

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
COUNCIL of the
APPLIED SCIENCE TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNICIANS OF BC**

December 4, 2008 – Sheraton Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC

Present:	Jim Blake, MBA, CA Dave Boswell, ASCT Doug Carter, CTech Martin Dunsmuir, ASCT Nancy Fowler, ASCT Darrin Heisler, ASCT Prakash Joshi, ASCT, EngL Bill MacPherson, ASCT	John McNeill, CTech, CHRP John Murphy Dave Rutherford, ASCT, BCLS, CLS Keith Switzer, ASCT Keith Trulson, ASCT, EngL Graham Wickham, ASCT
Staff:	Cindy Aitken John Leech, ASCT, CAE John Shortreid, ASCT, CLS	Manager, Events Executive Director & Registrar Associate Registrar
Absent:	John Meldrum, ASCT, RSD	Janet Scott, ASCT

President Heisler called this extraordinary Council Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1. Dues for Building Design and Forest Measurement

08-71: *That the annual fees renewal for RBD, CRD and Associate Designer be deferred to March 31, 2009. FURTHER, that the Executive Director communicate with the ASTTBC-registered members and recommend continuance of their professional registration as a RBD, CRD or Associate Designer.*

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John Leech noted that he has finalized an agreement with ABCFP. The one outstanding business is defining and agreeing on the scope of practice for Cruisers. ABCFP has agreed to a financial settlement in consideration of ASTTBC's investment and transfer costs.

08-72: *That the cancellation of membership for non-payment of annual fees renewal for Timber Cruisers be deferred in consideration of the pending agreement of transfer of FMRB from ASTTBC to ABCFP. FURTHER, that the Executive Director make decisions as to the date of cancellation and future handling generally of annual fees renewal payments and cancellation for non-payment.*

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2. ASTTBC Response to Recession / Global Financial Crisis

08-73: *That the Executive Director be supported in developing additional initiatives and programs that will support members during the current global economic crisis.*

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3. House Inspection Licensing

08-74: That ASTTBC Council confirms the May 22, 2008 statement on licensing house inspectors and with this statement adds emphasis and clarity on the regulatory model that best serves the public interest.

1. The *ASTT Act* (1985) incorporated ASTTBC as a self-governing professional association to regulate technologists and technicians in applied science technology
2. ASTTBC expects the purpose of the *ASTT Act* will be affirmed by Government, including ASTTBC's role in certifying technologists, technicians and technical specialists offering services as house inspectors
3. ASTTBC has considered the best regulatory 'base' for this field and affirms its earlier proposal that the licensing of house inspectors be established by Regulation pursuant to the BC Safety Authority Act. House inspection is primarily a technical service including systems which affect public safety such as electrical and gas
4. The proposed Regulation should require persons carrying out house inspections to be licensed by an appropriate professional association, notably ASTTBC
5. The proposed Regulation should, consistent with the intent of the *ASTT Act*, *ASTT Regulations* and ASTTBC's role in certifying house inspectors, designate appropriately qualified ASTTBC-registered practitioners as meeting the requirements of the license under the Regulation
6. ASTTBC anticipates that there may be an interest in designating appropriately qualified Professional Engineers as meeting the requirements for a license. APEGBC should be contacted for their views.

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4. Women in Technology Survey

Nancy informed Council on the survey recently conducted. We had a 23% response. The survey asks questions about their exposure in K – 12, entering the workforce and experience in the workforce and future directions. The results are now being pulled examined and a report will be prepared in the near term. Some information exchanged on enrollments at university engineering schools and technology programs.

5. SPEAT BC & BEASBC

Prakash Joshi advised that ASTTBC is invited to put up a booth at the upcoming annual SPEATBC dinner. Prakash advised that ASTTBC will be a sponsor this event. Prakash also reported on the Bangladeshi Engineers & Applied Scientists of BC (BEASBC) AGM that he will attend as ASTTBC's Representative.

6. Adjourn

08-75: *That the meeting adjourn at 7:30 pm.*

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Darrin Heisler, ASCT
President

Bill MacPherson, ASCT
Secretary-Treasurer