

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – (#61)

For May 2010 ASTTBC Council Meeting

(Covering the Period January 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010)

This Report covers the first quarter of 2010, during which there was considerable focus on professional regulation, external relations, member engagement and member services. ASTTBC invested considerable resources to reaching into the communities around BC with information about technology professionals, careers in technology and ASTTBC.

“Patience and perseverance have a magical effect before which difficulties disappear and obstacles vanish.”
John Quincy Adams

GOAL #1 – PROFESSIONAL LEGISLATION & REGULATION

AIBC - ARCHITECTS ACT CHANGES. The AIBC President, Pierre Gallant, issued a statement on May 3, 2010:

“The most prominent one (issue of concern to members and AIBC Council) relates to the issue of titles and the related “.AIBC” designations.

You can rest assured that your council shares these concerns and has taken them under active consideration. We are already reviewing the issue of titles and designations for members and associates with the goal of bringing forward an approach that will not only address the concerns with clarity, but also help to increase public awareness of the architectural profession. While nothing is “in stone” as yet, consideration is being given to the following suggestions brought forth through your conversations with council:

- *An architect should always be referred to as “architect”;*
- *The “.AIBC” labels for both architects and the associate categories should be abandoned; and*
- *Clear and descriptive titles for Architectural Technologists, Building and Residential Designers need to be developed.*

It is unclear from this message as to where AIBC is going next. IT APPEARS AIBC will drop the “.AIBC” designations in favour of something else for residential and building designers. AIBC is operating outside the intent of the Architects Act in its offering of a form of certification for residential and building designers. AIBC has no legislated role in certifying residential and building designers / technologists and technicians... this is and has been ASTTBC's role for decades.

AIBC's action to register residential and building designers offends the *ASTT Act and Regulations*, the technology professionals registered with ASTTBC, and many residential and building designers. ASTTBC is opposed to what AIBC is doing and has so advised AIBC and the BC Government.

ASTTBC supports changes to the Architects Act along the lines of the Saskatchewan Architects and Technologists / Technicians statutes; the Architects Act in that province provides an exemption for technologists and technicians. ASTTBC expects nothing less for BC designers / technologists and technicians.

ASTT ACT & REGULATIONS. *ASTT Regulations* approved by Council will be put to AGM 2010 for confirmation of members. For the changes: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/RegulationChanges.pdf> .

BUILDING OFFICIALS SEEK RESTRICTED PRACTICE. The Building Officials Association of BC (BOABC) sent out a survey to request input on their proposal to secure rights to restricted practice for persons offering building inspection services for local government. I met the President and Executive Director of BOABC to generally review the BOABC proposal. I indicated that the role of building officials should receive attention by Government. I noted ASTTBC's general concerns about restrictive practice legislation / regulation unless it can be shown that such restriction best serves the public interest and if all qualified practitioners are appropriately recognized, including members of ASTTBC. BOABC and ASTTBC will continue to stay connected as BOABC advances an initiative to secure restrictive practices for building officials.

HOUSE INSPECTOR LICENSING - CONSUMER PROTECTION BC. ASTTBC continues to meet with CPBC staff to review key issues warranting change to fully protect and serve the consumer / public. These matters will be part of discussion with all recognized associations / organizations scheduled for June.

LOBBYIST REGISTRATION ACT. The Act comes into full force with registration required in May. The Registrar has determined that as a statutory body, ASTTBC does not fall under the definition of "organization" and that I, as Executive Director, or any other employees, are not be required to register as an "in-house" lobbyist as defined by the BC *Lobbyists Registration Act*.

ONSITE WASTEWATER. ASTTBC continues to propose changes to the *Sewerage System Regulation* to enhance effectiveness.

PROFESSIONAL TECHNOLOGIST – HARMONIZING BC & ALBERTA. The *ASTT Regulations* have been changed and, with member confirmation at AGM 2010, will bring the education and experience requirements to achieve PTech in line with the new Alberta legislation. ASTTBC will then turn its attention to the implementation of PTech, and in this ASTTBC will want to engage APEGBC and secure support from the BC Government for any required legislative changes.

GOAL #2 – RIGHTS TO PRACTICE

APEGBC – ASTTBC Relations. ASTTBC and APEGBC continue to connect informally as well as through an exchange of formal communications. While there remains an interest on the part of both associations to get together to discuss areas of common interest, the structure for such an engagement has not materialized.

APEGBC PROPOSES 1A – 1A MODEL. APEGBC Council has decided to advance the 1 Act – 1 Association model for future professional regulation of all members of the 'engineering and geoscience teams'. ASTTBC Council has advised APEGBC and the Minister / Government that 1A – 1A is not an acceptable model. ASTTBC Council has referenced the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba models for consideration. ASTTBC Council has also determined it will engage in discussions with APEGBC for the purpose of developing a JOINT proposal to Government, whereas APEGBC has indicated it wishes to meet to discuss the APEGBC 1A – 1A proposal. ASTTBC continues to advise APEGBC that, as the BC Government has requested the two associations work together to come up with a joint proposal, ASTTBC is of the view there is no need to meet with APEGBC for the purpose of exploring and validating the APEGBC 1A – 1A proposal.

APEGBC ARTICLE IN APRIL 2010 ISSUE OF INNOVATION. The article presents incomplete and inaccurate information on the status of ASTTBC and the professionals registered under the *ASTT Act*. Some statements are disrespectful of ASTTBC and ASTTBC professionals. I have advised the APEGBC Executive Director of these concerns. A critique of the article is being prepared and will be shared with ASTTBC Council and the Executive Director of APEGBC. Wider distribution is likely, given concerns from some members.

GUIDES TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. Nothing new to report at this time. Work on the Guides has slowed due to concerns of APEGBC. Consideration as to next steps re the Guides will be part of 2010 planning.

ONSITE WASTEWATER. ASTTBC is active on a number of fronts to enhance professional recognition and practice in onsite wastewater. Details in Registrar's Report.

WORKSAFE BC. ASTTBC seeks recognition and practice rights tied to members' competencies. Nothing new to report.

GOAL #3 – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & REGULATION

This Goal is covered by the Registrar's Report to Council.

Goal #4 – PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Employer Liaison

Terasen Gas. Preliminary discussions with Terasen Gas involve ASTTBC in assisting the Engineering and Human Resources departments with a possible internal training program and/or determining technologist certification requirements to be built into job descriptions. This experience will then lead to their current and future employees qualifying for Applied Science Technologist designations. Further discussion expected to take place once Terasen Gas has further defined an internal training strategy.

Relations with other Associations / Organizations

ABC FP. Bill MacPherson, ASCT, ASTTBC Vice President and Bruce Stevens, ASCT, ASTTBC Regional Manager, attended the ABCFP AGM in Kelowna. Bill and Bruce report a good meeting and warm reception.

ABC FP VICE-PRESIDENT IS 'ASCT'. The newly elected Vice President of ABCFP is Ian Emery RFT, ASCT. Ian has been a member of ABCFP Council since 2008. He will serve as President in 2011. Stepping down as President in February 2010 at the ABCFP AGM and now serving as Past President is Jonathan Lok, RFT, ASCT.

ABCLS. Nothing new to report..

AIBC. Nothing new except as covered elsewhere in this Report.

APEGBC. ASTTBC Council sends a representative to each meeting of APEGBC Council. APEGBC reciprocates. The Associations share each other's Council Agenda materials.

BC INNOVATION COUNCIL. Nothing new to report.

BOABC. Met BOABC President, Ron Dickinson and Executive Director, Richard Bushey. See Goal #1.

CEBC. ASTTBC Executive met with the CEBC Executive in January during which the joint meeting considered a number of topics: a joint MoU; CEBC sponsorship of ASTTBC events; ASTTBC sponsorship of CEBC events; ASTTBC members' participation in CEBC Young Professionals Program; and CEBC awards.

CEBC AWARDS PANEL. ASTTBC President, Doug Carter, CTech served on the CEBC group assessing award nominations. For some years CEBC has invited the ASTTBC President to serve in this capacity. Doug reported a meaningful and rewarding experience. He commended all nominees.

CEBC Awards Dinner. ASTTBC was again a Platinum level sponsor of the CEBC 2010 Awards Dinner. ASTTBC leaders attending the event included President Doug Carter, Vice President Bill MacPherson and Executive Director, John Leech.

HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION (HSA). ASTTBC was invited to participate in a discussion on job classifications. As a professional regulatory body it was determined the Association should not take an active role. ASTTBC will, however, offer general comments as to how professional credentials might be appropriately configured to serve and protect the public interest.

GOAL #5 – MEMBER SERVICES

ASTTBC BROADCAST E-MAIL. 147,400 personalized, broadcast messages were distributed between January and April 2010. March was the busiest communication month with 22 messages sent.

ASTTBC.ORG WEBSITE. Statistical analysis of www.asttbc.org is now complete. The ASTTBC Web Site Review and Recommendation Report, based on 8 months of data collection, has been submitted to the ASTTBC staff MarComm Team for review. Built three years ago, the ASTTBC.org website is scheduled to undergo a significant facelift in 2010. Website visits are slightly up this time averaging 6,900 unique visits per month. The most visited ASTT web pages are ASTTBC Surveys, Technologist / Technician Register and How to Apply. Most site referrals came from BCIT, BCIPI, CCTT, OWRP, ASET and Work Futures. We see a significant increase in site visits via mobile data devices. iPhone and Blackberry are leading the trend.

ASTTBC WEB SITES - OTHER:

BCIPI - <http://bcipi.net/> has been scheduled for a full revamp. BCIPI Steering Committee will review current site and propose changes.

RTMgr web site launched to provide online information to ASTTBC members interested in the RTMgr. For information go to <http://rtmgr.asttbc.org/>.

ASTT e-NEWS. Sent monthly. For past issues: <http://www.asttbc.org/services/communications/e-news.php>.

ASTT NEWS. Issue #126 mailed out in April. The theme is community involvement by ASTTBC and members. Attention was paid to the wrap up of first 50 years. This issue also contained the ASTTBC 2009 Annual Report and the AGM Program and registration form. An insert announced the new TechCLUB program of member services. For past issues go to <http://www.asttbc.org/services/communications/news.php>.

CAREERS DEVELOPMENT WEB CONTENT. A variety of career and job search tools will be posted to the web site by the end of May.

CPD Week – Early groundwork to coordinate a ‘CPD Week’ in Fall 2010. To involve a number of risk management, soft skills (communication, team building, etc.), and technical content seminars to be delivered during a the week.

MEMBER SATISFACTION SURVEY. The next Member Satisfaction Survey was conducted this fall however response rate was not satisfactory and hence we went out again to members. The Report is now posted to http://www.asttbc.org/services/publications/member_surveys.php.

PR AND RELATED ARTICLES. ASTTBC continues to enhance the profile of its members and the association through a combination of paid advertising and media releases.

TECHPROFILE. With each monthly issue of *ASTT e.NEWS* we encourage members to post their profile to TechPRO. See <http://www.techprofile.ca/>.

Member Benefits Program - TechCLUB

MEMBER SAVINGS PROGRAMS. TechCLUB launched. <http://techclub.asttbc.org>.

SPOT Satellite – Met with Vytas Vaitkus, ASCT to discuss member benefit program status. SPOT is currently very pleased with the partnership and has commented that the exposure is good but they are still looking at ways to improve marketing. SPOT has an interest in enhancing the level of marketing within ASTTBC programming. Special member pricing is extended to January 2011. As well, further discussions with SPOT will take place in the near future to coordinate FEAT contributions and/or bursary development.

Astone Fitness – Home fitness products.

COSINC – Corporate Office Solutions including team building, communications, and ergonomic evaluations in the workplace to enhance corporate efficiencies. Discussions are currently underway to include FEAT royalty program, continuing professional development series, and bursary sponsorship.

Amish Solanki Photography – Professional photography services.

Institutes - Special Certification Programs

BC INSTITUTE OF PROPERTY INSPECTORS. ASTTBC members registered in House and Property Inspection come together through the BC Institute of Property Inspectors to promote CHI and CPI certification and generally the services provided by ASTTBC-registered inspectors. The member information survey has been completed and results posted to BCIPI web site. BCIPI is offering great CPD seminars and providing regular updates for members. A new booth was developed. For info on the booth see <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/bcipibanner.pdf>.

BCIPI ATTENDS REALTOR CONVENTION. BCIPI members recently attended a realtor conference and trade show. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/BCREC.pdf>

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY OFFICER. Certification Panel has lost two very experienced members and to fill these positions, expressions of interest from five new volunteers are being evaluated. Two applications for CSO training course accreditations have been received and are in the final stages of validation.

FIRE PROTECTION. Presentations at Fire Chiefs Association and Fire Protection Officers Association. Continue to encourage additional municipalities to introduce Bylaw requiring ASTTBC certification.

ONSITE WASTEWATER. A number of initiatives on the plate at this time: setting competency standards for ROWPs; Practice Assessment Program now fully implemented and requiring much added staff resources; OWRP Policy changes; and, input to the Standard Practice Manual.

REGISTERED TECHNOLOGY MANAGER. Processed and awarded RTMgr to six (6) applicants at the first Board meeting. 30 applications now being processed as part of the first run through of the new certification program.

SDIBC. The Steel Detailers Institute Board has been very focused at increasing member participation, member recruitment activities, and CPD opportunities for detailers. In the first few months of the year, the Board has produced a new newsletter, sponsored the American Welding Association – BC Chapter Dinner Series (\$250), and held their Annual General Meeting. A number of seminars are scheduled for the remainder of the year and plans to produce a new recruitment and informational brochure are underway.

GOAL #6 – TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION & CAREERS

Educational Institutions

BCIT and COLLEGE LIAISON. ASTTBC continues to provide liaison and support services to technical colleges and institutes, namely faculty and staff. On-campus activity included:

- Camosun Career Fair – February
- Eco-Fair BCIT – March
- Student Presentations on campus – BCIT (Feb/April), Camosun (Feb/April)

BCIT and TRU - With the RTMgr program and future CPD opportunities as the vehicle, ASTTBC continues to build and further strengthen bonds through networking and working directly with officials within the Technology Management programs from both schools.

BCIT Student Association (BCITSA). Discussions about 2010/2011 sponsorship package underway with Student Association. Included in sponsorship package will be ASTTBC as partner sponsors at up to three events starting in the fall with Student Orientation Week. Anticipate June 2010 sponsorship deal to be agreed.

NORTH ISLAND COLLEGE PRESIDENT MEETS ASTTBC. President Jan Lindsay of North Island College met with me to talk technology education and careers. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/nic.pdf>.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE. ASTTBC's Regional Manager, Bruce Stevens, AScT continues as a member of the Regional Dean's Advisory Committee and as Chair of the Civil Engineering Program Advisory Board. Both connections with the College have resulted in an ongoing working presence for ASTTBC. A major sponsorship contribution as well as on the ground coordination of, and attendance at, the Spaghetti Bridge events added to ongoing visibility. Initial discussions have been held to create a package of events that could involve ASTTBC on an annual basis.

SELKIRK COLLEGE. An invitation to speak to the 2010 graduating class of the Integrated Environmental Planning Technology Program has opened the door for building a partnership with Selkirk College in the Kootenays.

TRU JOB FAIR. ASTTBC was in attendance at a job fair hosted in March by Thompson Rivers University. This is one of the biggest events on campus in any year.

Career Awareness and Liaison - General

AWARD – NORTHERN TECHNOLOGY AWARDS. ASTTBC President Doug Carter, CTech, Community Representative Colin Dix, AScT, EngL, CTAB rep Pirie Elliot, AScT, RPF and I hosted a table at the Northern Technology Awards. For more go to <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/techawards.pdf>.

AWARD – TECHNOLOGY PROVIDER OF THE YEAR. ASTTBC's President, Doug Carter and I presented the Award to Bluewater Business Solutions. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/techprovider.pdf>

AWARD – TOP IN TECHNOLOGY: DREW HADFIELD, AScT. Drew received his award at meeting of two Regional Districts in Courtenay. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/hadfield.pdf>

BC SCIENCE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE. ASTTBC was one of the sponsors of the Catalyst 2010 conference convened in Kelowna March 26 / 27. BCScTA President, Graham Rainey, said in an email to ASTTBC, “*we greatly appreciate the work that ASTTBC has done to support both Technology Careers and Education in BC. I have enjoyed working with TECC Board and ASTTBC over the past couple of years to this end.*”

BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTRE (BLSC). Met BLSC Executive Director Gord Stewart to discuss how ASTTBC can best assist BLSC. ASTTBC will continue to provide financial assistance and also make available ASTTBC staff to assist BLSC with their fund raising program. ASTTBC continues to be recognized by BLSC for ASTTBC’s support. Visit <http://www.biglittlesciencecentre.org/>.

CENTRAL INTERIOR BC SCIENCE EXHIBITION. ASTTBC was a participant at this event held March 20 in Prince George at UNBC. Community Representative Colin Dix, AScT, EngL and Heather Andreychuk, AScT brought together the ASTTBC participation.

KAST. Our partnership continues to grow with discussions now underway about developing a mutually beneficial CPD program in conjunction with other Kootenay professional associations.

OSTEC. Attendance at OSTEC functions / events and ongoing contact with OSTEC staff ensured ASTTBC was well recognized within the active membership of OSTEC.

SCHOOL DISTRICT #23. Networking and relationship building with senior staff within SD 23 brought the opportunity for ASTTBC to become a Gold Sponsor and attend the BC Science Teachers Conference in Kelowna. A good opportunity to connect directly with High school science teachers from around the province.

SCIENCE CELEBRATION : CAMPBELL RIVER MAYOR & SD SUPERINTENDENT VISIT
ASTTBC. FNCC Chair, Tim Duerden, AScT, MISTIC Manager, Paris Gaudet and ASTTBC’s John Leech met with leaders in Campbell River. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/campbellriver.pdf>

SCIENCE WORLD. Participation in the Science World / KAST Celebration of Science at Selkirk College and specific networking with Science World staff offered further opportunity for broadening that partnership within the Okanagan and Kootenays. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/kastsciencecelebration.pdf>.

TECC. Convened two successful days in Victoria. Board meeting plus meetings with various Cabinet and MLAs. Met with Ministers Stilwell, MacDiarmid and Black in same meeting. Hosted 30 MLAs from both sides of the House at lunch. Met MLA Rustad and Executive Assistant to Minister of Forests and Range (Minister Pat Bell was called away and could not make meeting). Had presentation from Assistant Deputy Minister Shannon Baskerville of the Ministry of Advanced Education re Labour Marketing Information as pertains to ASTTBC fields.

TECC INTRODUCED IN LEGISLATURE. The TECC Board was introduced in the Legislature by the Hon Pat Bell, Minister of Forests and Range.

“Hon. P. Bell: It's a pleasure for me to be able to introduce to the House today the members of the Technology Education and Careers Council of British Columbia. TECC was first formed in 2008 by ASTTBC to bring together industry leaders in education, different associations, to advance technology education and training.

Board members today here include Sandy Innes of TELUS; Jan Marston of Terasen; Josh Blair of TELUS; Steve Cardwell of the Vancouver school board; Harry Diemer of the B.C. Safety Authority; Diane Sullivan from the B.C. Safety Authority; Andrew Hay from Okanagan College; Reid Johnson, Health Sciences Association; John Leech of ASTTBC; Debbie Nagle, the vice-president of B.C. Hydro; Grahame Rainey, president of the B.C. Science Teachers Association; Sid Siddiqui of Stantec; Bryan Tisdall of Science World; Harry Watson of Metro Testing; M.J. Whitemarsh from the Canadian Home Builders Association; Lesley Wilson, the principal of Concost Consultants; Don Wright, president of BCIT; and Glen Wonders, the vice-president of Terrane Metals.

They're here to meet with ministers and MLAs today, and I'd ask the House to please make them all very welcome. “

WORKBC ADDS WAGE & SALARY SURVEY. The site has been augmented with wage and salary information. See <http://www.workbc.ca/>.

Marketing, PR and FEAT

ADVERTISING IN THIRD PARTY PUBLICATIONS. ASTTBC placed various advertisements informing the public on ASTTBC-registered technology professionals.

ASTTBC DISPLAY BOOTH / BANNER. Extensive use of the ASTTBC booth in this period, including at career fairs in Campbell River and Chemainus; BOABC, School District and Regional Science Fairs, Spaghetti Bridge Contest; and, various other functions. Minister of Climate Action, The Honourable John Yap, met Lars Lindstrom, AScT at the ASTTBC booth in Prince George. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/resource.pdf>.

BLACK PRESS MEDIA PARTNER. Connecting with BP re program for 2010 National Technology Week.

CFJC-TV (KAMLOOPS). Interviewed with BLSC Executive Director, Gord Stewart on Mid-Day Show. For more info and to view video on You Tube go to <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/cfjc.pdf>.

FEAT. Several highlights:

1. Completed audit of FEAT 2009 financial activity.
2. Continued discussions with current affinity partners concerning FEAT contributions.
3. New discussions with potential affinity partners for additional FEAT revenue generation.
4. Donor Recognition 2009. Added donor roll recognition for all 2009 FEAT donors. Added to website. Preliminary discussions concerning donor recognition 2010 underway.
5. 2010 FEAT Bursaries campaign underway.
6. Sponsorship of the Skills Canada BC Provincial Competition, \$1,500. Gained event exposure at the April competition held at Tradex in Abbotsford.

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2009. National Steering Committee meetings underway. Preliminary planning for coordinated national effort to promote NTW has been discussed.

SPONSORSHIPS. ASTTBC continues to sponsor various events: BOABC; CEBC; Career Fairs; and Northern Resource Forum and Economic Summit.

Media

CKPG-TV AD. 30 second clip runs during QuizMe program and at other times during the week.

QUIZME – PGTV. ASTTBC continues to sponsor the science and technology questions for ‘QuizMe’, a program like ‘Reach for the Top’, being aired on CKPG in and around Prince George. ASTTBC will discontinue sponsorship of this program in fall 2010.

GOAL #7 – PUBLIC POLICY

Building Standards

HOUSING ENERGY ADVISORY GROUP INCLUDES ASTTBC. The BC Governments ‘Housing Energy Performance Compliance Enforcement / Education Advisory Group is developing proposals for energy performance standards for Part 9 housing that will be equivalent to EnerGuide 80. The initiative is being led by the Building Safety and Standards Branch. Bill MacPherson, ASCT, Vice President of ASTTBC, served as an ASTTBC rep on this Group.

Economic Development and Employment

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION (PNWER). ASTTBC has again been asked to sponsor the PNWER annual summit to be convened in Calgary in July. ASTTBC members are encouraged to attend the PNWER 20th Annual Summit. See <http://www.pnwer.org/>.

PREMIER’S TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL. Nothing new to report.

TECHGREEN LAUNCH is planned for ASTTBC Awards and Recognition Celebration 2010. Currently developing the TechGREEN team of volunteers and work plan under the leadership of Kerri Trace, ASCT. Web site being developed.

First Nations

BC HYDRO BURSARIES FOCUS ON TECHNOLOGY & ENGINEERING. BC Hydro has strengthened its focus for the Aboriginal Scholarships to attract students pursuing education in technology or engineering. ASTTBC and our Foundation, FEAT, are working with BC Hydro on this and similar initiatives to promote careers in technology. For information on BC Hydro scholarships go to www.bchydro.com/community/community_investment/scholarships.html.

FIRST NATIONS CAREERS COUNCIL. FNCC booth at various events including science celebrations in Campbell River and Chemainus and careers day at TRU. Visit the FNCC web site at <http://fncc.asttbc.org/>.

FNCC CHAIR TALKS TECHNOLOGY. Tim Duerden, ASCT speaks to kids about technology in Campbell River. Visit <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/tim.pdf>.

Government Liaison

CABINET MINISTERS. Recent formal meetings through ASTTBC and TECC: Dr Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development; Dr Margaret MacDiarmid, Minister of Education; Iain Black, Minister of Small Business, Technology & Economic Development; and John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action.

CABINET MINISTER JOHN YAP ATTENDS ASTTBC MEETING. The Minister attended an ASTTBC meeting in Prince George. Visit <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/pgmeeting.pdf>

CABINET MINISTER JOHN YAP ATTENDS ASTTBC BOOTH IN PG. ASTTBC was a sponsor and had its booth at the Northern Economic Summit. Visit <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/resource.pdf>

CABINET MINISTER MIKE de JONG SENDS NOTE. In response to a book on weird Canadian laws I sent to the Minister, Mike sent back a nice note, saying, *“I must tell you that in my present capacity as Attorney General I am hopeful that I can avoid creating any statutory instruments that may find a place in Weird Canadian Laws Volume 2”*.

CABINET MINISTER RANDY HAWES MEETS ASTTBC. Minister of State for Mining met with ASTTBC's Keith Trulson, ASCT, EngL and Sarah Campden, CTech, BCWiT Chair and me to talk about the work of ASTTBC's technology professionals and technology education and careers. For a photo and more go to <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/hawes.pdf>.

BC LEGISLATIVE SESSION. The Spring Session of the Legislature will end on June 3, 2010.

BC MLA LIAISON. Various informal meetings with MLAs.

MLA JOHN RUSTAD MEETS ASTTBC. John Rustad (MLA for Nechako Lakes) continues to take an active interest in ASTTBC. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/rustad.pdf>

MUNICIPAL. No meetings this period.

Immigration & Internationally Trained

IMMIGRANT PROFESSIONALS CONFERENCE. ASTTBC was a participant in the 2nd annual conference. Geoff Sale, ASCT, ASTTBC's Manager, Internationally Trained Professionals Program, was a member on a panel discussing careers in technology and engineering. The events sponsors were MOSAIC, DIVERSEcity and Immigrant Services Society of BC.

INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS. ASTTBC has developed Technology Registrations Canada, a web-based program to assist ITPs assess their credentials and get registered with ASTTBC and our sister associations throughout Canada. The program, also applicable for Canadian residents, is being beta-tested with full implementation expected later this year.

Sustainability Agenda

TechGREEN. Making plans to officially launch TechGREEN at ASTTBC's Awards and Recognition Celebration this fall.

Women in Technology

BCWiT CHAIR AT CCWEST. Sarah Campden, CTech, Chair of BC Women in Technology, an ASTTBC initiative, will speak at the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology (CCWEST) conference being held May 13 – 15 in Winnipeg. Sarah will present the results of the ASTTBC Women in Technology survey. The conference theme is ‘Leading The Way’. For information on CCWEST and the conference visit <http://www.cwest2010.ca/about.htm>.

WOMEN MAKE UP 8.2% OF MEMBERS IN CANADA. According to information gathered from the other technology professional associations women make up, on average, 8.2% of the members in the ten professional associations. ASTTBC is second highest at 10.0%. The numbers:

BC	10.0%	Quebec	9.8%
Alberta	10.8%	New Brunswick	8.9%
Saskatchewan	8.9%	Nova Scotia	7.8%
Manitoba	9.2%	PEI	8.4%
Ontario	7.7%	Newfoundland	1.0%

GOAL #8– GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE *ASTT ACT* will be celebrated at a special lunch at this year’s AGM. Former MLA and MP and sponsor of the *ASTT Act*, John Reynolds, and ASTTBC’s legal counsel who crafted the draft Act for ASTTBC, Rick Lindsay, PEng, LLB are confirmed attendees. Rick is an Honourary Member of ASTTBC and John Reynolds will be awarded Honourary Membership at AGM 2010.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY to be held on Friday, May 28th at the Delta Burnaby Hotel & Conference Centre. Participants will help us celebrate 25 Years under the *ASTT Act*. Terry Small, BEd, MA is our key note speaker and he will talk on ‘Your Brain at Work’. The day is shaping-up to be another successful event for ASTTBC!

ANNUAL MEETING : GREETINGS FROM PREMIER. The Premier sent greetings to members attending the 51st AGM . Premier Campbell extended congratulations on first 25 years under the *ASTT Act*. See <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/greetings.pdf> .

ANNUAL REPORT 2009 was sent out with ASTT NEWS in April.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION CELEBRATION to be held on Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown. This highly anticipated event always attracts a great turn out with over 200 guests in attendance. The evening includes the annual FEAT silent auction, reception, guest speakers, great entertainment and award presentations. **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

COUNCIL GOVERNANCE POLICY MANUAL has been reviewed and revised by a Council Task Force. Final Report has been delayed due to other business pressures. The Report will be sent to Council for review over the summer and for approval at the September meeting.

FINANCES. Report for the first quarter will be tabled with Council in May. Dues revenues lag recent years’ experience and expenses are higher due to unforeseen developments. Every effort is being made to adjust to the circumstances.

FINANCIAL AUDIT 2009. Completed the 2009 audit. Final report will be presented to Council in May and at AGM 2010. For past audits go to <http://www.asttbc.org/about/corporate/statements.php>.

MEMBER MEETINGS were held on Vancouver Island and in the Interior: Victoria – March 18th (60 Members); Nanaimo - April 7th (62 Members); Kamloops - April 19th (40 Members); Salmon Arm - April 20th (25 Members); Kelowna - April 21st (50 Members); Penticton – April 21st (15 Members); Vernon – April 20th (18 Members).

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES. The *ASTT Regulations* were changed to include a third Public Representative. Assuming the *Regulations* are confirmed by the members at AGM 2010, ASTTBC will recruit a third member. An initial announcement drew a number of candidates who will be considered when the Nominating Committee completes the task of making a recommendation to ASTTBC Council.

TECHGREEN AWARD criteria developed and being presented to Council in May for approval. Hon. John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action, has agreed to present the first TechGREEN Award at the 2010 Awards & Recognition Celebration.

TOP IN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. New award launched at 50th AGM. Second year of awards will be presented at AGM 2010 and other venues throughout the year. For more info visit... TOPinTech.net.

WORK PLAN 2010. Generally on target with most actions in the Plan.