National Technology Week Showcases Technology Careers

ASTTBC CELEBRATES National Technology Week (NTW) during the first week of November to showcase the rewarding careers available today in applied science and engineering technology, and the unique roles of technologists, technicians and technical specialists… www.ASTTBC.org/ntw

The kick off for NTW is the ASTTBC Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration, this year held on November 2, 2013 and marking the 25th anniversary of this annual Technology Awards event. The gala event provides the opportunity for ASTTBC to recognize BC’s Technology Professionals who have demonstrated outstanding achievements, and to show appreciation to ASTTBC’s many volunteers and partners who contribute year after year to the growth and development of the Association.

Congratulations to our 2013 Technology Award recipients:

Advanced Technology Award
Eric Amundson, AScT
Nigel Bennet, AScT

Employer Award
Urban Systems Ltd.
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Honorary Membership
Kerry J llvm, BA, MA
John Bowman, MA
MLA: Hon. Ralph Sultan, BSc, PEng,
MA, MA, PhD
Peter Allan AScT Leadership Award
Bill MacPherson, AScT

Professional Achievement Award
Gerry Stevens, AScT
David Killey, RPPT, EngT.

Professional Leadership Award for Women in Technology
Pam Chilton, AScT, CRD
Tanya Steele, CSO

TechGREEN Award
Ken Baxter, C Tech (Individual)
City of Surrey (Organization)
McCue Environmental Contracting (Corporation)

ASTTBC supports Science World BC in taking on a leadership role in aligning the work of the numerous provincial agencies involved in promoting science and technology.

Many organizations like ASTTBC share a goal of exciting young minds about science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and in informing the larger community of how important applied science is to our future prosperity.

ASTTBC has been working to increase public and educator awareness and buy-in of the unique and valuable role of technologists, technicians and technical specialists, and to encourage more parents to have their children consider a two-year diploma of technology as a pathway to rewarding careers. ASTTBC has scheduled a meeting with Minister of Education Peter Fassbender for November 2013 to discuss technology education and careers in BC.

Congratulations to Michael Naga, AScT.

Our New Name

CONGRATULATIONS to Michael Naga, AScT, of Kelowna who came up with the winning idea that inspired the new name for our Association’s flagship publication… ASTTBC Connect.

Connecting with 10,000 ASTTBC members and BC’s science and technology community is, indeed, the purpose of ASTTBC Connect. Michael was presented with his prize at the Kelowna membership meeting on October 9th.

ASTTBC Donation Supports STEM Education

AT THE ASTTBC Technology Awards and Recognition Celebration event on November 2, ASTTBC announced a $25,000 donation to the ASTTBC Foundation to establish a new fund called the ASTTBC Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) Fund.

The ASTTBC STEM Fund will support annual science and technology education activities for K–12 students in BC. ASTTBC pledged this annual gift of $25,000 for five years, for a total of $125,000 in annual and endowed support to help the youth of today become the techs of tomorrow.

Annual General Meeting… Friday, May 23rd 2014
Please mark your calendar
Keeping Government Informed

In the News...

ASTTBC SIGNED A Memorandum of Agreement with Small Business BC and encourages the tech community to take advantage of its many services and seminars.

Executive Director of Public Works Association of BC Jeanette Austin and ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech signed a Memorandum of Agreement between PWABC, the Public Works Inspectors Society (PWIS) and ASTTBC at a PWABC meeting July 2013. As a result, PWIS and PWABC will merge operations. ASTTBC will continue the professional certification for CPWI, develop a new Public Works Technician program for First Nations and others, collect annual renewal fees for ASTTBC-certified CPWI and others, and offer assistance for continued growth and development.

The First Annual ASTTBC Nanaimo Golf Tournament took place on August 16, 2013, an all-day event in support of the ASTTBC Foundation spearheaded by Jerome MacKinnon, ASCT, and a committee of ASTTBC members from Herold Engineering Limited. Although neither are golfers, ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford, ASCT, BCLS, CLS, and Executive Director John Leech, ASCT, CAE, hit the course ‘supervising’ from their golf cart and enjoyed the dinner afterwards. There were two big winners that day as the Tournament Committee presented Dave Rutherford with a $400 donation to the ASTTBC Foundation, and John Leech presented Sue Durbin, President of the Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society (NS3) with a start-up grant from ASTTBC (see story on page 7).

By all reports, it was a fine day of golfing and organizers look forward to continuing next year. “This tournament is now established,” said Stacy Werner, CTeh, RDG. “I sincerely hope the event takes flight and grows into a premier golfing event for our Association, registered and non-registered technicians, technologists and technical specialists alike, in the years to come!”

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(1 to 3) ASTTBC Presidents Dave Rutherford, Minister of Advanced Education Amrik Virk; Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training, Shirley Bond, TECC Chair Sid Siddiqui, and ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech. ASTTBC presented the Ministers with an eagle feather by Salish Nation John Austin.”

Minister Rich Coleman (centre) flanked by ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford (/) and Executive Director John Leech. ASTTBC presented Minister Coleman with a hand-carved eagle feather, a symbol of leadership.

Attention Geomatics Technologists and Technicians

The Association of British Columbia Land Surveyors invites you to consider a career as a commissioned professional land surveyor. If you are working in the field of cadastral land surveying and are not currently registered as a Survey Student, you are invited to log onto the ASTTBC website and apply for admission. For more information, check out our website at...

www.abclsc.ca
Focus 2015: Practice & Accountability

QP – Focus 2015: Professional Practice

ASTTBC’s MANDATE under the AST Act is to “regulate the standards of training and practice of members and protect the public interest” (‘Object from AST Act’). As part of the Focus 2015: Practice & Accountability program, ASTTBC is enhancing the professional regulatory framework, especially as it applies to professional accountability.

In addition, the Association continues to pursue practice rights that are within the competencies of ASTTBC technology professionals. Practice recognition and rights to independent practice are identified and secured in a number of ways, including being identified as a Qualified Person/Professional and through a modified professional regulatory framework that would include the Professional Technician. Here are highlights of ASTTBC’s work:

**Qualified Person (QP)**

ASTTBC has been proactively considering areas where an ASTTBC-registered technology professional might be recognized as a QP. A number of areas of practice have been identified and posted to the ASTTBC website (August 2, 2013 posting under ‘What’s New’ – Communications header). One example for technologists and technicians is recognition as a Reclamation Specialist by the Oil and Gas Commission, and for Technical Specialists includes fields such as house inspection, onsite wastewater, and fire protection.

**ASTTBC – APEGBC Joint Board**

The newly formed Joint Board has a mandate to identify areas where recognition of ASTTBC members might be extended. The Joint Board’s work will take some time and will be ongoing. “I am very optimistic that working together with APEGBC will help the two associations better serve the public interest and protect health, safety and the environment,” said ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford, AScT, BCL S, CLS.

**Professional Technologist (PTech)**

ASTTBC Council has signaled a continued interest in pursuing PTech in BC. With over 350 PTech(Eng) now registered in Alberta, and the Licensed Engineering Technician law, but not enacted in Ontario, there is greater impetus for action in BC. PTech is also used in Newfoundland and New Brunswick, but in these two provinces the practitioners do not have a practice scope that includes ‘professional engineering’ whereas, that is the case with PTech(Eng).

ASTTBC has been ‘talking it up’ over the summer with Amirik Virk, Minister of Advanced Education and Minister Responsible for the AST Act, and several other Cabinet Ministers, MLA’s and Government staff. “I found Minister Virk quite open and receptive to ASTTBC’s proposal for the introduction of PTech in BC,” said ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford. “He provided some feedback that Tech is working in Alberta and other provinces, and wanted to know where we stand with other stakeholders, especially APEGBC. We provided Minister Virk with a high level look at our history with PTech, and in working over decades to secure full recognition of ASTTBC technologists, technicians and technical specialists.”

ASTTBC’s belief that PTech is a key component of the future regulatory model has been raised with the ASTTBC-APEGBC Joint Board and the APEGBC Council with the hope that APEGBC will join with ASTTBC in support of developing PTech in BC.

ViewPoint...

by Hon. Amirik Virk
Minister of Advanced Education

It must be nice to know you’re in demand!

Yes, these are exciting times for applied science technologists and technicians in British Columbia, with the promise of extraordinary opportunities and jobs in mining, natural gas, forestry, technology, transportation and other sectors where your skills are needed.

To make the most of these opportunities, we need to have skilled workers who can do the job.

My goal as the Minister of Advanced Education is to make sure our post-secondary system is giving students the training they need to work in sectors where we’re seeing the greatest demand. I want to put British Columbians first in line for those jobs, and I’m counting on the continued support and leadership of ASTTBC and its members to help me do it.

Soon after I had been appointed Minister of Advanced Education I was delighted to meet with ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford and Executive Director John Leech, and Sid Siddiqui, Chair of the Technology Education & Careers Council (TECC).

As a new Minister, it was a great opportunity for me to learn more about the work applied science technologists and technicians do in so many fields, the increasing demand for those skills and the work ASTTBC is doing to help us meet that demand, and to discuss some additional issues of concern to ASTTBC members.

Labour market forecasts expect an estimated one million jobs here by 2020 – and 43 per cent of them will require trades or technical training.

To fill those jobs we need to align training with the needs of employers and emerging industries. Our post-secondary institutions must continue to adapt and be nimble and flexible when it comes to preparing students for the right jobs. We need to encourage students to value and take courses in science, technology, engineering and math where the jobs are opening up.

And we need to work within budgets and make the most effective use of existing resources.

In British Columbia we have a world-class post-secondary system that is ready to respond to the demands of the labour market. And we’re building on our partnerships with our post-secondary institutions, with industry and labour, and of course, with skilled workers and organizations like ASTTBC.

I am very grateful for the leadership and support ASTTBC continues to provide in the area of applied science and technology. And I want to thank ASTTBC and its members for the outstanding work you do promoting science and technology education and careers.

I’m looking forward to working together with ASTTBC and its members to make sure we are aligning skills with jobs – providing the right training, in the right place, at the right time.
In the News...

John Leech spoke at the APEGBC South Central Branch in Kamloops June 6, relating the long history between APEGBC and ASTTBC, and their critical role as self-governing professional associations. Mike Bapty, PEng, Vice President of APEGBC, was the other guest speaker at the AGM. “Mike did a great job of speaking to the privilege of self-governing status and the critical role of APEGBC and their members,” said John.

ASTTBC Community Representative (Okanagan) Henry Murphy, AScT, who is an instructor at Okanagan College, had an impromptu photo taken with Premier Christy Clark at a Canada Day celebration in Kelowna. Henry thanked Christy from ASTTBC as he pointed out the hat he was wearing. "Henry is one of the biggest champions for ASTTBC," said Executive Director John Leech, AScT, CAE. "It came as no surprise that Henry would be at a community celebration wearing an ASTTBC cap."

A contingent of ASTTBC members, family and friends watched the BC Lions wear an ASTTBC cap. "It came as no surprise that Henry Murphy, AScT, who is an instructor at Okanagan College, had an impromptu photo taken with Premier Christy Clark at a Canada Day celebration in Kelowna. Henry thanked Christy from ASTTBC as he pointed out the hat he was wearing. "Henry is one of the biggest champions for ASTTBC," said Executive Director John Leech, AScT, CAE. "It came as no surprise that Henry would be at a community celebration wearing an ASTTBC cap."

If you have made a change in your career or employment, or are doing something that your peers would find interesting, ASTTBC would love to hear from you! Please email – editor@asttbc.org

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ASTTBC Foundation Supports Technology Students

The ASTTBC FOUNDATION offers annual bursaries and awards to qualifying first or second year students in ASTTBC-accredited technology programs in BC. The Foundation provides more than $25,000 in student support each year, and also helps to fund science and technology education and awareness in BC.

Thanks to the generous support of donors since the Foundation was established in 1990, the Foundation’s endowment has topped $500,000. This fund will help the youth of today to become the techs of tomorrow, for generations to come.

“We appreciate all the donors whose generous support makes our annual student award and bursary programs possible,” said Anne Sharp, Manager, Marketing & Communications and ASTTBC Foundation Executive Director. “On behalf of all the students who benefit from your support, we thank you.”

The names of ASTTBC Foundation donors are recognized (not the amount of their gift) in our Honour Roll of Donors posted annually on the ASTTBC Foundation website.

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The Foundation plans to develop a Legacy Giving Program and would like to gather input from ASTTBC members. If you have made a charitable bequest to the ASTTBC Foundation or are considering doing so, please contact Anne Sharp at asharp@asttbc.org to arrange a convenient call or visit.

below; Don Bealle, BEng, founding donor of the ASTTBC Reg Bidlake Memorial Fund, presents the award to Vincenzo Raimondo, Jr. at the BCIT June Grad Ceremony.

Kelowna Leaders Talk Tech Education & Careers

TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION AND CAREERS was the topic for John Leech, MLA Norm Letnick (Kelowna-Lake Country), Okanagan College Vice President Andrew Hay, and education and industry leaders at a luncheon in Kelowna last August. ASTTBC invited all to review BC’s demand for technologists, technicians and technical specialists. Among the more than 30 in attendance… Hugh Gloster, School District Superintendent; Kelowna Chamber of Commerce CEO Caroline Grover; Urban Systems CEO Martin Bell; Senior Associate for Stantec Brian Anderson; Unicor President Gerry L’Esperance; and Interior Health Director Wise Hill.

A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Douglas MacLeod, PhD, former Dean at Okanagan College now with Athabasca University, for his leadership promoting technology education and careers.

MLA Norm Letnick noted the number of techs currently in BC and the need for more as new major projects such as LNG are developed. He congratulated ASTTBC for its contribution to technical careers. Andrew Hay talked about Okanagan College’s past and current enrollments and the Sustainable Construction Technology Management Program to be launched in 2014. John distributed ASTTBC’s A Strategic Direction for Technology Education and Skills in British Columbia, and related past efforts to promote technology education and careers, and plans for the near future. John highlighted ASTTBC’s work with First Nations and women, noting that 10% of ASTTBC’s technologists and technicians are female, similar to other associations.

The event was featured in the Kelowna Daily Courier of August 21.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2013 ASTTBC TECHNOLOGY AWARD RECIPIENTS!

We salute your achievements. The BCIT Alumni Association is proud to sponsor the 25th Annual ASTTBC Technology Awards. The long-term partnership between ASTTBC and the BCIT Alumni Association continues to strengthen the value to our alumni.

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The ASTTBC Council for 2013 – 2014 was introduced at the AGM 2013:

**OFFICERS**

- **President**
  - Dave Rutherford, AScT, BCLS, CLS

- **Vice President**
  - Keith Trulson, AScT, EngL

- **Secretary-Treasurer**
  - Trent Reid, C Tech

- **Past President**
  - Bill MacPherson, AScT

**COUNCIL DIRECTORS**

- Barry Brooks, AScT, CHI, RRAEA(L), PEng
- Sarah Campbell, C Tech, RTMg
- Toni-Lynn Card, AScT
- Richard Cave, AScT
- Russell Dobie, AScT, PMP
- Dmitri Galak, AScT, PQS, MRICS
- Kai Hui, AScT
- Grant Loyer, AScT, CMC

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- Brian Carr, PhD, BSc (appointed)
- Wendy Grant-John, MBA, LLB (Honorary)
- Tim Smith, PGeo, EngL

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**40 Year Members**

{1 to 7} Bill MacPherson, AScT; ASTTBC President, with members celebrating 40 years of commitment to their Association…

Yee Wong, AScT; Wayne Wilson, AScT; Peter Turgenev, AScT; Keith Switzer, AScT; Geoff Sale, AScT; Walter Nykampvork, AScT; Ken Lakevaremy, AScT; Walter Harker, AScT;
Dave Rutherford, AsSTTBC President Dave Rutherford Future Directions

AT ASTTBC’s recent 2013 Annual General Meeting, incoming President Dave Rutherford, AsSTTBC, BCLS, CLS, spoke of three key areas of opportunity in describing the Association’s pathway to the future.

His first key area is collaboration with other organizations. “ASTTBC is but one of many professional regulatory bodies in the engineering and applied science sectors in British Columbia. All of us are about protecting the public interest – it makes sense that we can be more effective by working together,” said Dave.

“The second area of opportunity I see for ASTTBC during my term (2013 – 2015) as President is FOCUS 2015: Practice & Accountability. This is a targeted program that will see improved service to the public and profession as a result of enhancements to ASTTBC’s professional regulatory framework, including policies, processes and services.”

Dave then identified the third area, the national scene. “ASTTBC will remain very active on ramping up Technology Associations, and align our tech -nology associations, and align our tech -

Dave also pointed to the need to renew our relationships with all provincial tech -nology associations, and align our tech -nology and technician designations to provide clarity across Canada.

Wendy Grant-John Appointed Order of BC

WHEN LT. GOV. Judith Guichon announced the names of 13 British Columbians who are to receive the Order of British Columbia, one of those appointed was Wendy Grant-John, Public Representative on the ASTTBC Council.

“The Order of British Columbia recognizes remarkable accomplishments by extraordinary British Columbians,” said Premier Christy Clark. “This year’s recipients have each made a difference in their communities and to the province.”

Wendy Grant-John has contributed through leadership, economic development, legal, social and cultural means for more than 30 years. When she served as Chief of the Musqueam First Nation, she launched the first Aboriginal commercial fishery in Canada and helped the Musqueam achieve two landmark Supreme Court cases that solidified Aboriginal Rights in the Constitution.

Wendy was the first woman elected Regional Chief of the Assembly of First Nations and served as commissioner of the Pacific Salmon Commission. She is a founding member and director of the Aboriginal Healing Foundation, and has worked on the Big Sisters mentoring program for First Nations women.

Wendy Grant-John is a sitting member of the Chief and Council for the Musqueam Indian Band. She is chair of the Minister’s Advisory Council on Aboriginal Women, which provides advice to the BC government on improving the lives of Aboriginal women. Her many awards include an honorary doctor of laws from Royal Roads University in 2003 and an honorary doctor of laws from Simon Fraser University in 2011. “ASTTBC congratulates Wendy on this well deserved recognition,” said Executive Director John Leech, AsSTTBC, CAE. “Wendy is a dedicated representative for not only the First Nations and ASTTBC, but for all British Columbians.”

ASTTBC Council has approved the Executive Director’s proposed Work Plan for 2014, which points to another forward-looking agenda for the year ahead.

Key elements of the plan include:

• Secure BC Government support to introduce PTE in BC.
• Continue work of the ASTTBC-APEGBC Joint Board to address Qualified Professional status for ASTTBC members and achieve legislative targets spelled out in the Terms of Reference.
• New Qualified Professional status for ASTTBC members.
• Support 5-Ministry ‘Professional Reliance’ initiative.
• Electrical Work Practitioner program – first year.
• Continue to roll out FOCUS 2015: Practice & Accountability program.
• Enhance Technical Specialist programs and launch new initiatives.
• Support development of Technology Accreditation Canada.
• Participate in a pan-Canadian professional regulatory framework initiative.
• Grow the Employer Partner program.
• Grow e-Business; commence work on new member database software.
• Complete study on a new fundraising project for the ASTTBC Foundation.

“ASTTBC continues to move ahead in a ‘let’s get it done’ style, all within the mandate as defined in the ASTT Act,” said Executive Director John Leech, AsSTTBC, CAE. The complete Work Plan 2014 is posted on the ASTTBC website.

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ASTTBC Supports Nanaimo Science Centre

VANCOUVER ISLAND’S first Science Centre got a welcome funding boost this summer—a $2,000 ASTTBC grant. “We’re excited to help a marvellous Nanaimo area group get the Island’s first interactive science centre off the ground,” said ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech, AsSTC, CAE. “The Nanaimo Science and Sustainability Society—NS3—is already partnering with Science World and Vancouver Island University to develop a science centre as robust as the BIG Little Science Centre in Kamloops.”

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Okanagan College 50th Anniversary Honours ASTTBC Officers

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR John Leech, AsSTC, CAE, and Media Relations Manager Garry Gaudet were among ‘50 People Who Made a Difference’ honoured at an Okanagan College 50th Anniversary Celebration in Kelowna on September 27, 2013.

Okanagan is second only to BCIT in graduating BC technologists and technologists and engineers.

Okanagan College 50th Anniversary Honours ASTTBC Officers

John Leech, AsSTC, CAE

Promoting the ASTTBC Brand
ASTTBC marketing and communications reflect our Brand Promise: ASTTBC TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS… Qualified. Registered. Accountable.

ASTTBC, the professional association for technology professionals in British Columbia, is committed to promoting excellence and professionalism in the technology sector. By promoting our technology professionals and industry, we ensure that we are recognized as a valuable resource for businesses and organizations.

John Leech, AsSTC, CAE

Executive Director, ASTTBC
Introducing ASTTBC’s 30,000th Member…

Param Duley, AScT

A THE ASTTBC Council meeting on September 26, 2013, Parampreet (Param) Singh Duley, AScT, was recognized for the distinction of being the 30,000th registered member of ASTTBC.

Param was born in Punjab, India, and immigrated with his family to Canada in 1999 at age 17. Living in Surrey, Param earned a Kwantlen Polytechnic University certificate in Applied Sciences, and later graduated the Biomedical Engineering program at BCIT in 2007. Since then he has been employed by Vancouver General Hospital, maintaining medical equipment in the VGH operating rooms, at the BC Cancer Hospital in Vancouver and VCH Community Health Centers.

Param holds BC Cancer Agency Biomedical Engineering Technologist accreditation and served as the Lead Technologist for an infusion pump purchase project for Cancer Centers across BC. Active in community service, Param managed a South Asian fundraiser, the Guadas Muan Dinner, which raised funds for BC Children’s Hospital.

“Our 30,000th registered member, in many ways, represents ASTTBC’s growth, energy and range of certified skills,” said ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech. “Growing numbers of technologists and technicians are graduating BC colleges, BCIT and universities from previously underrepresented groups, to become technology professionals – women, First Nations students and immigrants to Canada among them. This body well for BC employers and industries that demand capable, keen workers skilled in technology.”

ASTTBC GradTech Survey Report

JASON JUNG, AScT, Manager, Member & Program Development, presented the results of the ASTTBC GradTech Survey 2012 to the ASTTBC Council last May. Council expressed support for the conclusions that were drawn.

Feedback from the GradTechs surveyed indicated that 61% of the grads from technology programs feel strongly that they should have a title they can use in reports, business cards or other correspondence. Furthermore, 65.4% of respondents said they would use a title if it did a good job of defining their qualifications.

ASTTBC Staff and Council are committed to looking at ways to enhance the level of recognition for the GradTech designation, as well as encouraging GradTechs to display and use their designation.

The full GradTech Survey 2012 Report is available at www.asttbc.org under Communication & Services > Publications.

Pam Chilton Wins Wood Design Award

ASTTBC congratulates Pam Chilton, AScT, CRD, on receiving the Western Red Cedar Award at the 2013 Wood Design Awards by Wood WORKS! BC. Don Demens (above left) presented the award to Pam on behalf of Western Forest Products, the Red Cedar Award sponsor. ASTTBC is a Gold Sponsor of this annual industry event, which supports and recognizes excellence in wood design.

Pam was also honoured at the ASTTBC Technology Awards & Recognition Celebration 2013, where she received a Professional Leadership Award for Women in Technology.

You Told Us…

“I have decided to retire in August 2013 from my current Building Design customary practice. I will be pursuing other semi-retired activities and therefore will not be renewing my RBD registration at this time. I have thoroughly enjoyed my professional years of service within the field and appreciate all of the advantages that ASTTBC and, by extension, the Building Designers Institute of British Columbia (BDIBC) have provided me over the years. I would like to thank ALL of you, the staff of the Association, its leadership, the support teams, friends, colleagues, associates and anyone else I may have missed that has had a positive impact in my career development. Many, many thanks to all of you! I will continue my ASTTBC membership as a ‘retired’ status this upcoming year and beyond.”

Paulo Salvador, AScT, CRD, RD AIBC, Consultant

“Thank you for extending an invitation to me on the Annual AGM and Pro D Day. I would like to pass on my sincere thanks to you and ASTTBC for the offer, and I now know what I have been missing these past few years. Next year I will be there for sure.”

John Murnane, AScT, Director of Project Services, Facilities and Campus Development, BCIT

“I write this letter to confirm that after 40 years as a member, I have decided to retire. It has been a privilege to be associated with such a fine group of members and those that work directly for the administration. I would like to especially thank our Executive Director, Mr. John Leech, for the steady firm hand he has had on the rudder through this time of dynamic growth along with its many challenges. As a member of BDIBC, I know the effort Mr. Leech put into finding us our own niche in the building design industry and supporting the members in dealing with the City of Surrey and other municipal jurisdictions throughout the province.”

John E. Biddle

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BC Government-funded Projects Benefit ASTTBC, Employers & ITTPs

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he BC Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training (JSTT) supported ASTTBC in three projects related to improving the integration of internationally trained Technology Professionals (ITTps) into the BC workforce. The information obtained from these projects has exceeded expectations and is proving to be beneficial not only to ITTps, but also to any potential applicant for ASTTBC certification and to employers.

The first project, One-year Canadian Work Experience, was designed to answer the question: What knowledge, skills and behaviours does a person with one or more years work experience in BC have compared to someone who has never worked in BC? For a reliable answer, ASTTBC organized employer consultations in eight BC locations. More than 90 people representing 83 employers participated. The responses from each consultation were almost identical. The shortage of competent technologists and technicians is a major concern for employers and may result in limiting the amount of work that companies can accept.

The performance indicators demonstrated by employees with one or two years experience were clustered into five competency areas. Each competency cluster has from eight to twelve observable and measurable indicators. The five clusters of competencies are: 1) English language communication skills; 2) Knowledge and application of discipline-specific codes, standards and practices; 3) Adapting to the Canadian business culture; 4) Personal attributes; and 5) Social, cultural and community integration.

The second project, Working in BC, used the information gleaned from the employer consultations to develop training resources for ITTps that include a Working in BC workshop/webinar and accompanying study guide covering the key competency areas that BC employers consider important for entry and integration into the BC workplace. Each topic is supported by a brief video presentation of essential information. All the resources developed in this project are available at www.ittpbc.ca. The Working in BC workshop/webinar is presently being developed with a target completion date of November 2013.

The third project, called Preparation of Database Specifications, sought proposals to design, develop and implement a new database for ASTTBC. The new database will include a broader range of data capture fields, particularly for ITTps, to produce enhanced services to applicants and improved report generation for ASTTBC, employers and the government.

The knowledge gained from the BC Government-supported projects is now being applied to improve ASTTBC policies and services for all applicants regardless of their place of origin.

Technology Professionals Canada Update

Technology Professionals Canada (TPC), the alliance of four provincial technology professional associations (BC, AB, SK and ON) representing about 85% of the registered technologists and technicians in Canada, continues to work methodically toward a new national model for accrediting education providers. Graduates from accredited programs are recognized by the professional associations as having satisfied the foundational competencies required for professional certification.

While ASTTBC continues to rely on the Canadian Technology Accreditation Board (CTAB) to accredit programs in BC, ASTTBC is committed to a new accreditation framework and model. A new model for accreditation will likely roll out in 2014,” said ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech, ASCT, CAE. “The Canadian Standards Association report commissioned by TPC pointed to areas within the CTAB model warranting improvement. These will most surely be addressed when Technology Accreditation Canada is launched.”

TPC is also encouraging renewed linkages between the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (MN, NS, PEI, NB and NLFD – PQ is not a member of TPC or CCTT) to work collaboratively in areas such as enhanced portability of professional credentials. “A letter has gone from TPC to the CCTT leadership requesting a joint meeting,” said ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford, ASCT, BCL S, CLS. “The Presidents of nine of the professional associations met earlier this year and left with a promise to meet again in the fall of 2013. The ASTTBC Council is firmly committed to renewing and assuring a collaborative working relationship among all 10 professional associations.”

Have You Considered Becoming a Mentor?

ASTTBC and the Immigrant Employment Council of BC (IEC-BC) are working with a number of other service providers to assist internationally trained professionals find work in engineering and applied science technology through our mentorship program.

ASTTBC members have long been providing mentoring and networking opportunities to their colleagues on an informal basis. If you are not already an active volunteer for your Association, this is an ideal opportunity to get involved by directly helping your professional immigrant colleagues to integrate into Canadian workplaces and to find employment that makes the best possible use of their education, skills and experience.

Find out how to become a mentor at www.ittpbc.ca and view the video to see if mentoring is something you would like to do.

Surrey Board of Trade Wins Canadian Chamber Competition

The Surrey Board of Trade was awarded the top award at the Canadian Chamber of Commerce Convention in Kelowna this fall for their leadership on connecting with educators to address the skills gap.

The Surrey Board of Trade won Gold for their HR Solutions for Immigrant Talent Initiative, which is an employer-focused program in partnership with Douglas College to assist small and medium sized businesses in the Surrey region in integrating immigrants into their labour pool. The project involves workshops, resources navigation, training and immigrant HR support for employers.

“We congratulate the Surrey Board of Trade on this well-deserved recognition,” said ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech, ASCT, CAE. “ASTTBC has an active volunteer of the Surrey Board of Trade to foster mutual support, which is particularly helpful with regard to our activities involving Internationally Trained Technology Professionals (ITTps).”

Over 27% of Surrey’s population is under 19 years old and over 43% of Surrey residents speak a language that is not English at home. “In Surrey, like many other cities across Canada, employers are increasingly relying on new immigrants to meet their skill shortages,” said Anita Huberman, CEO, Surrey Board of Trade. “The Surrey Board of Trade’s program helps address this need.”

TechJOBS Career Listings Online

Looking for a new challenge or job opportunity?

ASTTBC has a new job listing service called TechJOBS at www.ASTTBC.org/jobs where you can view active listings.

In addition to the CTEN national job posting service, TechJOBS is a member service whereby employers post new career opportunities on the ASTTBC website every week. The high number of unique and return visitors to the page has kept it one of the top visited pages.

Employers can find pricing details online. To book a posting, please contact techinfo@asttbc.org.

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Jerome MacKinnon, AsST, Project Manager, Herald Engineering Limited

Volunteers Step Up to the Challenge

The ASTTBC certification and registration process relies heavily on subject matter experts (SME) to determine if applicants have achieved the standards required for membership. With 17 technologist and technician disciplines and 10 technical specialist occupation groups, the number of SMEs required is significant.

In July 2013, a broadcast message was sent to ASTTBC members with five or more years membership requesting volunteers to serve as Board of Examiners File Reviewers. The message highlighted several features of being a file reviewer including:

- Qualifies for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) points; files may be reviewed online 24/7; and files may be reviewed regardless of where you live or work.
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Within 72 hours of the broadcast, ASTTBC received positive replies from 43 members from all over BC, Alberta and one from Oman. A follow-up message was sent to everyone that stepped up to the challenge. More than 50 volunteers were invited to join a two-hour training session in October on using the Technology Registrations Canada (TRC) online process to review and evaluate application files. Invited SME volunteers had the option of attending in person or by webinar.

The time commitment as a reviewer is minimal. In addition to the training, time is required to review and evaluate each application. This could range from one to three hours per file depending on the complexity of the application. The number of files to be reviewed varies, but generally it is not more than five files per year. File reviewers also have the option of declining a review if they are too busy or otherwise unavailable.

It is never too late for members to share their expertise by joining an ASTTBC Board, being a file reviewer or getting involved in other interesting activities. Just contact any ASTTBC staff member or someone you know who is now an ASTTBC volunteer. Here is what Grant A. Lachmuth, AsST, RTMg, had to say about being a volunteer...

“It has been a sincere honour and a privilege to be a member of the RTMg Certification Board since 2009. I appreciate your patience and understanding with my Kelowna-based, long-distance participations. I look forward to any future opportunities to serve the Association and its membership on any other committees/boards that may be appropriate.”

Jerome entered the technology profession sparked by his appreciation and interest in the engineering and construction industries. “I am constantly amazed by building architecture as well as how building components are constructed,” he says.

Born and raised in Medicine Hat, Alberta, Jerome moved south to Lethbridge in 1999 to study engineering technology. While there, he played collegiate level baseball for the Lethbridge Prairie Dawgs. In 2002, after graduating from Lethbridge Community College with a Civil Engineering Diploma, he moved to Nanaimo.

Jerome is a Project Manager in the Building Envelope Division at Herold Engineering Limited in Nanaimo. His work includes rendering remediation and consulting services for various building envelope systems, from single-family homes to large commercial, industrial and residential facilities. His career also involves concrete restoration, depreciation reports, asset management planning for municipalities, and sustainable and energy efficient building design. He has contributed to various civil and geotechnical projects ranging from materials testing to highway construction.

Jerome is an active member of the Young Professionals of Nanaimo, a group that organized and fundraised for the full remediation of Nanaimo’s historic train station after a fire claimed 80 per cent of the building in 2007. He and his wife Dominique Sullivan enjoy their time raising two children, Zoe and Oliver, and travelling. In his spare time, Jereme coaches Dominique Sullivan’s team and plays in a mixed slow-pitch baseball team, plays guitar, and builds guitar tube amplifiers and indulges a passion for golf. He was instrumental in organizing the First Annual ASTTBC Nanaimo Golf Tournament in August, with proceeds going in support of the ASTTBC Foundation.

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Technical Specialists Update

Building Design

- Architectural Institute of BC (AIBC) Council decides designers will NOT have special status as Associates (see Building Design Backgrounder below).
- ASTTBC continues to promote practice rights for residential and building designers.
- ASTTBC will consider revitalizing Building Designers Institute of BC.

Building Design Backgrounder

There has been little effort put into the Building Designers Institute of BC (BDIBC) in recent years due to the action over several years by the Architectural Institute of BC to introduce residential and building designers into their membership, all without the direct support or involvement of ASTTBC. Dave Boswell, ASCT, a long-time leader within BDIBC, was quite active as a spokesperson for designers to the AIBC Council. Over the years the members of AIBC have raised significant concern about the AIBC direction and as a result the AIBC Council has now decided that there will be no distinct group of building/residential designers within AIBC ‘Associate’ class.

“In large part because of this decision, Dave Boswell stepped down in July 2013 as a representative for designers,” said ASTTBC Executive Director John Leech, ASCT, CAE. "ASTTBC has stepped in touch with all our designer members (Certified Residential Designers and Registered Building Designers) to keep them posted on AIBC developments. In recent months there has been a growing interest in revitalizing BDIBC and this is now under active consideration by ASTTBC staff.”

Fire Protection

- ASTTBC placed a new advertisement in the Fire Protection Officers’ Association of BC magazine Convention 2013 issue.
- ASTTBC is reaching out in a proactive manner to local governments that do not have a fire bylaw requiring ASTTBC certification.
- Eighteen municipalities now have a bylaw that requires ASTTBC certification as a Registered Fire Protection Technician to inspect, test and maintain fire protection systems. More will be added in 2013.

House & Property Inspection

- ASTTBC is actively working with the BC Government, Consumer Protection BC and other stakeholders to develop a new licensing regime for house inspectors (see House Inspection Backgrounder below).
- ASTTBC believes consumers will be better served with one and not four different certification agencies.
- ASTTBC is working with the Real Estate profession to ensure best practices in service to consumers.
- The new ‘look’ for ASTTBC PI has rolled out and generally being met with acceptance by ASTTBC registrants (see ASTTBC PI brochure insert).
- ASTTBC published a report on ASTTBC PI and invited registrants to participate in a webinars. Member meetings are planned for the fall.

House Inspection Backgrounder

The BC Government has agreed to review the current licensing framework for house inspectors. ASTTBC has for years expressed the concern that the current regulatory system, which has four different certification and registration agencies and standards, does not adequately protect consumers. Since Minister Rich Coleman was asked by Premier Clark to assume responsibility for this file, ASTTBC has been actively involved. Meetings with the Minister, the CEO for Consumer Protection BC (currently responsible for licensing) and with Ministry staff have assisted ASTTBC as the Association refines its approach to Government on this critical issue.

Registered Reserve Fund Analyst (RRFA)

- The Registered Reserve Fund Analyst is a designation available for property and house inspectors who want to become ‘qualified persons’ under the BC Strata Act and Regulations to analyze and prepare strata depreciation reports. ASTTBC-registered CPI and CHI are encouraged to consider the RRFA designation.

Onsite Wastewater

- ASTTBC is planning a forum for key stakeholders this fall.
- ASTTBC President Dave Rutherford, Secretary Treasurer Trent Reid and Executive Director John Leech met Minister of Health Terry Lake to talk about ASTTBC’s certification program and proposals for overall improvements.
- Work is nearing completion on a standard filing protocol and Letter of Certification for use by all Health Authorities.
- ASTTBC continues to pursue a Central Filing System. Minister Lake expressed interest and the Ministry staff sees value in moving in this direction.
- ASTTBC is engaging with other provinces to determine their programming in onsite wastewater.

Public Works Inspection

- The Public Works Association of BC, Public Works Inspection Society of BC and ASTTBC signed an agreement to work collaboratively on public works training and certification.
- The First Nations Education Society, PWABC and ASTTBC, among other stakeholders, are working together to develop a new public works technician certification program.

Site Improvements Surveys

- ASTTBC is meeting with the Association of BC Land Surveyors this fall to explore ways to better manage the exemption in the Land Surveyors Act that allows members of ASTTBC to carry our work usual to their registration.

Steel Detailing

- ASTTBC asks consultants and employers to recognize and use the Registered Steel Detailer (RSD) and Certified Steel Detailer (CSD) designations. n

Building a Sustainable Future...

ASTTBC is successful because of our great relationships with many stakeholders, especially BC employers. We ask all employers to get behind ASTTBC in support of our work to ensure BC has a sustainable supply of technologists, technicians and technical specialists. ASTTBC asks employers to encourage all staff to become registered with ASTTBC and to call for ASTTBC registration in their job posting qualifications.

- John Leech, ASCT, CAE
- ASTTBC Executive Director

ASTTBC Employer Partner Program

The Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of British Columbia has 10,000 active members registered annually. The ASTTBC Employer Partner Program promotes employer awareness and buy-in of the unique and valuable role of ASTTBC technologists, technicians and technical specialists on the applied science team.

ASTTBC supports employers by…

- Assuring the professional competence of ASTTBC-registered members.
- Providing employment search services through the national CTEN service at www.cten.ca and ASTTBC’s TechJOBS at www.ASTTBC.org/jobs.
- Promoting technology education and careers in BC.
- Actively addressing the BC skills shortage.
- Engaging government and industry to work together to foster a science and technology culture in BC.
- Assessing the qualifications of Internationally Trained Technology Professionals.

Employers support ASTTBC by…

- Supporting and encouraging ASTTBC professional certification.
- Calling for ASTTBC registration in job descriptions and career ads.
- Hiring ASTTBC-registered members.
- Paying for annual membership dues.
- Encouraging Continuing Professional Development (CPD).
- Accommodating staff who volunteer with ASTTBC.
- Making a charitable donation to the ASTTBC Foundation to help fund bursaries and awards for technology students across BC.

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A N URGENT NEED to improve living conditions in a south-central BC First Nations community has led to the creation of a house inspection technology program unique in Canada.

Nine students from Skeetchest’ network of Indian Reserves near Savona, BC, have taken the BC Institute of Technology training program, which brought a much-needed service in assessing and maintaining existing buildings on the reserve. The program could become a model for career training on reserves across the province.

The instructors are certified under rigorous ASTTBC house inspection licensing standards.

“The students are qualified carpenters who have been repairing these homes for years and another is the band housing coordinator. There are 104 existing homes on the reserve, where the entire program was delivered,” said Ken Mayo, CHI, RFFA(1), one of five instructors, including Hugh Poole, CTech, CPI, and Steve Banfield, CTech, CPI, RFFA.

BCIT’s intensive 12-week program opened last April and included a series of six sessions. Dawn McGrath, ROWP, Senior Construction Manager for the Skeetchest’ Indigenous Band and a member of the First Nations Careers Council, was instrumental in designing the program and arranged the initial funding to create the successful delivery model with the Active Measures program under Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada and CMHC.

Students expressed thanks to the band council and BCIT for their commitment to providing this much-needed training on the reserve. ASTTBC welcomes the opportunity to work with the students, as they are now eligible to apply for certification, which leads to home inspector licensing from Consumer Protection BC.

Savona First Nation House Inspection Program

ASTTBC & First Nations Careers Council

Chair Bill Baglot, Grad Tech, First Nations Careers Council Chair

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Some of the students and instructors at the Skeetchest’s Class 2013 (l to r): Calten Dormay, Ken Mayo, CHI, RFFA(L), Tara Gonzales-Nicholas, Charles Gairdener, Jenna Apsassin, Doug Seymour and Carey Lamb.

Dwayne Williams (l), Capacity Development Director, First Nations Technology Council, and Bill Baglot, Grad Tech, First Nations Careers Council Chair.

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