



Canadian Welding Association Association canadienne de soudage

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Minutes of the CWA Board of Directors Conference Call held at 10:30 a.m. September 12, 2002

Date: September 16, 2002

Board of Directors:	Executive Committee		Paul Kovosi	Director
	Dave Fink *	President	Guy Le Houillier	Director
	Bruce James *	Golden Triangle	Lennard McGoey	Toronto
	David Jordan *	Winnipeg	Greg Petteplace	Director
	Craig Lasseter	2 nd Vice President	Darrell Rigby *	Constitution Committee Chair
	Directors			
	Victor Cooke *	Thunder Bay	Tony Rose	Nova Scotia
	Randy Cottrell	Edmonton	George Saxby *	Regina
	Marc Desjeans	Director	Bob Shaw	Calgary
	Joe Doria *	Director	Dan Tadic *	Hamilton
	Bill Eccles *	Ottawa	CWA Staff	
	Richard Hadley *	Director	John Levi *	Program Manager
Grant Harvey *	Director	* Present		

Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be held as a Conference Call at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, October 4 to discuss the slate for the Executive Committee.

Welcome

Dave Fink welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Dan Tadic as the new director from the Hamilton Chapter.

Constitution & Bylaws Revisions

Darrall Rigby reviewed the Constitution and Bylaws and recommended future revisions including:

- Separation of the Constitution from the Bylaws
- A new Board of Directors structure
- A more workable document

Moved by Bruce James, seconded by Bill Eccles, that Darrall Rigby's constitution group continues to work under the supervision of the Board of Directors to separate the Constitution from the Bylaws to make them into more workable documents. CARRIED

Darrall Rigby will be added to the Board of Directors meetings.

As mandated in the last Board of Directors meeting, Article XI – Donations and Funds was revised. The question remains as to what are the implications for chapters in handling trust funds and whether or not a group should be established to supervise funds.

Moved by Darrall Rigby, seconded by George Saxby, that the revision as circulated should be accepted. CARRIED

A retired member contacted Dave Fink about a possible oversight in not allowing retirees to vote in CWA elections.

Moved by Bruce James, Seconded by Richard Hadley, that retired members be added to the list of those eligible to vote in the Bylaws. CARRIED

Role of the Board of Directors

In general discussion about the role of the Board of Directors, a few points emerged:

- Fabricators (Welding Product manufacturers, resellers and distributors will now be referred to as Suppliers) should be added to the Board as corporate members
- The Board of Directors may be dealing with too much detail and this detail is the role of the Executive Committee
- The new Board of Directors structure should have 12 to 15 members coming from the ranks of the individual members, fabricators and suppliers.
- The Executive Committee should meet at regular intervals (one to two months) to conduct the Association's business.

Nominations

The nominations for the Executive Committee were postponed because of an error in the nominating process. Bruce James advised everyone present that nominations for the CWA's awards would close on September 30 and all nominations must be submitted at that time.

2002 Welding Symposium

The advertising for the 2002 Welding Symposium scheduled for October 22 at Weld Expo Canada includes:

- 3.75 x 9 inch flyers being distributed to all chapters, some suppliers and Reed Exhibitions (8000) for inclusion in their show mailings
- A one-page fax and email flyer which has been sent out to all CWA members
- An eight-panel brochure which will be mailed about September 23.

Annual General Meeting and Awards Dinner

An email and fax flyer will be sent out advising members of the upcoming AGM and Awards Dinner.

The timing for the event will be:

4:00 p.m.	Board of Directors meeting
5:00 p.m.	Annual General Meeting
6:00 p.m.	Cocktail reception
7:00 p.m.	Awards Dinner

Bob Shaw will be the emcee for the Awards Dinner.

John Levi will contact Brian McQueen regarding including CWB awards in the event. CWA chapter awards and Skills Canada awards will be included as able.

Halifax Chapter

Moved by Vic Cooke, seconded by Bruce James, that the Halifax chapter be accepted as a Chapter within CWA. CARRIED

The Halifax Chapter will be invited to participate in the Annual General Meeting and Awards Dinner.

Workplace Safety & Insurance Board

The WSIB Safety Groups would be a benefit of membership to fabricators. Alberta and British Columbia have similar programs in place in which companies are receiving large rebates on their workers compensation insurance.

The CSA's 117 committee covers the some of these safety issues.

The issue should be brought before the Technical Committee for evaluation.

New Business

The CWA Booth at Weld Expo Canada will require volunteers to staff it.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.