



Canadian Welding Association
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Minutes of the CWA Board of Directors Meeting
held at the Courtyard by Marriott Hotel, Ottawa
9:00 am, October 6, 2003

October 21, 2003

Present		Absent	
Executive Committee			
Bob Shaw	President & Calgary	Bruce James	2nd Vice President & Golden Triangle
Bill Eccles	1st Vice President & Ottawa		
Grant Harvey	Treasurer		
Dave Fink	Past President		
Directors			
Emad Assaad	Toronto	Victor Cooke	Thunder Bay
Paul Kovosi	Director	Randy Cottrell	Edmonton
Brent Singleton	Winnipeg	Marc Desjeans	Director
Paul Singleton	Halifax (representative)	Joe Doria	Director
		Richard Hadley	Director
Dan Tadic	Hamilton	Craig Lasseter	Director
		Tracy Lippai	Regina
		Greg Petteplace	Director
		Jim Reid	Halifax
		Tony Rose	Nova Scotia
John Levi	Executive Director		
Al Lundrigan	Secretary to the meeting		

Welcome

Robert Shaw opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He stated that quorum was present consisting of more than the minimum of two executive committee members, three chapter representatives and three supplier members.

Signing of the anti-combines form

The Anti-Combines form was circulated and signed by all present.
 Mr. Shaw reviewed the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting.

Approval of the Board of Directors minutes of May 3, 2003 and September 10, 2003

The minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of May 3, 2003 and September 10, 2003 were reviewed. Mr. Shaw asked if there were any errors or omissions. None were noted. Mr. Shaw declared the minutes accepted.

He reported that after the request for additional members for the Education Committee, the committee members were now 19.

John Levi reported that all membership information was now in Debbie Wright's database.

John Levi reported that the event liability insurance costs were significantly higher than originally given, but Directors and Officers insurance (protecting directors and officers of CWA against legal and financial liability in the performance of their duties) were approximately \$900. He will determine who has legal liability for CWA seminar, dinner, golf and tour events.

The PowerPoint presentation for the Awards Dinner was reviewed.

Dan Tadic inquired as to the status of the audit of the Mike Irvine Memorial Golf Tournament funds as suggested by Joe Doria at the May 3, 2003 board meeting. As yet, no audit has been performed. The financials of the tournament will be audited by Ray MacKenzie, CWA's accountant.

Note that reports and financial statements not shown in the minutes of either the Board of Directors Meeting or the Annual General Meeting will be included in an attached document – Chapter, Committee and Function Reports to the Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

Chapter reports

Chapter representatives reported on their activities and status.

- Calgary Robert Shaw
- Hamilton & Region Dan Tadic
- Toronto Emad Assaad
- Winnipeg Brent Singleton
- Ottawa Bill Eccles
- Halifax Paul Singleton

John Levi requested that all chapter representatives email him a copy of their reports.

The Halifax chapter circulated its chapter calendar “desk pad” around for all to review. Discussion included:

- The possibility of printing chapter material as a group
- The inclusion of protective clauses on chapter's event tickets

Supplier Committee Report

Grant Harvey, chair of the Suppliers Committee, reported that the committee continues to monitor the manganese situation in Canada and how the class-action lawsuits in the USA might affect members. The CWA has made contact with the European Welding Association and will explore areas of mutual interest. The Supplier Committee agreed that the Workplace Safety & Insurance Board's Safety Groups Program will be a significant benefit of membership. The program will begin operation in January 2005.

Education Committee Report

Bruce James, chair of the Education Committee, emailed his report in. It was read by John Levi. The Education Committee has been active this past year. It has consolidated its membership throughout the country and at all levels of welding education. A positive response to participation on the committee was received by all persons contacted.

The committee has developed its mission statement:

To determine and promote appropriate standards for all levels of education in welding and joining in Canada

To date our efforts have been towards country wide representation and the beginnings of evaluating the impact of international standardization of welding education under the International Institute of Welding Guidelines. The initial phases of assessment of these programs has begun and the results should be completed within the next year.

The committee is reviewing the IIW's education requirements for International Welder, International Welding Practitioner, International Welding Specialist, International Welding Technologist and International Welding Engineer.

The IIW operates a number of commissions designed to develop the field of welding. Commission XIV is focused on Education and Training. It is this group which influences training guidelines in the international community. The structure of the IIW is such that each member country has a council and this council is the means of interacting with IIW commissions. Each member country is encouraged to create “Parallel Commissions” in alignment with the international commissions. These commissions essentially review and provide commentary to the international commission documents. The parallel commission creates that country's official position on IIW documents/proposals.

The CWA Education Committee now has the opportunity to become Canada's voice in welding education.

Moved by Bruce James, seconded by Bill Eccles, that CWA propose to the Canadian Council of the International Institute of Welding that the CWA's Education Committee be accepted as the Canadian Parallel Commission XIV.

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Journal Committee Report

John Levi, executive director, reported on the Journal Committee.

Membership Report

John Levi, executive director, reported on current membership status.

Treasurer's Report

Grant Harvey, treasurer, reported on the association's financial status.

President's Report

Robert Shaw, president, thanked all directors for their contribution and efforts over the past year. He then presented his report.

Executive Director's Report

John Levi, executive director, reported on the last year's activities of the national office.

Other Business

Given the financial status of the association, membership at the fabricator, distributor and supplier level becomes the CWA's priority.

It was suggested that CWA easel stands for membership brochures be placed at supplier members' locations.

It was also suggested that an overrun of 1000 Journals be printed and the chapter be sent twice as many as for the Spring 2003 issue.

The CWA national office will engage an industry veteran to sell fabricator and distributor memberships. Dave Fink will assist in finding this individual.

Robert Shaw reviewed the agenda for the AGM that followed at 4:00 p.m. and confirmed the presenters of the Michael N. Vuchnich Award and the Robert J. Jacobson Memorial Award.

Discussion followed on the re-energizing of the Vancouver Chapter and in conjunction with that, on holding the Western Board of Directors Meeting in Vancouver on May 1, 2004. Ron McKeown and representatives from BOC, Hobart Brothers and Lincoln Electric will be contacted to assist in the chapter-forming effort. Calgary may be the venue if no Vancouver chapter exists at the time of the meeting planning.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.