



**Minutes of the Canadian Welding Association's
Annual General Meeting
held at the Toronto Board of Trade
at 5:00 pm on Monday, September 27, 2004**

Call to order

At 5:00 pm, Bob Shaw, president of the Canadian Welding Association, called the meeting to order. He welcomed those present to the Canadian Welding Association's third Annual General Meeting.

Appointment of Secretary

Bob Shaw asked the executive director, John Levi, assisted by Allan Lundrigan, to act as secretary of the meeting.

Notice of Meeting/Adoption of Agenda

The president requested the secretary to read the notice calling the meeting.

The notice was mailed to all members of the Association on August 20, 2004, and is attached as an appendix.

The president declared that proof of notice calling the meeting had thus been duly filed, and directed that a copy of the notice be kept by the secretary with the records of this meeting.

Meeting Regularly Constituted

The president asked the secretary if the required number of members was present to constitute a quorum. The secretary replied that more than half the board of directors was present, constituting a quorum.

The president then declared the meeting regularly called and properly constituted for the transaction of business.

Prior Meetings

The president asked attendees if they had noted any errors or omissions to the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Welding Association, held in Ottawa on October 6, 2003. He declared that, as there were none, the minutes were accepted as written.

Confirmation-Ratification Motion

The president asked for a motion of ratification of the actions of the board of directors.

Dan Tadic moved and Brent Singleton seconded that all acts, contracts, bylaws, proceedings, appointments, elections and payments enacted, made, done and taken by the directors and officers of the Canadian Welding Association at the last Annual General Meeting, held on October 6, 2003,

as the same are set out or referred to in the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors or the reports and financial statements submitted to this meeting, are hereby approved and confirmed.

The president invited questions from the floor. There being none, he asked for all those in favour of the motion to please signify in the usual manner by raising the right hand. CARRIED

Committee Reports

The president called on committee chairs and representatives to present their reports.

All reports to the Annual General Meeting and the Board of Directors Meeting are included in an attached document containing chapter, committee, and function reports to the Board of Directors Meeting and the Annual General Meeting.

John Levi reported on behalf of the Suppliers Committee.

Bruce James reported as chair of the Education Committee.

John Levi reported on behalf of the Journal Committee. Norman Eaton inquired if there were any financial gains to be had from the *Canadian Welding Association Journal*. John Levi replied that there were not.

Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2004

The president called on John Levi, executive director, in the absence of a treasurer, to present the Treasurer's Report and Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004.

John Levi reported that the Canadian Welding Association was very short of funds, and would require significant increases in membership to break even in the following year.

Norman Eaton asked why there were chapter rebates of approximately \$10,000 in the fiscal year ending in June 2003 and only \$500 in the year ending in June 2004. John Levi explained that the chapters, with the exception of Thunder Bay, had given up their rebates a year ago.

The president asked for a motion to adopt the Financial Statements and Auditor's Report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. Dave Fink so moved; seconded by Allan Lundrigan. CARRIED

Appointment of Auditor

The president asked for a motion that the Canadian Welding Association retain Ray W. MacKenzie as the Association's auditor for the fiscal year July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2005. Dan Tadic so moved; seconded by Dave Fink. CARRIED

President's Report

The president presented his report.

Executive Director's Report

The executive director presented his report.

Election of Officers

The president called on Bill Eccles, first vice president and Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the slate of nominations.

Bill Eccles, 1st Vice President of the Canadian Welding Association presented the following slate of officers:

President	Bill Eccles
First Vice President	Emad Assaad
Second Vice President	Bruce James
Treasurer	David Wilson
Past President	Robert Shaw

As there were no nominations from the floor, the 1st vice president moved, seconded by Randy Cottrell, that the slate be accepted, and that the members nominated be elected to serve a two-year term of office, commencing on September 27, 2004. CARRIED

Other Business

The president asked if there were any further items of business to be brought before the meeting. None were brought forward.

The president officially thanked Debbie Wright for her dedication to the administration of the Canadian Welding Association, and the Canadian Welding Bureau for its contribution of Debbie Wright's services.

Adjournment

The president declared, in the absence of any further business to be brought before the meeting, that the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



John Levi
Executive Director
Canadian Welding Association