



Canadian Welding Association
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**Minutes of the CWA Board of Directors Meeting
held prior to the Annual General Meeting
at the Toronto Board of Trade
4:00 p.m. October 21, 2002**

Date: November 4, 2002

Board of Directors:	Executive Committee	Guy Le Houillier	Director
	Dave Fink*	President	Edmonton
	Bruce James*	1 st Vice President	Toronto
		& Golden Triangle	Director
	David Jordan*	Treasurer &	Constitution
		Winnipeg	Committee Chair
	Craig Lasseter*	2 nd Vice President	Nova Scotia
	Directors	Tony Rose	Regina
	Victor Cooke*	Thunder Bay	Calgary
	Randy Cottrell	Edmonton	Hamilton
	Marc Desjeans*	Director	Toronto
	Joe Doria	Director	
	Bill Eccles*	Ottawa	
	Richard Hadley*	Director	
	Grant Harvey*	Director	
	Paul Kovosi	Director	
		Guest	
		Norman Eaton*	
		CWA Staff	
		John Levi*	Executive Director
		* in attendance	

Welcome

Dave Fink welcomed everyone to the Board of Directors meeting.

Anti-Combines

The Anti-Combines form was circulated and all present signed it.

Constitution and Bylaws Committee Report

Darrall Rigby was unable to attend. In his absence, John Levi presented the report.

The term of office for the Executive Committee had been omitted from the Constitution and Bylaws. On Darrall Rigby's behalf, John Levi moved, seconded by Victor Cooke, that the term of office for the officers on the Executive Committee be two years. CARRIED

John Levi reported that:

The current constitution is an interim document which has workable bylaws to allow operations and fits the new association. Its purpose is to help merge the cultures of CWS and WPMAC. It will allow the association to seek new members and to incorporate.

Over the next few years, the Constitution and Bylaws Committee will separate the constitution from the bylaws and simplify the structure of the board of directors. This will allow the board to modify the bylaws and will require the membership to modify the constitution.

There was some discussion regarding the chapter/corporate sustaining membership being incorporated as part of the Constitution and Bylaws. This was tabled for future discussion within the Constitution and Bylaws Committee.

Marketing Committee Report

Greg Petteplace, Chair of the Marketing Committee, reported that the activity over the last year included:

- Individuals working with Reed Exhibitions to ensure good attendance at the 2002 Weld Expo Canada
- Marketing of the 2002 Welding Symposium
- Development and support of a simpler membership structure
- Production content for new membership flyers
- Assistance in developing the mailing to the CWB's mailing list of 3800

Greg Petteplace reminded the Board that the Marketing Committee was established originally to compile marketing statistics within the Welding Products Manufacturers Association of Canada. With the end of the statistics role, the committee developed into a communications support role for WPMAC. He recommended that the committee be disbanded and the marketing function be done by the committees that require marketing, e.g. membership, education, symposium, chapters, etc.

Technical Committee Report

Grant Harvey, Chair of the Technical Committee, reported that activity over the last year included:

- Together with the Marketing Committee, development of a value proposition for fabricators as members of CWA. Lobbying related to manganese in welding fume provides economic value to potential fabricator members.
- Recognition of the importance of changing the committee's orientation for the WPMAC-supplier viewpoint to one for the fabricator.
- The proposed new American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists Threshold Limit Value (TLV) of 0.03 mg/m³ for manganese in welding fume is very difficult to achieve and if provinces adopt this value, welding will become an uncompetitive process. There is a need for good science (some of which exists and some of which is being developed) to prevail in setting the levels.

Grant Harvey has a one-hour presentation on manganese, which he will make available to CWA Chapters.

Education Committee Report

In Barry Patchett's absence, Bruce James reported on the Education Committee's status. The committee is made up on an *ad hoc* basis of welding educators. Issues include:

- Activities of the IIW in Canada
- Realignment of training in Canada
- An applied degree program in Canada where colleges would issue applied degrees and add a fourth year to their programs.

Establishment of a Membership Committee

The Board of Directors established a membership committee and asked for a volunteer to chair it.

Grant Harvey nominated and Richard Hadley seconded the nomination of Lennard McGoey to chair the committee.

CARRIED

Norman Eaton offered to assist. It is important to get the responses from the membership campaign this summer out to all chapters.

Membership Report

There was an 8% reduction in individual membership in the last year, with all chapters except Winnipeg showing a decrease. Development of the new membership levels and fees in late May 2002 allows for the recruiting of members. The membership letter to the CWB's list of 3800 companies brought in five new individual members and about 150 requests for fabricator membership information. This information will be circulated to the chapters, which will contact the companies. Chapters must communicate a value proposition to companies to bring them in as members.

Financial Report

David Jordan, Treasurer, presented the financial report. A copy is appended.

He indicated that:

- The auditor reported that adequate accounting and recording controls were in place
- Both national and chapters should be charging GST.

Nominations

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate for the Executive Committee:

President	Robert Shaw
First Vice President	Bill Eccles
Second Vice President	Bruce James
Treasurer	Grant Harvey
Past President	Dave Fink

Moved by Dave Fink, seconded by Victor Cooke, that the Canadian Welding Association's Board of Directors endorse the slate. CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Awards

Bruce James reported that the Nominating Committee had submitted the following nominations:

Robert J. Jacobson Memorial Award

Bill Eccles	nominated by Michael Pates and the Ottawa Chapter
Dan Moore	nominated by Dan Tadic and the Hamilton Chapter
Darrall Rigby	nominated by Robert Shaw and the Calgary Chapter

Michael N. Vuchnich Award

Michael Pates	nominated by Corby Nicholson
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President's and Executive Director's Reports

It was decided that the President's and Executive Director's reports would be presented at the Annual General Meeting and not at the Board of Directors meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.