

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – (#62)

For September 2010 ASTTBC Council Meeting

(Covering the Period May 1, 2010 to August 31, 2010)

This Report covers the mid-way point in the 2010 operations, during which there was considerable focus on 2011 plan and budget, professional regulation, external relations and member services.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”

Margaret Mead

GOAL #1 – PROFESSIONAL LEGISLATION & REGULATION

AIBC - ARCHITECTS ACT CHANGES. 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 has asked the BC Government to enact similar legislation in BC to ensure full and clear rights for BC designers / technologists and technicians.

ASTTBC STATEMENT OF INTENT REGARDING PROFESSIONAL REGULATION. ASTTBC Council issued a statement on professional legislation, regulation and practice. This document is intended to guide decision-making as ASTTBC develops strategies and approaches to Government and other key stakeholders. The Statement of Intent was posted during this period to ASTTBC's web site and sent to members and other interested parties. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/asttbc.pdf>

ASTT ACT & REGULATIONS. *ASTT Regulations* approved by Council were affirmed at AGM 2010. For the changes: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/RegulationChanges.pdf> . For complete up-to-date document: <http://www.asttbc.org/about/docs/ASTTActRegs.pdf> .

BUILDING OFFICIALS SEEK RESTRICTED PRACTICE. The Building Officials Association of BC (BOABC) is seeking restricted practice rights. Refer to Report #61. ASTTBC will communicate with BOABC, the BC Government and others on this proposal. ASTTBC's general concern about restrictive practice legislation / regulation is that it must clearly show that such restriction is needed to serve the public interest and that all qualified practitioners are appropriately recognized, including members of ASTTBC.

HOUSE INSPECTOR LICENSING - CONSUMER PROTECTION BC. ASTTBC and other approved associations met with the CPBC Chair, President and senior staff for an update on the status of the house inspector licensing Regulation and implementation of the program. ASTTBC and BCIPI expressed concern and disappointment that CAHPI(BC) did not attend the meeting. CAHPI(BC) advised that they saw nothing worthwhile or needing discussion. ASTTBC and representatives from BC Institute of Property Inspectors (BCIPI), an Institute within ASTTBC, put forward concerns about the lack of a common standard for professional certification, complaints and discipline. The representatives also expressed concern about the process by which new groups are recognized by CPBC as offering a credible certification program for house inspectors and in this way open access for its members to the CPBC license. ASTTBC and BCIPI will continue to work with CPBC and the BC Government to advance our concerns about the lack of a common framework for professional regulation.

ONSITE WASTEWATER REGULATION CHANGES. The SSR was recently changed to enhance the effectiveness of the program, clarify ASTTBC's role as professional regulator and allow homeowners to perform some of the installation work provided it is carried out under the supervision of an Approved Practitioner. ASTTBC continues to work with the Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport to further evolve the Regulation. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/ssrupdate.pdf>

PROFESSIONAL TECHNOLOGIST – HARMONIZING BC & ALBERTA. The Council-approved changes to the *ASTT Regulations* were confirmed by the ASTTBC members at AGM 2010. The changes bring the education and experience requirements to achieve PTech in line with the new Alberta legislation. ASTTBC Council has decided to align, to the extent practical and possible, ASTTBC legislation, regulation, policies and processes with those of Alberta.

ASTTBC Council is now looking to implement PTech, planned for early in 2011. ASTTBC Council has asked APEGBC to join with ASTTBC in this implementation. This topic was discussed with the APEGBC Executive. ASTTBC is hopeful the two associations will agree to work together on this initiative.

GOAL #2 – RIGHTS TO PRACTICE

APEGBC – ASTTBC Relations. The ASTTBC and APEGBC Executives met this summer; the dialogue was cordial, respectful and productive. While it is too early to report outcomes, the representatives from both associations agreed on a second meeting at the end of September at which time they will explore possible joint action.

APEGBC PRACTICE GUIDES. ASTTBC notes that APEGBC recently approved new Guides, one of which will recognize the Registered Forest Technologist (RFT) to carry out and assume responsibility for certain engineering activities in the forest sector. ASTTBC is concerned that this Guide was developed without consultation with / involvement of ASTTBC and that, while the RFT is now recognized by APEGBC, there is no recognition indicated for ASTTBC-registered professionals.

BC SAFETY AUTHORITY. Working closely with BCSA, ASTTBC continues to promote the need for recognized and certified construction safety practitioners. Attendance at the recent BCSA Consultation Workshop Series in Kelowna offered an excellent venue to generate a greater mutual understanding of each organization. ASTTBC is working with BCSA on other fronts regarding the professional recognition of ASTTBC members.

ENGINEERS CANADA OBJECTS TO 'DESIGN' IN NTB. The CEO for Engineers Canada (EC) wrote to CCTT in June on the National Technology Benchmarks - Technologist, advising, "It is Engineers Canada's position that all design elements are to be carried out with the clear accountability resting on a professional engineer. It is therefore recommended that any ambiguity as to whom is ultimately accountable for design be clarified by adding qualifiers like "assisted in the design"... or substituting for the term "design" all together."

GUIDES TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. ASTTBC will renew its effort to prepare Guides to Professional Practice. Work will start in 2011. For the current Guides visit http://www.asttbc.org/practice/regulation/practice_guidelines.php

WORKSAFE BC. ASTTBC seeks recognition and practice rights tied to members' competencies. A recent meeting with WorkSafe was helpful in identifying WorkSafe's position regarding recognition of ASTTBC members as qualified professionals. ASTTBC will continue to press forward, especially as it is expected that WorkSafe will recognize the Registered Forest Technologist to carry out engineering work in the forest sector.

WORKSAFE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY REGS RECOGNIZE ‘RFT’. WorkSafe is now considering a proposed change to the Regulations which will recognize the RFT as being able to assume responsibility for certain engineering work in the forest sector. ASTTBC has raised this issue with WorkSafe and will be taking the matter up with APEGBC and the BC Government.

GOAL #3 – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & REGULATION

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

Goal #4 – PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Employer Liaison

Terasen Gas. Initial discussions with Terasen Gas for its Technologist Forum planned for November during National Technology Week.

McELHANNEY CELEBRATES 100 YEARS. ASTTBC was invited to a special celebration to recognize McElhanney’s first 100 years. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/mcelhanney.pdf> .

Relations with other Associations / Organizations

ABC FP. ASTTBC connected with ABCFP regarding national accreditation of forestry programs (ABC FP is represented through ASTTBC on the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board). With changes at the national level ASTTBC is keeping ABCFP abreast of key developments.

ABCLS. Connected with regard to ABCLS role in central filing system for land surveys and possible reference point for similar work by BC Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport. Meeting with ABCLS planned for fall.

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

APEGBC. See earlier note regarding a joint Executive Meeting. ASTTBC Council sends a representative to each meeting of APEGBC Council. APEGBC reciprocates. The Associations share each other’s Council Agenda materials.

APEGBC IS GOLD SPONSOR AT AWARDS CELEBRATION. ASTTBC and APEGBC struck a reciprocal arrangement for sponsorships, with ASTTBC being a sponsor of the APEGBC AGM and APEGBC sponsoring the ASTTBC Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration.

BOABC. See earlier note re BOABC proposal for restrictive practice for Building Officials.

CEBC. ASTTBC Executive is planning a meeting with CEBC to follow up on earlier discussion on a number of fronts: a joint MoU; CEBC sponsorship of ASTTBC events; ASTTBC sponsorship of CEBC events; ASTTBC members’ participation in CEBC Young Professionals Program; and CEBC awards.

HEALTH SCIENCES ASSOCIATION (HSA). Attended a meeting at the HSA with Biomedical Engineering Technologists pre-collective bargaining discussions to provide input from ASTTBC’s point of view of the role Biomedical technologists and technicians have with the association and to help guide their discussions with respect to scope of work recognized.

UTILITY LOCATORS. Discussions initiated with BC Common Ground Association (BCCGA) regarding a new certification program for underground utility locators. With over 500 utility locators throughout the province and a growing focus on safety and professional reliance on competencies within the industry, the BCCGA was contracted by WorkSafe to develop a standard for underground utility locating activities as well as basic training education. The BCCGA in cooperation with several regulatory agencies and the BC Construction Safety Alliance, including ASTTBC, have entered into discussions to (a) finalize the utility locator standard, (b) develop an educational program, (c) deploy education throughout BC, and (d) if possible, create a gold standard certification program recognizing Utility Locators competency through ASTTBC accreditation and certification. ASTTBC staff has met on several occasions with BCCGA staff and the BC Construction Safety Alliance (BCCSA) to strategize on a model that would accomplish the goals listed above. Anticipated outcome COULD mean a possible new Technical Specialist Registration Program for Underground Utility Locators.

GOAL #5 – MEMBER SERVICES

ASTTBC BROADCAST E-MAIL. 75,572 personalized, broadcast messages were distributed between May and August 2010. This represents a half of our regular volume, due to slower summer months.

ASTTBC.ORG WEBSITE. Built three years ago, the ASTTBC.org website is scheduled for an extensive facelift commencing this year. Both the site's architecture and GUI will be replaced with a more contemporary navigation technique, allowing visitors to have simultaneous access to our current initiatives, featured events and significant projects.

Website visits are still in the high range of 7,000 per month. The most looked at areas are: How to Apply, Technologist / Technician Register, and Classifications. The majority of site referrals come from BCIT, OWRP, CCTT, TechPROfile and WorkFutures BC. Site visits via portable data devices are steadily increasing with iPhone, iPad and Blackberry as the leading mobile operating systems.

ASTTBC WEB SITES - OTHER:

BCIPI - <http://bcipi.net/> currently undergoing full rebuild. Anticipated delivery date: end of September 2010.

Fire Protection - <http://fireprotection.asttbc.org/> being our most dated website, Fire www has been scheduled for a full revamp. Project is currently in the planning stage, anticipated delivery date: November – December 2010.

RTMgr – at members' request, we will be adding a new RTMgr Forum. This is to facilitate free advice/communication between the program leaders and interested applicants. <http://rtmgr.asttbc.org/>.

Web passwords – the entire password system has been successfully replaced with a new self-managed, e-mail based program. All members are now in charge of creating and maintaining their own passwords; lost passwords can be self-recovered. So far about 10% of membership is already using the new system.

ASTT e-NEWS. Sent monthly, the e.NEWS provides a lot of useful information on ASTTBC's professional regulatory mandate and programs. For past issues: <http://www.asttbc.org/services/communications/e-news.php>.

ASTT NEWS. Circulation continues to exceed 10,000. The July to December 2010 issue (#127) is in production and will be mailed to members in mid-November. The theme is 'Strengthening Ties with Government'. A TechCLUB brochure insert is planned. For past issues go to <http://www.asttbc.org/services/communications/news.php>.

CAREERS WEB SITE: NEW. ASTTBC's new career website, designed to assist members at different stages of their career including job search tips, resume writing, information interviews and other great career information went live. There has been excellent feedback from members who have found the information very helpful. The website can be found at <http://careers.asttbc.org>. Plans are in place to provide additional exposure on the ASTTBC website's home page. This should be in place shortly.

CPD Week. Scheduled during the week of October 18-22, ASTTBC will be holding a number of valuable workshops and seminars to ASTTBC members. Cities include Nanaimo, Burnaby, Surrey, Kelowna and Castlegar. In addition, we anticipate in September that ASTTBC's new affinity agreement with EPIC Education will be engaged which will offer ASTTBC members throughout the province CPD courses at discounted rates. As it is an affinity program, this will be a revenue positive arrangement.

MEMBER COMMUNICATIONS SCORES HIGH IN SURVEY. Communications with members scored the highest rating for member satisfaction in the biennial Member Survey conducted in 2009 and 2007. For the Report: 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. A couple examples:

- ASTTBC Council in Vancouver SUN: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/samsullivan.pdf>
- ASTTBC President is featured in an advertisement in Business in Vancouver 'BCTECH' issue <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/bivad.pdf>

TECHPROFILE. With each monthly issue of *ASTT e.NEWS* we encourage members to post their profile to TechPRO. See <http://www.techprofile.ca/>. The site will soon be modified to include a monthly 'Featured Member' profile on the home page. Featured Members will also be listed monthly in each issue of e-News.

Member Benefits Program - TechCLUB

TechCLUB. This page is active with a number of new member service agreements in place including: Mercedes Benz, Accent Inns, Uniglobe Geo Travel. Expected in the fall will be a new affinity program with EPIC Education (CPD provider). <http://techclub.asttbc.org/>

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. Learn more about BCIPI: <http://www.bcipi.com/>

BCIPI FEATURED AT ASTTBC AGM. A video was taken of BCIPI participation at AGM 2010. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/BCIPIatAGM.pdf>

FIRE PROTECTION. Published a new newsletter called *Tech' Fire Break*, which will be sent out to the technicians every second month. Completed the history on closed PRB cases for posting to the web site. Now revamping the Fire Protection web site.

FIRE CHIEF'S CALL FOR ASTTBC CERTIFICATION. At the 2010 Fire Chief's Association of BC (FCABC) conference, a resolution passed that stated "*The Fire Chiefs' Association of B.C. request that the Office of Fire Commissioner & the UBCM support the proposed initiative to require ASTTBC technicians for the inspection & testing of fire protection systems and equipment in all municipalities and regional districts within BC.*" <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/firechief.pdf>

ONSITE WASTEWATER. Much effort being put into working with Government on the new changes to the SSR as well as planning for further changes. A recent newsletter to all registrants helped bring everyone up to date with recent developments. For general info go to <http://owrp.asttbc.org/>.

REGISTERED TECHNOLOGY MANAGER. The program is proceeding at a slow but steady pace. AScTs and CTechs involved in supervision, management or leadership in the technology fields are encouraged to consider getting registered as a RTMgr. <http://rtmgr.asttbc.org/>

SDIBC. The Steel Detailers Institute Board continues to focus on increasing member participation, member recruitment activities, and CPD opportunities for detailers. A number of seminars are scheduled for the remainder of the year and plans to produce a new recruitment and informational brochure are underway. <http://sdibc.asttbc.org/>.

GOAL #6 – TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION & CAREERS

Educational Institutions

BCIT and COLLEGE LIAISON. Student registration procedures for the fall in place at all major colleges and technical institutes. Expect high number of student members in fall 2010.

BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BCITSA). Met with BCITSA marketing over the summer to discuss upcoming 2010/2011 school year and ASTTBC sponsored activities. ASTTBC and the Student Association agreed on a sponsorship arrangement that will recognize the association as a Platinum Sponsor and will have presence on campus and at all BCITSA events throughout the year.

BCIT CIVIL ENGINEERING DEGREE. BCIT has been successful in full accreditation by the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board. This is a four year program leading to either a Diploma of Technology (exit after two years) or a Bachelor Degree upon completion of four years.

OKANAGAN COLLEGE. Continuing membership on the Regional Dean's Advisory Committee and Chairing of the Civil Engineering Program Advisory Board resulted in an ongoing working presence for ASTTBC. An initiative to automate the student membership process is nearing finalization. A combined ASTTBC / Okanagan College CPD event is planned for October 22. Ongoing discussions are working towards establishing a clear sponsorship model for ASTTBC supported events at Okanagan College.

SELKIRK COLLEGE. An invitation to speak to the 1st and 2nd year students to promote student membership is set for October 18 in Castlegar. Selkirk College is also working closely with ASTTBC and KAST to host a CPD event in Castlegar in October.

TRU (Thompson Rivers University). ASTTBC have established links within TRU to work towards accreditation of programs and encourage membership as well as enhance our visibility within that region.

Career Awareness and Liaison - General

BC INNOVATION COUNCIL. Nothing new to report

BIG LITTLE SCIENCE CENTRE (BLSC). ASTTBC continues 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 our support. Visit <http://www.biglittlesciencecentre.org/>.

KAST (Kootenay Association for Science and Technology). Our partnership continues to grow with plans for a combined ASTTBC / KAST / Selkirk College CPD event in Castlegar in October. Discussions are underway to finalize details for a presentation by ASTTBC to Kootenay High School career counsellors, helping promote KAST initiative to introduce Technology career credits at high school level.

MISTIC AWARDS : ASTTBC IS SPONSOR. Once again in 2010 ASTTBC will sponsor the MISTIC Awards. For more read <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/misticawards2.pdf>

OSTEC (Okanagan Science and Technology Council). OSTEC's significant structural adjustments this year, since January (search for new Executive Director, redesign of membership model and amalgamation with ORIC) have precluded any significant initiatives). ASTTBC continues to meet and plan with OSTEC, with a MoU being considered.

SCIENCE WORLD. ASTTBC continues to support Science World through its mentoring and student awareness programs. Frequent requests for speakers and mentors from the Okanagan Region are a sign of respect for ASTTBC.

TECC. Convened a successful meet at the Business Council of BC where representatives from the Business Council and BC Technology Industries Association spoke to the TECC Board.

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. Modest use of the ASTTBC booth in this period.

BLACK PRESS MEDIA PARTNER. ASTTBC will not proceed with the usual arrangement with BP for 2010 National Technology Week. ASTTBC is considering options as we consider the 2011 programming.

FEAT

1. FEAT Bursary Selection Committee meeting to deliberate and award upcoming 2010 bursaries at TARC.
2. 500x50 campaign ongoing. On track with campaign goals.
3. FEAT representatives will meet with BC Hydro to discuss the First Nations Bursaries and possible reinstatement of the BC Hydro/FEAT Bursaries in 2011.

To learn about FEAT and to make a donation: <http://www.asttbc.org/about/foundation/about.php>

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2010. NTW National Steering Committee in suspension. No joint activities planned from national committee. However, per usual, ASTTBC staff is busy creating 2010 presence by sponsoring a number of activities occurring throughout the province as well as an advertising campaign through the YouThink Magazine in the month of September, October and November. YouThink magazine is an impressive publication with distribution through all secondary schools throughout BC as well as Safeway, 7-11 stores, and local community centers. Ads will focus on NTW and opportunities in technology career education for youth and feature our partners. http://www.asttbc.org/careers/ntw/ntw_asttbc.php

PICS Career Fair 2010. Jason Jung and Geoff Sale attended the successful PICS Career Fair at the North Surrey Rec Centre. Excellent opportunity for ASTTBC to showcase its role in industries as well as promote the Provisional AScT Certification Program. We were extremely well received and developed excellent exposure. Approximately 5,500 attendees at the show.

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

Media

ASTTBC COUNCIL IN VANCOUVER SUN. The new ASTTBC Council was announced, together with all names and Doug's photo, in the July 19, 2010 edition. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/council.pdf>

GOAL #7 – PUBLIC POLICY

Building Standards

BC BUILDING CODE CHANGES. The BC Government recently changed the Code to require a PEng on certain works within Part 9, eg fire protection systems design. ASTTBC has expressed concern to Government and will follow up. This is the first time that a Building Regulation has intruded into Part 9 of the Code, an area of practice heretofore open to ASTTBC members.

Economic Development, Employment and Community Services

ASIA PACIFIC GATEWAY SKILLS TABLE. The ASTTBC Executive Director was recently appointed to the APGST. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/apgst.pdf>

BUSINESS COUNCIL OF BC PRESENTS THE FUTURE TO TECC. Ken Peacock, Director Economic Research, Business Council of BC (BCBC), attended a recent meeting of the Technology Education and Careers Council (TECC), <http://www.tecc.ca/> and spoke on 'Recap of Outlook 2020 and Trends Shaping BC's Labour Market'. For Ken's presentation: <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/bcbc.pdf>

PACIFIC NORTHWEST ECONOMIC REGION (PNWER). ASTTBC was a sponsor at the PNWER annual summit to be convened in Calgary in July. I met several Cabinet Ministers and MLAs at this event, including Minister of Advanced Education & Economic Development, Dr Moira Stilwell, Minister of the Environment, Barry Penner, Naomi Yamamoto, Minister of State for Government Relations, MLA John van Dongen and John Rustad, more with the next Report. See <http://www.pnwer.org/>.

PREMIER'S TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL. Nothing new to report.

TECHGREEN LAUNCH is planned for ASTTBC Awards and Recognition Celebration 2010. Hon. John Yap has agreed to attend. Premier Campbell has sent a message.

TETRA GIZMO AWARDS. ASTTBC sponsored the Sam Sullivan Award at the recent Tetra GIZMO Awards. Sam is an Honourary Member of ASTTBC. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/gizmo.pdf>
<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/samsullivan.pdf>

First Nations

FNCC HAS A NEW CHAIR. Bill Baglot, Grad Tech has assumed the Chair of the FNCC. Learn a bit more about Bill: <http://www.techprofile.ca/techprofile.php?WsPFZ>

FNCC CHAIR BILL BAGLOT PROMOTES FIRST NATIONS CAREERS. The new Chair of the First Nations Careers Council <http://fncc.asttbc.org/> attended the FNCC booth at ASTTBC's Annual Meeting this spring. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/fnccpdf.pdf>

Government Liaison

BC PREMIER CAMPBELL VIDEO RE 25 YEARS UNDER ASTT ACT. The Premier sent a brief message congratulating ASTTBC on 25 years under the ASTT Act.
<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/campbellmessage.pdf>

BC CABINET MINISTERS. Recent formal meetings through ASTTBC and TECC: Mike de Jong, Attorney General and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Dr Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education and Labour Market Development; John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action.

BC CABINET MINISTER MIKE de JONG SENDS NOTE ON 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASTT ACT. The Attorney General and Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General attended ASTTBC's AGM. He wrote a nice note to ASTTBC President Doug Carter. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/dejong2.pdf>

BC LEGISLATIVE SESSION. There will likely not be a fall sitting of the Legislature. The next Session will be spring 2011.

BC MLA LIAISON. Various informal meetings with MLAs.

MLA CAROLE JAMES WRITES RE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF ASTT ACT. Leader of the Opposition, Carole Taylor wrote to congratulate ASTTBC on the 25th anniversary of the ASTT Act.
<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/carolejames.pdf>

MLA JOHN RUSTAD MEETS ASTTBC VICE PREIDENT. John Rustad (MLA for Nechako Lakes) spoke with ASTTBC Vice President Bill MacPherson and me at recent awards event. John Rustad continues to take an active interest in ASTTBC. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/vprustad.pdf>

MLA JOHN Van Dongen MEETS ASTTBC. John and I meet up from time to time to chat about ASTTBC initiatives. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/johnvan.pdf>

BC MP Dr KEITH MARTIN. During a recent trip to Ottawa I lined up a meeting with Keith.
<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/martin2.pdf>

BC MP Dr JAMES LUNNEY. I met James during a recent trip to Ottawa.
<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/lunney.pdf>

MUNICIPAL. No meetings this period.

Immigration & Internationally Trained

INTERNATIONALLY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS. ASTTBC has been working with other technology professional association Registrars to develop '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 implemented gradually by several of the professional associations.

Sustainability Agenda

TechGREEN. The official launch will be at ASTTBC's Technology Awards and Recognition Celebration on November 6, 2010. The Honourable John Yap, Minister of State for Climate Action will be on hand to help launch TechGREEN.

Women in Technology

BCWiT CHAIR AT CCWEST. Sarah Campden, CTech, Chair of BC Women in Technology, an ASTTBC initiative, was a guest panelist at the Canadian Coalition of Women in Engineering, Science, Trades and Technology (CCWEST) conference in Winnipeg. Sarah presented the results of the ASTTBC Women in Technology survey. <http://www.asttbc.org/careers/wit/documents/WITSurveyReport.pdf> . The CCWEST conference theme was 'Leading The Way'. For information on CCWEST and the conference visit <http://www.ccwest2010.ca/about.htm>.

BCWiT TechPROFILE CHALLENGE. A joint initiative between TechPROFILE and BCWiT called 'TechPROFILE Challenge' is already gaining momentum. Designed to encourage all females to share their professional stories with future female applicants and to get greater exposure, this idea was launched via broadcast message to 800+ female members. The challenge closes on October 31st, and it will be followed by an iPod draw.

BCWiT CHALLENGES MEN OF ASTTBC. The BCWiT, in addition to challenging the female members have challenged the men to equal or better their effort to post profiles to TechPRO. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/bcwitchallenge.pdf>

GOAL #8– GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

25th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASTT ACT – ATTORNEY GENERAL MIKE de Jong. The 25th was celebrated at a special lunch at this year's AGM.

Former MLA and MP and sponsor of the *ASTT Act*, John Reynolds attended and spoke at the lunch. John Reynolds was awarded Honourary Membership at AGM 2010. ASTTBC's legal counsel who crafted the draft Act for ASTTBC, Rick Lindsay, PEng, LLB, was not able to make the AGM. Rick is an Honourary Member of ASTTBC.

2010 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY. This year's event was held on Friday, May 28th at the Delta Burnaby Hotel. The day was extremely successful with our highest attendance to date with over 225 delegates. Included in the day was Guest Speaker Terry Small, BEd, MA 'Your Brain at Work', three very informative breakout sessions and our 'TOP in Technology' award presentations. This year we had a number of government officials, academic and business partners in attendance as we celebrated 25 years under the ASTT Act. ASTTBC received 'TOP MARKS' from those that attended.

2011 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY. Next year's event is scheduled for Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Sheraton Guildford Hotel. Mark your calendars as the day is shaping-up to be another successful event for ASTTBC! We have arranged a special President's Dinner to thank President Carter and Council for their time and support of the Association.

2010 TORCHES AT ASET AGM. ASTTBC Vice President Bill MacPherson and I attended the Alberta Association's AGM. Bill and I presented 2010 torches to the President and CEO of ASET.

<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/aset.pdf>

ARCHIVING ASTTBC - ALAN CHEEK, CTech LENDS HAND. ASTTBC put out a call for a member(s) to help archive our history. Alan Cheek stepped up to the plate. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/archives.pdf>

ASTTBC COUNCIL SPORTS NEW VESTS. ASTTBC has purchased new vests to be used for members and staff attending the ASTTBC booth. Vibrant red, they will help attract attention and provide a uniform look. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/councilvests.pdf>

AUDITOR RETIRING. ASTTBC's auditor has advised she will retire after completing the audit of fiscal 2010. In consultation with Secretary Treasurer Dave Rutherford staff has initiated a search for a new firm to audit ASTTBC finances. It is anticipated that a report and proposal will be available for the first Council meeting in 2011. The AGM 2011 will be asked to appoint a new auditor.

CCTT. ASTTBC Council decided earlier this year to withdraw membership in the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists. This decision was also taken by the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario associations. The Council is working with the other associations to create a new national enterprise. See 'Technology Professionals Canada' later under this Goal.

FINANCES. Report for the second quarter (to August 2010) will be tabled with Council in September. The 2010 Budget has been revised to take into consideration new information. A balanced Budget is anticipated.

FINANCIAL AUDIT 2009. Completed the 2009 audit and presented to the members at AGM 2010. For the 2009 and past audits go to <http://www.asttbc.org/about/corporate/statements.php>.

HONOURARY MEMBER: JOHN REYNOLDS. ASTTBC granted Honourary Membership to John Reynolds and presented the award at AGM 2010 on May 28, 2010. More with the next Report.

Dr JOHN MacDONALD NAMED CHANCELLOR OF UNBC. An Honourary Member of ASTTBC, John has been named Chancellor of UNBC. http://www.unbc.ca/releases/2010/02_02new_chancellor.html

MEMBER MEETINGS. A number of Member Meetings have been held throughout the Province. The road trip included meetings in Kamloops, Salmon Arm, Vernon, Kelowna, Penticton, Nanaimo and Prince George. See info on the Victoria meeting attended by the Executive Directors from Alberta and Ontario. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/victoriameeting.pdf> . The Next Member Meeting is scheduled for October 12th in Ft St John. Non-Members and Employers of ASTTBC registered technology professionals are also invited to attend ASTTBC meetings.

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES FILE SECOND ANNUAL REPORT. The two Public Representatives on ASTTBC Council, Jim Blake and John Murphy, presented their second annual report to the ASTTBC members at the AGM. The Report was subsequently sent to the Minister Responsible for the ASTT Act, The Hon Dr Moira Stilwell, Minister of Advanced Education & Labour Market Development as well as all MLAs and BC MPs. The Report was posted to ASTTBC's web site for the public to view. We encourage you to read the report. ASTTBC is one of the few associations whose Public Representatives file a full report to the members, government and public. <http://www.asttbc.org/docs/PublicRep2.pdf>

ASTTBC SEEKS THIRD PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE. The *ASTT Regulations* were changed at AGM 2010 to include a third Public Representative. ASTTBC will recruit a third member.

TECHNOLOGY AWARDS & RECOGNITION CELEBRATION (TARC). This year's event will be held on the evening of Saturday, November 6, 2010 at the Vancouver Marriott Pinnacle Downtown. We will be launching our TechGREEN Program at this event and The Honourable John Yap, Minister of Climate Action, will make the first award presentations. In addition to the deserving awards the evening features a reception and silent auction fundraiser for FEAT, followed by great entertainment and dinner. This special event also provides the opportunity to thank our members, dedicated volunteers and committed partners who have helped to build ASTTBC's success. **MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!**

TECHGREEN AWARDS. The general purpose of this new Award is to recognize those who take a lead role or have a substantial involvement in initiatives that have a positive impact on green living, sustainable best practices, energy conservation and environmental benefit. A call for TechGREEN Award Nominations was sent during the summer with a very good response rate. The TechGREEN Committee is looking at an award hand-crafted from pine beetle killed ponderosa pine trees salvaged from BC's Okanagan Valley. The first TechGREEN Awards will be presented at TARC.

TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS CANADA (TPC). ASTTBC Council is collaborating with our sister associations in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Ontario to create TPC, a new business enterprise that will serve the associations and our registered members. These four associations represent over 80% of the registered technologists and technicians in Canada. The Presidents from the four associations involved in forming TPC wrote to the Quebec Association, inviting OTPQ to consider affiliating with TPC.
<http://www.asttbc.org/docs/NewBusinessEnterprise.pdf>

TOP IN TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM. New award launched at 50th AGM. Second year of awards were 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.