

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – (#48)

For February 23, 2006 Council Meeting

(Covering the Period November 1, 2005 to February 10, 2006)

INTRODUCTION

ASTTBC completed its first year in which we were 're-grouping' after the joint decision in December 2004 by ASTTBC and the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of BC (APEGBC) to discontinue discussions on a proposed merger. And we are well into what will be a very busy and successful 2006.

The key elements of Work Plan 2005 were achieved and we will have met Budget targets. Highlights of the last quarter and first month in 2006: the 2005 Member Survey (not planned when we entered the year) was compiled, presented to Council and will be posted on ASTTBC's web page; the mortgage on the ASTTBC building was paid off; the most successful ever Awards & Recognition celebration was convened, with the Minister of Advanced Education, Murray Coell as special guest speaker; an agreement was signed with BCIT, an initiative that will be extended to at least two colleges in 2006; a 'call to action' paper, SHAPING OUR FUTURE' was published to draw attention to the looming crisis in technology education and supply of technology professionals; ASTTBC pulled out all stops in support of National Technology Week, an event sponsored by the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists with the support of the National Committee of Deans of Technology; ASTTBC sponsored the Tech 2006 trade show and awards in Prince George at which the Hon Pat Bell was host and several Cabinet ministers and MLAs were in attendance and helped Pat Bell facilitate this most successful event; ASTTBC hosted successful meetings with members and employers, to bring attention to the need to better promote technology careers; we had two meetings with Minister Coell, who offered his strong support for our work in promoting technology careers; and more... much more... most of which is captured within the body of this report.

"It is always the right time to do the right thing."
Martin Luther King, Jr

GOAL #1 – ASTT ACT

ASTT Act and Regulations

ASTT REGULATIONS. The revised version of the *ASTT Regulations* together with the *ASTT Act* has been printed and posted to the ASTTBC web site. Implementing the new *ASTT Regulations* dealing with the titles 'PTech' and 'RTMgr', definition of practice, reduced size of Council and the addition of public representatives to Council, are on track for full implementation in 2006. (See Attachment 1-2)

ASTT ACT CHANGES. ASTTBC President Keith Switzer and I met twice with Minister of Advanced Education, Murray Coell (once late in 2005 and once again in February 2006), to discuss, among other subjects, ASTTBC's issues re professional regulation. Excellent exchange with the Minister who confirmed his interest in working with ASTTBC on a number of fronts, including appropriate recognition of ASTTBC-registered technology professionals.

GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF PROFESSIONAL LEGISLATION. In recent reports I noted that in 2005 we were advised that the Ministry of Advanced Education would, at the request of the Attorney General, undertake a complete review of professional legislation and regulation. This matter is still ‘on hold’ and no clear signal as to next steps. ASTTBC will communicate to government the need for a complete review of professional regulation with a view to moving toward a form of ‘umbrella legislation’ similar to the Health Professions Act which captures most of the health care practitioners.

GOAL #2 – PROFESSION & REGULATION

Professional Regulation and Practice

ASTTBC is required, as one of the ‘*Objects*’ under the ASTT Act, “*to regulate standards of training and practice of and for its members and to protect the interests of the public*”. Toward this end ASTTBC is active on a number of fronts to address this mandate. A brief update only is provided with this Report.

Relations with Other Professional Associations - General

ASTTBC interacts, as appropriate given the circumstances, with other professional associations. ASTTBC links with these associations in a variety of ways, in order to most effectively meet the requirements of the ASTT Act and to generally serve the public interest.

Professional Practice

Engineering Technology Practice

SCOPE OF PRACTICE & GUIDES TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE- The new ‘definition of scope of practice’ incorporated in the *ASTT Regulations* provides a much stronger foundation and framework for the effective governance and professional regulation of members’ practice. In keeping with the 2006 Work Plan ASTTBC will develop at least two ‘guides to professional practice’. Work on these has commenced, with a first draft expected in time for tabling at the 2006 AGM.

LIMITED LICENSE (LL) TASK FORCE. APEGBC Council has appointed a special Task Force to review the current administration of this form of professional regulation, open to AScTs and others. APEGBC has invited ASTTBC members who hold a LL as well as an ASTTBC Council appointee to serve on the TF. ASTTBC worked with APEGBC in the 90s to develop the LL and, quite naturally, has a vested interest in how the program is administered, promoted and recognized by regulators. Details with next report.

LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL. Nothing new to report. The Contaminated Sites Roster Steering Committee continues to work toward a new, separate association that will issue LEP certification. This approach is not supported by ASTTBC.

QUALIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL (QEP). Nothing new.

QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL (QP). Nothing new.

CROSSINGS AGREEMENT – ABCFP and APEGBC. This agreement incorrectly characterizes the role and responsibilities of technologists, including those registered by ASTTBC and RFTs registered under the Foresters Act. ASTTBC will develop a position, and possibly a guide to professional practice, and take to government.

MANITOBA COURT RULES RE ROLE OF ENGINEERS & ARCHITECTS. Interpretation of Architects Act favours Architects. Likely to hear more on this issue. (See attachment 2-1)

Engineering Technology - Other

CEBC LIAISON. ASTTBC is once again a 'silver' level sponsor at the 2006 Consulting Engineers of BC Awards. ASTTBC asked that the association be given the opportunity to serve on the committee reviewing all nominations, and this was confirmed. ASTTBC President, Keith Switzer, was appointed. ASTTBC will, as part of our Employer Liaison Program (ELP) consider enhanced linkages with CEBC and their members.

HPO RELEASES DISCUSSION PAPER ON PROFESSIONALISM. The Homeowner Protection Office has issued a paper calling for enhanced professionalism in the construction industry. (See Attachment 2-2)

Electronics/Information Technology

BCTIA LIAISON – ASTTBC staff will meet with the senior staff of the BC Technology Industries Association to discuss matters of common interest, including employer support for ASTTBC registration and BCTIA's role in promoting careers in technology.

Forest Technology Practice

TIMBER CRUISERS. There are a number of initiatives in the works to enhance the professional status and recognition of Timber Cruisers (ATE and ATC). Partnering arrangements with the Ministry of Forests and Range (MoFR) include a contract between MoFR and ASTTBC in which ASTTBC and ASTTBC's Forest Measurements Registration Board will take the lead in bringing stakeholders together to review the design of cruises. ASTTBC / FMRB is also involved with a special project in which the MoFR will train staff in call grading & net factoring and ASTTBC will 'accredit' the training providers, issue a certificate to those completing the course and maintain this information on a database.

FOREST MEASUREMENTS REGISTRATION BOARD – The Board is up and running and commenced the process of integrating other forest measurements practitioners. A special letter was sent out by the MoFR to all those who previously completed training, inviting them to get involved with the FMRB. As well we are approaching government re a similar letter to those who were trained some years ago in vegetation resource inventory surveying. Finally, ASTTBC is working with the Log Scalers Association of BC (LSABC) to integrate their members into the FMRB. Good progress on this front.

ASTTBC – ABCFP AGREEMENT RE FMRB – There has been little progress on the ASTTBC – ABCFP proposed MOA that will see BOTH associations with responsibility for governing technical specialist certification in forest measurements. ABCFP are experiencing serious workload issues and have therefore not been able to do much with the draft agreement. Latest information indicates that the ABCFP and ASTTBC will complete this within the next 2 – 3 months.

BC TIMBER SALES – The fall meeting with the managers of BCTS produced positive response from BCTS. It is anticipated that BCTS will support ASTTBC / FMRB registration in timber cruising as an ATE or ATC for those doing contract work for BCTS.

MoF FOREST PLANNING & PRACTICES REGULATION. I met with MoFR Chief Forester and others to discuss this issue. The Deputy Minister promised that this issue will be reviewing in 2006.

PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE TASK FORCE. The PRTF (a government-funded initiative) has issued a paper on 'professional reliance' and while the body of the document as it relates strictly to defining professional reliance, its application and implications for all stakeholders, it 'comes off the rails' when it gets into WHO is a 'resource professional' The documents describes a 'resource professionals' as a member of

the APEGBC, ABCFP, CABBC and BCIA (PEng/PGeo, RPF, RPBio and PAg respectively). There is brief reference to Registered Forest Technologists, indicating they are regulated by the ABCFP and noting that they can only assume responsibility for work completed under supervision of a 'resource professional'. There is no mention at all of ASTTBC and the report includes a footnote which describes the role of a technologist and technician as someone who gathers data etc, and *assumes responsibility under supervision*.

Another key concern of the report is that it includes the names of three Ministries and the Oil & Gas Commission (OGC). Based on conversations I have had with some of the Ministry staff involved with this initiative it is clear that the Ministries are not 'full' participants in this effort. One described the Ministry's approach as 'review only'. YET, the report reads as though the Ministries and the OGC support the approach defined in the report.. including the way the report reads, the absence of any reference to ASTTBC and ASTTBC-registered professionals and the suggestion that technologists and technicians cannot assume independent responsibility.

There are more issues with the PRTF... ASTTBC was denied membership / a seat at the table of the PRTF, even though it is clear that ASTTBC-registered professionals are directly linked to 'professional reliance'. When the decision was made by the four other professional associations (just who in the associations made this decision is not clear, but it appears to be a staff decision and not a decision of the respective Councils) it was also agreed that ASTTBC would receive the minutes and notes and generally be kept up to date on the work of the PRTF. The PRTF met monthly from summer 2005 to December and no information was provided to ASTTBC. In fact we were advised on more than one occasion that little was happening. Finally in December I received all past Minutes. I have still not been provided with all the information made available at meetings of the PRTF and this is being pursued. by whom it is not clear

The restrictive tone / approach (as pertains to technologists and technicians) of the PRTF continued throughout their discussions it appears as in the Minutes of September 2005 the PRTF stated,

"There is a need to be clear on how the PRTF will use the term "Professional" (capital P), as compared to the broader common definition of professional (small p). This is important because it may cause unnecessary confusion relative to RFT's in particular, but also other technologists and technicians."

The PRTF Report is of concern to ASTTBC. The issues are being addressed with the expectation of a resolution that will ensure all professionals will be fully and appropriately included and recognized.

MoFR FOREST TECHNOLOGIST TASK FORCE - I met with the Chief Forester, ADM Operations and others in MoFR to review several matters Of interest to ATTBC. Work continues.

Geomatics Technology Practice

ABCLS – ASTTBC MOU. The ABCLS and ASTTBC will renew the MOU dealing with Site Improvements Surveying by ASTTBC members who achieve RSIS status. This agreement flows from an exemption for AScTs and CTechs in the Land Surveyors Act and the interests of both associations to bring clarity as to the parameters for conducting site improvement surveys. The agreement will be signed in February at the ABCLS AGM.

ADVERTISEMENT IN ABCLS 'LINKS'. ASTTBC advertises in the ABCLS newsletter.

Architectural/Building Technology Practice

AIBC-ASTTBC JOINT TASK FORCE (JTF). The JTF met late in 2005 to attempt to reach some 'conclusion' on the discussions. A draft of a MOU proposed by AIBC was considered and, while some editing was still required, was given the 'green light' to take back to the two associations. The AIBC Council approved the proposed document. ASTTBC reviewed and identified a number of changes that have been proposed to meet ASTTBC's need for full definition of the background and framework for moving forward with discussions about the possibility of moving toward one act and one association. ASTTBC also wanted to be certain that it would be free to continue to explore other legislative options. The ASTTBC proposed changes have been transmitted to AIBC for consideration.

BUILDING POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BPAC) – has been working with Ministry staff on a Modernization Project, with the objective of moving to a renewal of the regulations governing the built environment. Details will be provided with the next Report.

Biological Technology

COLLEGE OF APPLIED BIOLOGY. Nothing new to report.

BC INSTITUTE OF AGROLOGISTS. Nothing new to report.

Building Officials

BOABC. ASTTBC continues to enhance its relationship with the Building Officials Association of BC.

BOABC PARTNERING TO OFFER CODE AWARENESS SESSIONS. The BOABC has invited a number of associations, including ASTTBC, to offer special workshops around BC when the new BC Code is issued later this year (look for it this fall).

General Practice & Liaison

ASSOCIATION COALITION ON TRAINING TAX CREDIT - ASTTBC joined with the Canadian Home Builders Association (BC) and several other associations to develop a proposal to government advocating tax credit scheme(s). The proposal was posted on the ASTTBC web page.

Government Appointments, Legislation & General Liaison

MLA LIAISON. I sent all MLAs a copy of 'SHAPING OUR FUTURE... Building careers in Technology'

MLA MEETINGS. I continue to arrange meetings with MLAs to introduce them to issues of interest to ASTTBC. MLAs are very interested and generally understand the issues raised.

MP LIAISON. The letter sent to MLAs with the SHAPING OUR FUTURE 'call to action' statement was adapted for all BC MPs.

CABINET MINISTERS. Keith Switzer and I met twice in the past 2 months with the Minister of Advanced Education, Hon Murray Coell. I also joined the BC Onsite Sewage Association for a meeting with the Hon George Abbott, Minister of Health. At a technical forum in Prince George I spoke with the Hon Tom Christensen, Hon Pat Bell, Hon Rich Coleman, Hon Bill Bennett and Hon Shirley Bond... plus several MLAs.

IMMIGRATION PROJECT. ASTTBC submitted a contract proposal for HRSDC to assist with the integration of internationally trained professionals into the BC work force. We expect a response within the next two months.

Institutes - Special Certification Programs

BCIPI. ‘Best Practices’ guidelines, developed in collaboration with the Real Estate Council of BC (RECBC), is nearly complete with a final review by the task group developing the guidelines pending followed with formal adoption by ASTTBC, BCIPI and RECBC; ‘Building Envelope Solutions: Theory & Practice (BEST) Seminars’, a six-session technical series sponsored by BCIPI being delivered at BCIT, has been completed with 20+ members of BCIPI taking part in the seminars; revisions to the BCIPI web site included refinements to ‘Contact an Inspector’ and addition of a ‘Registrant List’; sample web searches using keywords associated with house and property inspection in BC returned results with BCIPI positioned at the top of the list; options and costs associated with a province-wide trade listing in the Yellow Pages being reviewed as to continuing for a further (fifth) year; stationery shells and presentation folder printed for use in marketing and recruitment through 2006; general BCIPI brochure under review with plans to update and reprint in 2006, with copies to be distributed to BCIPI members to promote the Institute and their registration with ASTTBC as qualified practitioners; work nearing completion on press releases and information bulletins; online newsletter – BCIPI Report – is under development following a volunteer stepping up to serve as Editor with the first issue in 2006 slated for posting on the BCIPI web site in mid-to-late March; and, preparations for the BCIPI AGM to be held in early March 2006 are well underway.

JOHN LEECH ARTICLE ON HOUSE INSPECTION-VAN SUN. (See Attachment 2-3)

BDIBC. The BDIBC has placed a lot of emphasis on the ASTTBC discussions with AIBC. As well BDIBC is planning for the 2006 AGM and developing a CPD approach for all building designers.

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY. Nothing new.

FIRE PROTECTION. ‘Generic’ advertising templates that promote fire safety at work and home, Registered Fire Protection Technicians and ASTTBC, as well as recognizing the municipalities that support and call for practitioners to be registered in this area of service, are nearly complete. Advertising promoting Registered Fire Protection Technicians placed in Magic ’n Miracles programme to support fund raising efforts of the Firefighters Charitable Fund and enhance awareness of RFPTs and ASTTBC. The fire protection newsletter ‘*SUPPRESS*’ was issued. (See Attachments 2-4 and 2-5)

ONSITE WASTEWATER. Continuing the ‘start-up’ phase of the new program. Update on CGL insurance posted on the OWRP web site; logo artwork prepared for use by third parties. Leadership Council formed with APEGBC added. Making progress in working out ‘bugs’ with the implementation of the new Regulation.

PWIS. Nothing new.

SDIBC. ASTTBC staff developed an Institute member survey with input from SDIBC President, Ken Mussato, RSD. Survey delivered electronically and hard-copy format to all Institute members February 6, 2006. Completed survey results to be compiled in time for the SDIBC AGM which is scheduled for March 9, 2006 at the Executive Plaza Hotel & Conference Centre, Coquitlam, BC. Agenda starts at 6:00PM.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS SURVEYS. Nothing new.

TIMBER CRUISING. Documentation in the works for 'Cruise Design Review Project' under contract with the ministry of Forests and Range. TCCC newsletter published and insert distributed to registrants. (See Attachment 2-6)

GOAL #3 – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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

GOAL #4 – MEMBER & EMPLOYER SERVICES

ASTTBC AWARDS & RECOGNITION CELEBRATION. This annual high-profile event was held November 19, 2005 at the Renaissance Vancouver Hotel. Guest speaker was the Hon. Murray Coell, MLA. A mortgage burning ceremony was held and all Past Presidents in attendance received a print of a painting of the ASTTBC building. Press releases and photos of 2005 award recipients distributed to The Vancouver Sun, Times-Colonist and community newspapers. Comments received included:

"I was most presently surprised to receive the lovely print of Brian Scott's painting of ASTTBC's property. Congratulations to you and ASTTBC on burning your mortgage, and on your good planning and management which made it possible." Aime Colonval, and *"What a great Awards banquet – well done!"* from Derek Squirell, ASCT, both who are Past Presidents of ASTTBC. (See Attachment 4-1)

ASTTBC AWARDS - SERVICE AWARDS & CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION. Service Awards and Certificates of Appreciation will be given out to deserving volunteers at the ASTTBC AGM May 26, 2006. (SEE SEPARATE COUNCIL ACTION ITEM)

ASTT NEWS. The Winter 2006 issue is in production. It will include a pull-out section on professional recognition and rights to practice.

ASTT e-NEWS. E-News to be launched in the first quarter of 2006. TN and MJ to select the most cost efficient option from the two presented (by Minasu and Imagnet). Selection process currently in its conclusive stage, final answers are being submitted by both companies.

ASTTBC WEB SITE. Average number of VISITORS to the ASTTBC web site was 380 in December and spiked to 700 in January. It remains to be seen whether this is an anomaly or represents further positioning of the web site as a primary communications vehicle. The revamp of our web site in 2006 will be timely. We have now completed automation of logo usage. The process of requesting logos, verifying member credentials, delivering the appropriate logo(s) and notifying the Registrations Department is now completely automatic and will involve no staff time to fill the request. We hope to extend this approach to other areas when we do the web site revamp.

BROADCAST E-MAIL. 80% of our membership can now be reached electronically via b-cast. Number of messages per month has been limited to 2 per group. More sophisticated broadcast system (part of new AMSoft Database Upgrade) will be implemented in the next few months allowing members a greater degree of control (unsubscribe feature).

ASTTBC PURCHASES DOMAIN NAMES. ASTTBC acquired 37 new domain names were purchased under .ca and .org, all configured and pointing to the existing websites e.g.: www.canadiantechnologists.org pointing to www.asttbc.org, and www.fmr.org pointing to <http://forestmeasurement.asttbc.org/> etc. (MJ)

EMPLOYER LIAISON PROGRAM. Additional meetings were held with both TELUS and BC Hydro since last report (see FEAT, Goal #5).

BCIT STUDENT ASSOCIATION (BCITSA). Staff has engaged BCITSA Student Technology Chairs in association business. At this point in time, Technology Chairs are providing added exposure on campus to all Technology Reps (each School is separated into disciplines – TechReps handle each discipline), and Set Reps (each discipline is separated into Sets – Set Reps handle individual classes in each discipline).

Discussions underway with Tara Perret, Chair of the School of Transportation, Construction & the Environment (Civil, Mining, Geomatics, etc) to develop the framework for BCITSA-ASTTBC relations for all related Technology Chairs. It is expected that ASTTBC rep will meet with the BCIT Student Association Council for a presentation at one of their upcoming council meetings once developed.

ADS CALLING FOR ASTTBC REGISTRATION. (See Attachment 4-2)

GOAL #5 – SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS

‘SHAPING OUR FUTURE’ CALL FOR ACTION PRODUCED. As a result of the ‘Building Careers in Technology’ strategic planning conference that was held in conjunction with ASTTBC’s AGM in June, 2005, a call for action titled ‘Shaping Our Future’ was produced. The printed version was distributed to conference delegates, interested stakeholders and inserted in ASTT News issue #116. Copies also sent to all MLAs and BC MPs. **(See Attachment 5-1)**

INDUSTRY & MEMBER MEETINGS. Meetings convened in Prince George and Kamloops to present information on SHAPING OUR FUTURE. Most successful with 55 attending in Prince George and 75 in Kamloops. The Kamloops meeting also attracted star guests Hon Claude Richmond, MLA Kevin Krueger and Kamloops Mayor Terry Lake.

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2005. ASTTBC activities during NTW included:

- a) Securing a statement from the Ministers of Education and Advanced education and sending this to all members and other interested stakeholders.
- b) Mailing the ‘Velocity of Honey’ science book to all MLA’s
- c) Posting the Outcomes Report of the Building Careers in Technology conference on the ASTTBC web site.
- d) Developing the ‘Shaping Our Future’ call-to-action around careers in technology
- e) Publishing articles on both the careers conference and on National Technology Week in ASTT News
- f) Sending broadcast emails to members with a list of suggested activities developed by CCTT
- g) Partnering with BCIT for a full page in the Vancouver Sun and Province on careers in technology
- h) Encouraging ASTTBC members to take a youth to work during NTW.
- i) Feature articles submitted to BCIT Alumni for their newsletter.

(See Attachment 5-2)

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2006. Preliminary discussions with BCIT Communications Department on joint advertising efforts during NTW 2006.

TECH 2006. ASTTBC renewed its commitment for a second year to participate in the ‘Northern BC Business Technology & Industry Awards and Trade Show’, a major event held in Prince George in mid-January 2006. Event includes a forum on BC Natural Resources and Northern BC Business and Technology Awards to recognize individuals, companies or organizations that have made a difference... ASTTBC sponsors the ‘Technology Provider of the Year’ award. In addition to the recognition that ASTTBC receives as part of the sponsor program and being present at the event, pre-event advertising that promoted careers in technology and encouraged attendees to visit ASTTBC at the event were placed in community publications in the Prince George and surrounding areas. **(See Attachments 5-3 to 5-6)**

‘WHAT IS IT TO BE A TECHNOLOGIST’ – FREE PRESS. During Tech 2005 I was interviewed. See article that was published. (See Attachment 5-7)

DISPLAY BOOTH. The new ASTTBC large display booth for use at events where the Association is promoting BC’s technology professionals has seen steady service since delivery in the Fall of 2005. Graphic add-ons and information collateral produced to provide a unique focus to ASTTBC’s message for specific events.

BCIT ALUMNI. Article on ASTTBC, profile on a prominent member (Keith Switzer, AScT), advertising promoting the Association and registration with ASTTBC as a technology professional and article on John Leech published in the Winter 2006 issue of the BCIT Alumni Ambassador newsletter. Further articles and advertising are planned for upcoming issues in 2006. (See Attachments 5-8 to 5-10)

BCIT OPEN HOUSE 2006. BCIT has aligned their annual open house showcase to coincide with NTW for added exposure and impact. ASTTBC to be involved, level of participation unknown at this point.

ABCFP: EXPOFOR 2006. ASTTBC will have a booth in ABCFP’s 58th Conference, Trade and Technology Show and AGM, February 22-24th at the Victoria Trade and Convention Centre.

TechVibes MASSIVE SHOW. Planned attendance at the TechVibes Massive Show at Science World February 28, 2006 will include ASTTBC’s booth. Massive is a three part event that consists of a Tradeshow, Conference, and Networking where attendees are encouraged to explore, learn, and then connect with other business professionals.

Working.com. Working.com is an online career search engine and job database similar to Monster.ca. I have been working on finalizing an agreement with working.com that will see us become the main sponsor in the engineering channel. When the ‘ENGINEERING’ button has been selected online, it will direct you to the engineering channel job posting board area. ASTTBC will have full logo display and an area for ASTTBC membership/at a glance information/etc. It will also feature technology opinions/articles written and updated every 4-6 weeks. Content is written at ASTTBC discretion. Excellent opportunity to enhance exposure in the BC Job Market with ASTTBC as the main professional association sponsor. I will add that this initiative is at NO COST to ASTTBC through an industry sponsorship agreement with the Vancouver Sun & Province.

BCIT PROPOSES BTECH IN CIVIL. ASTTBC has issued a letter of support for the BCIT proposal. (See Attachment 5-11)

FEAT. The Foundation finished 2005 in a strong financial position while supporting bursaries and science & technology awareness activities. In early 2006, BC Hydro agreed to provide five \$1,000 bursaries through FEAT for technology students

GOAL #6 – MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

ASTTBC MEMBER SURVEY. The on-line Member Survey was open between September 15 and October 15. 977 A total of 1090 responses were received. A summary article is being included in the next issue of ASTT News, and more details will be posted on the ASTTBC web site. Comments received included:

“That was impressive. Seems that there were many of my concerns addressed on it – makes me wonder if there are others with the same issues. Can’t wait to read the outcome.” from Devon Wyatt, CTech.

AMSOFT DATABASE SYSTEM. New upgrade currently under 2nd Phase of testing. Anticipated date of completion: late Spring/early Summer 2006. Two new groups under Timber Cruisers will be added to the database in the Spring 2006. E-Invoicing system is being investigated as a part of ASTTBC vision toward more advanced communication models. This is currently in the initial planning stages.

ASTTBC WEB SITE. Under major redevelopment, estimated time of completion - Fall 2006. Web Task Team launched.

STAFF ROLES. Staff Roles were reviewed and some re-alignments made. Prior input from staff was solicited. As the staff is both very capable and many have long service with ASTTBC, the goal is to move toward a self-managed, performance-based model.

ASTTBC LOGO. Work continues to update ASTTBC's communications, publications and marketing that incorporate the revised logo. Banners, flags and cup coasters to replace those featuring the old logo have been purchased or will be replaced in the first part of 2006. Registrants wishing to use the ASTTBC and/or Institute logos in their communications and marketing to promote their professional registration can now download a 'Terms & Conditions of Use' document plus approved artwork from the ASTTBC web site; registrants were given the opportunity to update the artwork they have been using by the end of December 2005 so branding of the Association is consistent overall.