at which the executive of the proposed Halifax chapter will be introduced. General criteria for the establishment of a new CWA chapter are attached as an appendix.

Dinner on Saturday evening will be held at a dinner theatre.

Any suggestions for changes to the agenda should be sent to David Long.

Magazines

Glen Alton of *Welding Canada* (Rogers Media) stated that subject to some flexibility he wants a business address in order to provide a free subscription. Nigel Bishop of *Metalworking Production & Purchasing* (Action Communications) stated that business addresses related to appropriate SIC codes were required for free subscriptions.

Barry Patchett indicated that welders would like to see solid welding content in a magazine.

Bruce James stated that he has obtained permission for CWA to reprint IIW articles but not to post them to the website. Possibly CWA should become a member of IIW to obtain access.

David Long raised the possibility of CWA publishing its own journal or using its website as a site for technical information with articles being made available to the general public in abstract form and to the membership in full.

Newsletter

The newsletter will continue to be emailed and faxed to members. George Saxby indicated that many members did not have email access and it was important to continue to mail the newsletter to them.

There should be a continuous attempt made to obtain valid email and fax information.

Barry Patchett and George Saxby indicated that the students at NAIT, SAIT and SIAST should be included in CWA newsletters and activities and at least one instructor from each should be encouraged to join CWA.

Chapters

George Saxby asked how a chapter could be formed in Saskatoon. (See appendix)

On April 12, the Winnipeg chapter is hosting a one-day seminar on Common Weld Faults & NDT Seminar. Full details can be seen at www.cwa-acs.org/winnipeg.

Other

Dave Fink established a symposium committee consisting of Mick Pates (chair), Bruce Clark and Bruce James. Barry Patchett volunteered to serve on the committee. David Long and John Levi of the National Office will also serve to provide the operational and administrative support. A conference call should be organized ASAP to organize the planning. ACTION: National Office

Grant Harvey mentioned that Pierre Geoffroy (Institut de Soudage du Québec) was looking for a French set of standard terms for welding. The CSA lexicon in French is available through the CWB in Montreal.

Bruce James and Dave Fink agreed that if the changes suggested by Luc Doyon were made, Dave Fink could sign the J.D. Long & Associates Ltd. management contract.

Dave Fink indicated that there should be an ad hoc committee meeting of the welding products manufacturers to determine how to encourage participation and what they want from the association.

ACTION: National Office

Appendix to Board of Directors minutes of the conference call of March 22, 2002

Verbatim extract from the Constitution & Bylaws of the CWA

ARTICLE IV - CHAPTERS

Section 1 - Authorization

The Board may, at its discretion, authorize the organization of Chapters within selected geographical areas for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Association.

Section 2 - Formation

A. Members or applicants for membership in any region desiring to form a Chapter shall call a meeting, set up a steering committee and pass a resolution authorizing the filing of a petition to the Board of Directors of the National Office asking for the formation of a Chapter.

B. The petition shall set forth facts designed to show that the formation of a Chapter is advisable and shall state the proposed location of the Chapter. The petition shall be signed by at least twenty (20) persons, who are members in good standing, of the Society, or are applying for membership and shall be forwarded to the Board of Directors for consideration.

Section 3 - Issuance of Chapter Charter

Upon authorization of the Board, a Charter shall be granted to each Chapter recognizing it as an agency of the Association and granting authority to carry on the work of the Association, subject to the rights, privileges and obligations provided for in this Constitution and in the Bylaws. If a Chapter should dissolve for any reason, the charter shall be returned to the Secretary of the Association.

Section 4 - Rules for Chapter Government

Each Chapter shall operate under the rules of the National Chapter Handbook, which shall be consistent with the Constitution and the Bylaws of the Association. Each Chapter shall file any and all proposed amendments to the Handbook with the National Office. Amendments shall only become effective upon ratification by the Board of Directors.