

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT TO COUNCIL – (#50)

For September 28, 2006 Council Meeting

(Covering the Period May 1 – September 15, 2006)

INTRODUCTION

This Report covers what is oftentimes a less hectic period of the year. 2006 was one of the exceptions. May – September proved extraordinarily busy as we worked to build plans and budgets for 2007 and dealt with many key and emerging issues requiring fairly urgent attention. Key initiatives included: web site design, marketing and promotion, BDIBC and AIBC discussions, Modernization Project, various immigration and internationally trained professionals matters, meetings with various MLAs and Cabinet Ministers... and much more. ASTTBC is making great progress on the 2006 Work Plan and Budget and is well positioned to exceed expectations for the year.

“Perfection of means, and confusion of goals seems, in my opinion, to characterize our age.”
Albert Einstein

GOAL #1 – ASTT ACT

ASTT Act and Regulations

ASTT ACT CHANGES. ASTTBC continues to advance a request for changes to the ASTT Act.

ASTT REGULATIONS. Changes approved by ASTTBC Council in early May ratified by members attending the Association's AGM on May 26, 2006; master document for *ASTT Regulations* updated to include ratified changes with *ASTT Act & Regulations* revised and posted on the ASTTBC web site; reprinting of the offset printed and bound version of this publication will be done when existing inventories are used up.

UMBRELLA LEGISLATION: GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF PROFESSIONAL LEGISLATION. ASTTBC is encouraging a broad review of professional regulation and is advancing the suggestion that the BC Government seriously consider a new regulatory regime in which legislation is 'bundled' by way of 'umbrella legislation'. ASTTBC continues to advance this concept, receiving growing level of interest and acceptance. Additional information / details re the model are being formulated and will be communicated to Government this fall. I wrote to all MLAs on the proposed 'umbrella' legislation. Along with the letter I sent a special ASTTBC umbrella. I received a number of responses, including from the Hon Linda Reid and a thoughtful letter from the Hon Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development.

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 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.

Engineering Technology Practice & Liaison

GUIDES TO PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE. Work has commenced on a 'Guide' template. As a result of TILMA (and now the national intent to ensure full portability of credentialing and practice) ASTTBC has concluded it is essential that we work in cooperation with other technologist and technician associations. This has slowed the process a bit; a draft template will be available before year end.

APEGBC LIMITED LICENSE (LL) TASK FORCE. The APEGBC Task Force has completed its work and filed its report. APEGBC Council has supported all recommendations except the proposal that those holding a limited license have a vote and be able to hold office. This recommendation will be further reviewed by APEGBC. SEE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA.

LICENSED ENVIRONMENTAL PROFESSIONAL. The process continues and ASTTBC will continue to present the view that ASTTBC-registered professionals must also be recognized as LEP. Ted Nodwell, John Shortreid and I attended a general meeting of the organizers. In Report #49 I indicated that a not-for-profit society had been formed. This is not the case... although work progresses toward the formation of a separate society. ASTTBC remains concerned that a separate society regulating in this area may not be appropriate or the best method of achieving the stated objectives.

CROSSINGS AGREEMENT – ABCFP and APEGBC. ASTTBC is developing a Guide to Professional Practice covering design and review of small and medium sized culverts and bridges.

CEBC LIAISON. ASTTBC has set up a meeting with the Executive of CEBC.

ALBERTA TECHS & ENGINEERS REACH INITIAL AGREEMENT RE LEGISLATION. After many years of rough dialogue between the two associations, ASET and APEGGA have agreed on a common approach to professional legislation. The two associations agreed that they should pursue a one act – two association model for regulating the professions. (See attachments 2-1 and 2-2)

Electronics/Information Technology – Nothing new to report.

Forest Technology Practice

ASTTBC – ABCFP AGREEMENT RE FMRB – The FMRB and ASTTBC Council have approved in principle the proposed MOA. ASTTBC President Keith Switzer, Secretary Treasurer John McNeill, FMRB Chair Ron Mecredy, RFT, ATE and I met recently with the ABCFP Executive. ABCFP has agreed they will begin working with ASTTBC toward joint governance of forest measurements specialists. An agreement re future directions will be completed by year end.

BC TIMBER SALES – Nothing new to report.

MoF FOREST PLANNING & PRACTICES REGULATION. I have again raised the concern that ASTTBC is not mentioned in the Regulation. No commitment by the Ministry, but we continue to pursue this objective.

PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE TASK FORCE. The PRTF's final Report has been adapted by the four professional associations involved. Apparently the associations decided to remove from the Report the reference to ASTTBC's definition of scope of practice as outlined in the *ASTT Regulation*. See attached email from Al Gorley the coordinator for the project. ASTTBC will build on the PRTF report and prepare a 'generic' version of the professional reliance statement. This document will, we believe, better serve the interests of all stakeholders, many of whom were not party to the PRTF process and are not captured within the final report of the PRTF. It is anticipated this document will be completed by the end of October 2006. (See attachment 2-3)

MoFR FOREST TECHNOLOGIST TASK FORCE – Nothing new to report.

ABCFP PRESIDENT'S REPORT. The May – June issue addresses similarities and differences. (See attachment 2-4)

NORM SHAW ASCT, RFT, ATE RECEIVES AWARD. Norm Shaw, a Life Member of ASTTBC, former member of ASTTBC Council, former member of the ABCFP Council and currently member of ASTTBC's FMRB, is recognized by ABCFP for his volunteer services. (See attachment 2-5)

VAN SCOFFIELD, RPF RETIRES FROM ABCFP. An honorary Member of ASTTBC, Van announced his retirement from the position of Executive Director with ABCGP. (See attachment 2-6)

CHIEF FORESTER SPEAKS OUT ON 'GREEN'. Jim Snetsinger, RPF, Chief Forester is speaking out on the current and willed future state of BC's forests. (See attachment 2-7)

Geomatics Technology Practice - There is nothing new to report.

Architectural/Building Technology Practice

AIBC-ASTTBC JOINT TASK FORCE (JTF). In May 2006 AIBC decided to call off their involvement with the AIBC – ASTTBC JTF, citing an inability on the part of AIBC and ASTTBC to reach consensus on a regulatory model. AIBC proposes a one act – one association model as the only model AIBC will consider and ASTTBC has indicated it is much too early to decide on the most effective, fair, equitable and appropriate form of professional regulation. ASTTBC has also signaled that it believes some form of 'umbrella' legislation should be considered as new regulatory models are considered. ASTTBC's approach is consistent with the position taken last year by the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists.

ASTTBC – BDIBC Agreement on Ongoing Discussions with AIBC. AIBC expressed interest in continuing dialogue with BDIBC and the BDIBC Board has agreed they wish to pursue discussions with AIBC to bring to a conclusion the earlier work of the AIBC – ASTTBC Joint Task Force. BDIBC is interested in working with AIBC to finalize the scope of practice and further explore the professional regulatory model proposed by AIBC. ASTTBC Council agreed that these discussions can continue with the 'blessing' of ASTTBC Council, provided that ASTTBC is not restricted or in any way limited in its ability to continue to pursue other legislative models. The ASTTBC Council in a special meeting August 24, 2006 authorized President Keith Switzer to sign an agreement with BDIBC. SEE ASTTBC COUNCIL MINUTES FOR AUGUST 24, 2006 and COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA.

AIBC – BDIBC MoU. AIBC and BDIBC have worked during the summer on a proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). In accordance with the ASTTBC – BDIBC Agreement, ASTTBC responded to the first / early drafts. As a consequence BDIBC and AIBC adapted the proposed MoU in a manner that fully addressed ASTTBC response / comments. With this achieved ASTTBC Council advised BDIBC that ASTTBC had no further comment on the proposed MoU.

At the BDIBC AGM on September 16, 2006 the BDIBC President and AIBC Vice President signed a MoU which indicates that the two will continue discussions on professional regulation of building designers and possible incorporation of building designers within a revised Architects Act. SEE COUNCIL ACTION AGENDA.

AIBC AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS SIGN MoU. The two associations have agreed to continue discussions on a one act – one association model. (See attachment 2-8)

The Architects Act is the one piece of professional regulation requiring urgent change. This statute dates back some 85 years with only minor changes since enacted. AIBC is seeking a new piece of legislation. ASTTBC is supportive of changes to the Architects Act to meet current practices, especially as it pertains to ASTTBC-registered technologists, technicians and building designers. A major question is what approach the Government will take here in BC... and now nationally, given the intent to ensure full portability of rights. It also begs the question of where the BC and other governments will go re future look and feel of professional regulation, ie will governments embrace a form of ‘umbrella’ legislation... whether small or big umbrellas? Will governments conclude that the one act – one association model best serves the public and government interest for professional regulation? Important questions that will be addressed as we all work toward a new era of professional regulation coast to coast to coast.

Agrology and Biology Technology

COLLEGE OF APPLIED BIOLOGY. The College of Applied Biology of BC (CABBC) is connecting with key stakeholders as they move to seek enactment of that section of the legislation dealing with technologists and technicians. CABBC has indicated it wishes to regulate technologists only at this juncture, indicating an alignment with the registration of the RFT under the Foresters Act. ASTTBC provided a brief response and requested a meeting to discuss common and overlapping interests. ASTTBC has not heard back from CABBC as to meeting arrangements.

BC INSTITUTE OF AGROLOGISTS. Nothing new to report.

Building Officials

BOABC. ASTTBC continues to meet with BOABC to exchange information on matters of common interest.

General Practice & Liaison

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY BROKER. As noted in the last Report ASTTBC has appointed a new broker – **Willis Canada Inc.** Steady progress is being made to enhance the level of coverage and service to members. A detailed report will be made once we have completed a year with Willis.

THE MODERNIZATION PROJECT. The Modernization Project has been launched and ASTTBC will play an active role. And again with this initiative – focused on the built environment - there are direct ties to professional regulation. Roles and responsibilities will be discussed as part of this initiative. ASTTBC is one of the stakeholders with direct input to this work. Special task groups are being formed and ASTTBC is involved, with appointees to several of the groups:

- Adaptable Housing – ASTTBC not represented but monitoring
- Building Code Review – Dave Boswell, ASCT, RBD
- Building Policy Advisory Committee – John Schlosser ASCT, RBD
- Code Compliance – John Leech, ASCT, CAE
- Letters of Assurance – Joe Rommell, ASCT, CRD
- Liability – No task group. John Leech is prime contact

Government Appointments, Priorities and Liaison

BC SAFETY AUTHORITY LAUNCHES 'PROJECT HORIZON'. As part of the initiative the BCSA has invited various representatives to meet to consider matters of interest and concern to industry, the associations and other stakeholders. A group of 'electrical experts' was invited to meet on this topic. ASTTBC appointed Daryl Amos, AScT as our representative. (See attachment 2-9)

BC-ALBERTA TRADE, INVESTMENT AND LABOUR MOBILITY AGREEMENT (TILMA). I reported previously on TILMA and will continue to update on the Agreement as it unfolds. The Agreement commits that workers will, by 2009, be able to move freely between the provinces in terms of their rights to work. The Business Council of BC comments on TILMA. (See attachments 2-10, 2-11 & 2-12)

NATIONAL AGREEMENT SIMILAR TO TILMA. The TILMA initiative has been expanded with a statement by all provinces on Sept 7, 2006 indicating an intent to put this into place nationally. There is no doubt that this will impact professional regulation, including ASTTBC registration and rights to practice. It is long over-due for Canada to sort out the matter of worker mobility... sorely needed to more effectively meet the needs of internal trade as well as Canada's ability to meet the challenges of a global marketplace. (See attachment 2-13)

MLA LIAISON. Continue meetings with MLAs to introduce them to issues of interest to ASTTBC. Sent the recent issue of *ASTT NEWS* and *Annual Report & Services Directory* to MLAs. Letters received from various MLAs. A sample or two attached. (See attachment 2-14)

BC CABINET MINISTERS. Recent meetings: chat with Premier Gordon Campbell at event in Prince Rupert; connected at the same event with Hon Colin Hansen, Minister of Economic Development, and Hon Linda Reid, Minister of State for Child Care; Hon John van Dongen, Minister of Intergovernmental Relations; Hon John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General; Hon Rich Coleman, Minister of Forests and Range and Minister Responsible for Housing; joined many others at a breakfast meeting with the Hon Colin Hansen.

BC GOVERNMENT SENIOR STAFF – Connected with a number of senior staff: Don Fast, Deputy Minister, Economic Development; and, Moura Quayle, Deputy Minister, Advanced Education

MP LIAISON. Selective contact with BC MPs. Several letters received. Copy of the letter from Hon David Emerson's office attached. (See attachments 2-15)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION. The question of a Fall Session of the BC Legislature remains 'up in the air' The Government House Leader, Mike de Jong has made it clear that Government will not be recalled to do 'busy work' ... that as it stands Government is not prepared with sufficient legislation to call the Legislature for a 'regular' Fall sitting. The Minister has said that there MAY be a need to call the Legislature back for a brief period to make Legislative Appointments. The Spring 2007 Session is expected to be very full.

GOVERNMENT PRIORITIES. A number of initiatives are of particular interest to ASTTBC. The CAMPUS 2020 announced by Premier Campbell and Minister of Advanced Education Murray Coell will focus on BC's post-secondary system. ASTTBC believes this is a most welcome undertaking and will contribute to the discussion, particularly as it applies to technological education. The MODERNIZATION PROJECT covering the built environment is very significant and will lead to major changes. ASTTBC is actively engaged. The move to enhanced PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE is supported by most professional associations, including ASTTBC. Once again ASTTBC will take an active role, as ASTTBC-registered technology professionals will be significantly impacted by this initiative.

IMMIGRATION PROJECT. ASTTBC's submission to HRSDC was NOT approved due to changing government priorities. ASTTBC will continue to pursue funding in this area.

Institutes - Special Certification Programs

BCIPI. Gerry Goumans CTech, CHI wrote a letter for The Western Investor, September 2006. (See attachment 2-16)

HOUSE INSPECTORS TO BE LICENSED. ASTTBC is following up on Government's decision to pursue licensing of house inspectors. Good progress. Public information session expected this fall following considerable consultation by Government with various stakeholders. It is anticipated but not a surety that the Government will make final decisions before year end.

CAHPI(BC) LINKAGES. ASTTBC continues to attempt contact with CAHPI. ASTTBC will continue to foster a positive working relationship with all stakeholders.

12 YEARS OLD GETS CERTIFIED AS 'HOUSE INSPECTOR'. The fact that a 12 year old can get certified speaks to the real need for full credentialing in this field. (See attachment 2-17)

BDIBC. The BDIBC, with significant staff leadership and contribution, organized their 2006 Annual Meeting. Speakers included: Jeff Vasey, Director, Building Policy; Ken Cameron, CEO for Homeowner Protection Office; Craig Crawford, Vice President, BC Housing; Peter Boucher and Kerry Riley, WILLIS Canada Inc; Bill Billups, ASCT, Wood Works; Ronnie Laan, Communications Director, SAFERhomes Standards Society; and the Hon John Les, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General. The largest attendance ever. (See attachment 2-18)

CONSTRUCTION SAFETY. Conference arranged for this fall, with funding support from Worksafe BC. ASTTBC will host a 'CSO Future Directions Summit' this fall to review where we are at with the program and to set the stage for discussions re future directions.

FIRE PROTECTION. Next newsletter is in production; practice guide being amended; in communication with various people in BC Government about need to register fire techs; and, marketing program is being adjusted.

FOREST MEASUREMENTS REGISTRATION BOARD – The Board hosted a special Forest Measurements Certification Forum in June in Nanaimo. Practitioners representing the fields of waste surveying, vegetation inventory surveying and scaling were all on hand to help build the structure for the full integration of these fields within FMRB certification program. Work proceeding on update to the Timber Cruising Log; preliminary work on FMRB brochure underway; FMRB and Timber Cruisers web sites being updated.

ASTTBC CONTRACT WITH MoFR RE CRUISE DESIGN. ASTTBC completed a contract with the Ministry of Forests and Range (MoFR) to organize a workshop to review the design of cruises. As a result of the workshop the MoFR has embraced pilot programs for certain cruising methods and has launched advisory committees for both the coast and the interior. Further actions anticipated.

ASTTBC CONTRACT WITH MoFR RE TRAINERS. ASTTBC completed a contract with the MoFR to 'accredit' trainers who are qualified to provide training to MoFR staff in call grading & net factoring. ASTTBC will maintain the list of the recognized trainers on an ASTTBC database for reference by others who may also wish to avail themselves of the training. (See attachment 2-19)

ONSITE WASTEWATER. Signed MoU with the Ministry of Health. Continued work on the Sewage System Leadership Council (SSLC), with key matters of interest: definition of a 'professional'; use of non-registered practitioners; MoH funding for field audits; amendments to the Regulation; and workings of the SSLC. (See attachment 2-20)

PWIS. Nothing new.

SDIBC. Nothing new.

SITE IMPROVEMENTS SURVEYS. Nothing new.

GOAL #3 – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS

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

GOAL #4 – MEMBER & EMPLOYER SERVICES

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. The 2006 Annual General Meeting was held on May 26 at the Coast Hotel & Convention Centre in Langley. The theme was 'Practice & Profile'. The morning plenary presented the results of the 2005 Member Survey and strategic directions for ASTTBC. Afternoon workshops covered Risk Management and Career Management. Attendance was 119. Delegate surveys indicated a high level of satisfaction with location, approach and theme, workshops and meals, etc. The evaluations from the event are attached. (See attachment 4-1)

ASTT NEWS. Issue #118, the second issue for 2006 was mailed to members in July. ASTTBC's *Annual Report & Services Directory 2006* plus a new CTEN brochure were included in the mailing. With this issue, *ASTT News* is now being posted to the web site in pdf format instead of the previous html format as part of the ongoing refinement in approach to making *ASTT News* available to members and the broader audience.

Work on editorial material and advertising for the pending Fall 2006 issue of *ASTT News*, issue #119, is in progress.

ASTT e-NEWS. The inaugural issue of *ASTT e-News* was broadcast in May/06. The second issue will be broadcast in early September. *ASTT e-News* is also posted to the ASTTBC web site.

ANNUAL REPORT & SERVICES DIRECTORY. The ASTTBC *Annual Report & Services Directory 2006* printed and distributed at the Association's AGM in late May. 2006 edition was expanded with the addition of four pages to include improved coverage on certain editorial sections and the addition of new content; cover design introduced a corporate concept (stylized waves) being explored that may be used in other printed and 'e' marketing and communications collateral published by ASTTBC. Reaction to the current Directory has been positive with comments received from members and other stakeholders in the technology sectors.

ASTTBC WEB SITE. Work on redeveloping the ASTTBC web site continues at a brisk pace with visual and functionality concepts produced for the new site's 'look and feel', site matrix, content generation and collaborative authoring tools being investigated in more detail, content being compiled by ASTTBC Staff for their respective areas. This project is targeted for completion before the end of 2006.

Average number of visitors per day was 600 in May and June, dropping to 350 to 450 per day during the summer.

BROADCAST E-MAIL. 28 broadcast e-mails were sent between May and the end of August. Only 7 of these went to the full membership, the balance were messages for specific disciplines or institutes. It is anticipated the use of *ASTT e-News* will keep the volume of broadcast e-mails at a level members find acceptable.

85% OF MEMBERS ON EMAIL. We have started tracking member connectivity, noting that from January to August 2006 the number of members who have access to email has increased from 7134 to 7677, an increase of 2%. Some of this change attributable to the increased number of Student Members. (See attachment 4-2)

CTEN. A new brochure promoting the Canadian Technical Employment Network (CTEN) was produced. This brochure was done in partnership with ASET and was based on a design originally created by OACETT, leading to lower costs and a unified look across the country. This was distributed to all members through the *ASTT News* mailing, and it will be used to promote CTEN to employers. (See attachment 4-3)

Nationally, 646 jobs were posted on CTEN year-to-date as of June 30, 2006 compared to 461 a year earlier. In BC the numbers are 137 compared to 112 postings. While overall postings increased 40% nationally, there were significant regional differences with the hot Alberta job market making a 70% gain compared to 22% for BC.

MEMBER COMPENSATION SURVEY. The Member Compensation Survey is being conducted on-line during September, 2006. Members will be advised by broadcast email; those who have not provided ASTTBC with their email address will be mailed a paper copy. Results should be posted by mid-October. This is a service ASTTBC has been providing since 1977 with the last one being conducted in 1999.

E&O INSURANCE PROGRAM. Work continues to promote the new broker for the ASTTBC E&O Insurance Program – Willis Canada Inc. – and key aspects of this important ASTTBC program; bulletin scheduled for distribution to all members with the Fall issue of *ASTT News*.

GOAL #5 – SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AWARENESS

Career Awareness and Liaison - General

Dr MOURA QUAYLE IS SPEAKING AT AWARDS CELEBRATION 2006. The Minister has extended regrets due to another commitment and suggested the Deputy Minister, who has confirmed.

NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK 2006. Planning complete and activities being finalized. ASTTBC's participation will be significant, building upon a good start in 2005. ASTTBC is collaborating with CCTT to ensure greatest exposure. We requested and received a BC Government PROCLAMATION declaring October 30 – November 5, 2006 as NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY WEEK. (See attachment 5-1)

TODAY'S WOMAN AWARD AND WORKSHOP. ASTTBC is involved in this NORTHERN BC event. ASTTBC is: sponsoring the TECHNOLOGY LEADER AWARD; recognized as a sponsor in all promotion; placing the ASTTBC display booth in a small trade show; placing a one page advertisement in a 24 page feature in the Prince George Free Press; placing ASTTBC advertisements in a number of northern newspapers; and hosting a few female members to attend the workshop and awards dinner. Samples of advertising and promotion attached. ASTTBC members are involved as members of the award selection committee, attending the booth and participating on the workshop and awards dinner. (See attachments 5-2, 5-3, & 5-4)

PROMOTING CAREERS IN TECHNOLOGY. ASTTBC is currently drafting a work plan for TechWORKS! which will be finalized before year end. This plan will be comprehensive in that it will embrace all activities relating to promoting technology careers.

CCWESTT. Through Hiromi Matsui of SFU (a former public representative on the APEGBC Council) ASTTBC was invited to send a speaker to a CCWESTT conference on women in engineering, technology and trades hosted in Calgary in May. **Nancy Fowler AScT, Vice President** represented ASTTBC and spoke at the conference. As well, Lois Sterner, CCTT President, was invited to speak. (See attachments 5-5 & 5-6)

SKILLS CANADA COMPETITION. ASTTBC was invited to an award luncheon, July 6, 2006.. Geoff Sale AScT attended for the association.

PARTICIPATION IN MINING CONFERENCE. I was invited to speak at a Mining conference earlier this year in Mackenzie to talk about technology careers. Received nice letter of thanks and also acknowledging the \$1,000 bursary for a graduate from a northern institution. (See attachment 5-7)

Employer – Industry – Association Awareness & Liaison

EMPLOYER LIAISON PROGRAM. A new Employer brochure is being produced and will be distributed to members with the fall *ASTT News* mailing. It will be used as a key tool in ASTTBC's Employer Liaison Program.

ADVERTISING. Work continues on refinement of the 2006 – 2007 plan with the updating of a summary of commitments for 2006 and planned activities for 2007 and beyond; additional media information is being collected for relevant market segments to confirm options and costs, with some marketing research required to validate business/industry sectors and levels of investment to be made in 2007. ASTTBC placed advertising in numerous publications, including:

- Union of BC Municipalities Professionals Directory – listing ASTTBC and all several technical specialist programs
- Institute of Power Engineers (IPE) Annual Conference program
- Business In Vancouver (BIV) Hightech magazine
- BC Safety Authority special feature in BC Business
- Community newspapers (promoting Women in Technology, PG Woman Awards and a new ASTTBC-sponsored award for leadership by women in the technology sectors)

(See attachments 5-8(a-i), 5-9, 5-10 & 5-11)

SAFERhome STANDARDS SOCIETY. Work started in building relationship with SAFERhomes, a not-for-profit society promoting unique safer building standards for residential buildings. ASTTBC assisted SHSS with the design, production and printing of a SAFERhome brochure, presentation folder and tradeshow banner, and received media coverage of the Association's support and involvement. Projects of common interest by SHSS and ASTTBC being pursued. Work on Memorandum of Agreement with SAFERhome, which is anticipated in the immediate future. (See attachment 5-12)

SAFERhomes AT PNE – ASTTBC A PARTNER. The PNE home was designed to SAFERhomes standards. The new brochures, folders and display banner were on site, with ASTTBC sponsorship visible.

INDUSTRY & MEMBER MEETINGS. Meetings convened in Prince Rupert and Terrace to present information on SHAPING OUR FUTURE. Most successful with 10 and 20 attendees respectively. Had the support and assistance of Bill Belsey, AScT the former MLA for the area.

CAREER ADS CALLING FOR ASTTBC REGISTRATION. A number of career ads were noticed. (See attachments 5-13 & 5-14)

Education Awareness & Liaison

BCIT ALUMNI. Editorial article, profile on Dan Mooney, AScT, CPWI 1, and advertisement promoting the Association and benefits of registration as a technology professional are scheduled for publishing in the Fall 2006 issue of the *BCIT Alumni Ambassador* newsletter; this continues the Association's campaign to enhance awareness of ASTTBC and registration as a technology professional within the BCIT alumni.

A number of ads have been placed with BCIT:

- BCIT Alumni Association newsletter – ASTTBC ad
- BCIT Alumni Association newsletter – Profile of Mike Tarr, AScT
- BCIT Student Handbook

(See attachments 5-15, 5-16 & 5-17)

BRUCE STEVENS AScT ON OKANAGAN REGIONAL ADVISORYCTTEE. Bruce has been appointed as a ASTTBC rep on Okanagan College Regional Advisory Committee. (See attachment 5-18)

OKANAGAN COLLEGE CAREER AD & VIDEO CLIP. ASTTBC was invited by Okanagan College Associate Dean, Tom Roemer, to provide input to a new video clip produced by the College. OC is taking an active role in promoting technology careers. (See attachment 5-19)

COLLEGE MoA. ASTTBC is actively pursuing a MoA with Okanagan College and Camosun College. Similar to that signed with BCIT.

WOMEN IN ENGINEERING MEMORIAL. In July, the ASTTBC President, Vice President, Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director attended a cheque presentation at SFU made by ASTTBC in support of the Women In Engineering Memorial. (See attachment 5-20)

OKANAGAN COLLEGE PROGRAMS ACCREDITED. Two college programs were accredited. I was in Kelowna to present the certificates. Okanagan College was able to generate good PR from the presentation. (See attachments 5-21, 5-22, 5-23 & 5-24)

ASTTBC SUPPORTS MALASPINA COLLEGE PROGRAM. On request and after review of the program goals, I provided a letter of support for the proposed Green Building Energy Technician Program. (See attachment 5-25)

MULTICULTURAL HELPING HOUSE SOCIETY. ASTTBC provided a support letter for the Bamboo Network proposal. (See attachment 5-26)

BAMBOO NETWORK FOR CONSTRUCTION LAUNCH. ASTTBC was invited to attend the special launch of the new initiative. (See attachment 5-27)

Career Management and Administration

DISPLAY BOOTH. Due to high demand with over-lapping events, we have purchased a second copy of the ASTTBC display booth. This investment is paying off as the use of the two large display units has remained steady with ASTTBC participating in numerous events.

FEAT. Applications were received for the new ASTTBC / BC Hydro bursaries for technology students. Five recipients were selected by the FEAT/BCH adjudication committee. The \$1,000 bursaries will be awarded at the ASTTBC Awards & Recognition Celebration. Doug Nott, CTech and Muhammad Amer, CTech have expressed interest in joining the FEAT Board. Hugh Dobbie, AScT, RSD, MBA will be stepping down at the end of 2006 after many years of service to FEAT. In addition the FEAT Board has agreed to allocate a \$1,000 to a graduate from a northern BC college or institute.

FEAT BURSARY PRESENTATIONS AT BCIT. FEAT makes a significant contribution with many bursaries granted at BCIT and the colleges. (See attachment 5-28)

GOAL #6 – MANAGEMENT & ADMINISTRATION

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – AUGUST 2006. On track with the 2006 Budget, which was REVISED mid term. Revenues are at \$1,723,002 against a REVISED Budget of \$1,930,000 and Expenses at \$1,165,918 against a REVISED Budget of \$1,890,000. The Excess of Revenue over Expenses to date is \$557,084. SEE COUNCIL INFORMATION AGENDA.

ASTTBC WEB SITE. The project to completely redevelop the ASTTBC web site has commenced. To be completed by end of the year.

ASTTBC LOGO. Work continues to update ASTTBC's communications, publications, bulletins and marketing that incorporate the revised Association logo; logo use forms updated; requests for using the ASTTBC logo by members remained steady with members taking advantage of downloading the logo materials from the ASTTBC web site.