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## *The Newsletter of the Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta*

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### **SPRING 2001 ISSUE**

#### **Announcements**

##### ***Annual General Meeting***

*Time: 1:30 PM.*

*Address:*

**Alastair Ross Technology  
Centre,  
3553 – 31 Street NW, Suite  
123**

The Alastair Ross Technology Centre is in the University Research Park near the Petroleum Recovery Insititute.

**Map on page 4.**

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#### ***Professional Development Seminar 2001***

The ACPA would like to thank the following organizations for sponsoring the seminar:

**Agilent Technologies  
Matrix Solutions  
Enviro-Test Laboratories  
Maxxam Analytics Inc  
Norwest Laboratories  
URS Corporation**

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#### ***ACPA membership***

On page 4 is a proposal of how the membership structure might work after approval by POLARA. Your comments are needed.

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#### ***Professional Development Credit Trial***

Those of you who received a "beta" form to fill out and return may be interested in

the following definition as defined in our by-laws.

"practice of chemistry" means

(i) sampling, analyzing, evaluating, interpreting, reporting, advising, training and educating in the chemical sciences,

(ii) the application of those sciences including without limitation environmental monitoring, industrial chemistry, research, quality systems, laboratory operations and method development, and

(iii) the management of the activities listed in (i) and (ii);

"chemical sciences" means the analytical, organic, biochemical, inorganic, physical, theoretical, and applied chemistry disciplines;

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#### **From the President Don White**

It's Spring! Well, depending on where in Alberta you are living, you may or may not be sure of whether its spring or not. Those of you in southern Alberta have seen a lot more snow than those of us in the north (too bad unless you're a farmer or skier).

I would like to make a couple of announcements. First, Trevor Satchwill who has served on the Board for the last several years has resigned from the Board due

to work. He has taken a position with Environment Canada in the Ottawa-Hull area. The Board would like to thank Trevor for his service to the Association and wish all the best in his new career with Environment Canada.

Secondly, the Board decided to fill Trevor's slot on the Board with the person who was next on list after last year's election. We would like you to welcome Dixon Thompson to the Board. Dixon is a professor with the Faculty of Environmental Design at the U of C. He brings to the Board an interest in the area of professional ethics and has already made some suggestions for our Professional Development seminar for 2002. There will be more information on this in the fall.

As we expected the election call slowed the progress of our Regulation through the bureaucratic process. I talked with Lyn Johnston at the POARA office a couple of weeks ago and she informed me that she had completed the summary that is required for the processing of the Regulation through the Department. It is undergoing the final Departmental review before going to the Legislative committee and then to the Minister and the Cabinet. The

wheels of bureaucracy move slowly but we are hopeful that we will have positive news for the AGM in Calgary.

Some of you may have noticed on the membership card (assuming you have paid your 2001 membership fees) or membership invoice that you received in the mail recently that your membership number is preceded by a "P." This indicates that your membership is provisional, meaning that you have not supplied proof of your degree to the registration committee. The information required change your status from "P" to "M" is a copy of your transcript or a photocopy of your degree. I would like to encourage all of you to get your membership changed to the "M" category as soon as possible. Under POARA, this will be the only category that counts. Bring your information to us personally at the AGM in Calgary on June 2, 2001.

Stan Backs has been working diligently on the Website – [pchem.ca](http://pchem.ca). We will be getting this up and running in the near future. We have found a cost-effective service provider and will be getting the content in place so that we can put a link or note into the ACPO site giving our new address for current information.

I would like to thank Bob Swingle for his work in spearheading the Professional Development Seminar that took place in early February. I attended the session in Edmonton and thoroughly enjoyed it. Victor Reeve who was the main speaker was extremely interesting and showed many examples of things not being what they seemed. It gave us an appreciation for what crime investigators do and some of the

problems they encounter. Financially the seminar was a success. This was largely due to the sponsorship provided by many of our members' employers for which we are extremely grateful.

We are finally ready to do the Beta test of the Professional Development Credit format. Frank Bachelor will be sending out a form to a cross-section of the membership. If you are one of those selected, please respond promptly. Frank will be presenting a report on the results at the AGM on June 2. This issue resulted in a lively discussion last year in Edmonton.

The Board has been encouraged this year by the response to our request for volunteers to run for the Board of Directors of the ACPA. It appears that we will have 14 candidates for the 10 positions on the Board. If everything goes according to plan the election packages should be included with this newsletter, for those who have paid their membership fees. I would like to encourage each member to exercise their right to vote for the executive of your association.

Finally, I look forward to seeing many of you at **the Annual General Meeting in Calgary on June 2 at 1:30 pm.** This year's meeting will be held at the Alastair Ross Technology Centre, **3553 - 31 Street NW, Suite 123.** The Alastair Ross Technology Centre is in the University Research Park near the Petroleum Recovery Institute.

**Don White  
President**

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## Treasurer's Report

Our funds are as follows:  
\$15904.17 in checking  
\$10701.46 in TB account

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## Registrar's Report

84 members paid for 2001.  
35 members paid for 2000 but not 2001.  
40 members not paid for 2000 or 2001.

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## Report on meeting with CSC, OCQ, and ACPO

The meeting was attended by Kevin Dunn who represented the interests of the ACPA.. His report follows:

Attached is a summary of the meeting held with the CSC, OCQ and ACPO in Montreal on April 30. Overall, the tone of the meeting was one of cooperation, and it was very constructive. It was clear that the provinces with professional organizations will always have exclusive jurisdiction for their own affairs within the province. The CSC is interested in remaining a national voice, and a learned society. They encourage the continuing growth of professionalism because it raises the stature of all chemists.

Additional details as follows

Action steps following April 30th meeting :

1. May 15th : CIC should have in hand APCA, APCO and OCQ documentation concerning membership admission requirements (including application forms, academic requirements, information for each membership category, etc) and membership obligation and surveillance aspects (ex : code

of ethics, admission committee, disciplinary committee, etc) ;

2. June 15th : A summary (comparison table) of APCA, APCO, CSC/CIC and OCQ membership admission requirements and surveillance aspects will be available and send to all by CIC. Moreover, CIC will send a copy of the documentation, received from all in May (including CSC/CIC), to APCA, APCO and OCQ ;

3. June 29th : Phone conference organized by CIC in order to exchange opinions , appreciate the feasibility of a possible common definition of a professional chemist (with right to title, with right to practice) and review the following action steps ;

4. Each association will create a working group in order to evaluate more deeply the requirements for a professional chemist in Canada, the possible adjustments and consequences to its membership and mission, the national aspects and organization to foresee (ex : trademark, central organization and structure, services, mission). All working groups will be interconnected (at group supervisor level ) in order to provide all technical information needed for the evaluations done by each working group. It is suggested to leave discussions on strategic

aspects only for the phone conference in September. Brief reports from each working group will be send to the other associations. Financial support will be seek by CIC (ex : CCHREI) in order to cover, if possible, all expenses for the ongoing activities;

5. September : Phone conference organized by CIC ;

6. Fall : Meeting between APCA, APCO, CIC/CSC and OCQ for an agreement

on the definition of a professional chemist , on trademark and a national structure and to prepare a plan of action for a legal right to title and to practice enforcement in Canada at provincial level (Alberta and Ontario are evidently priorities).

B) Consensus of opinion at the April 30th meeting :

· Provincial level responsibility : right to title and practice management and surveillance for its membership ; Like OCQ, each

provincial association will have an exclusive jurisdiction for its province ;

· National level responsibility : Interprovincial coordination and international representation ; provider of services if no provincial organization available (services can be provide from other provinces) ;

provider of continuing formation courses (in addition to provincial programs); a new entity connected to CIC/CSC, APCA, APCO and OCQ would be created (with a trademark co-ownership) for a national professional chemist recognition and standardization

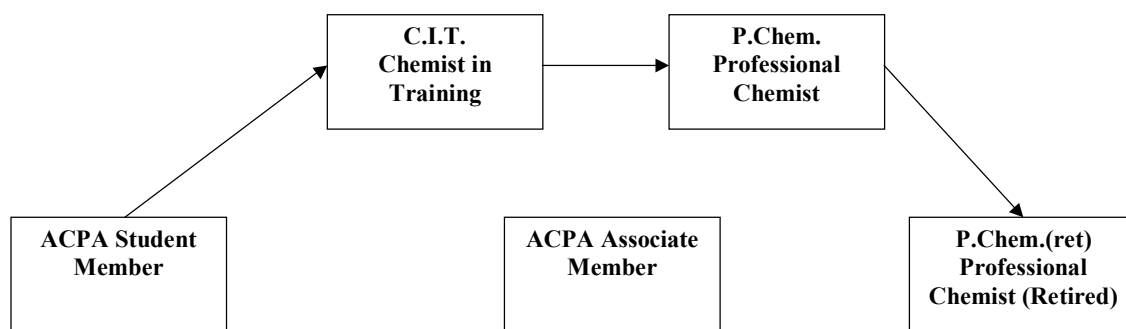
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### **From the Editors**

All contributions from members to the newsletter will be welcome. Please send them to Robert Swingle at Maxxam Analytics 2021-41 Avenue N. E., Calgary, Alberta T2E 6P2 or fax them to 403-2919468. If you prefer electronic mail address them to the internet at roberts@internode.net. It would be nice if you could send any lengthy material on disk in PC format using Microsoft Word.

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**ACPA Membership Structure (Proposed)**



Membership Category	Qualification Criteria	Voting Rights	Annual Fees
ACPA Student Member	Currently enrolled in a recognized graduate or undergraduate program in chemistry or applied chemistry	No	\$ 25
Chemist in Training (C.I.T.)	Meets all criteria for registration as a Professional Chemist, except the number of years of experience. Qualifications are specified in the Professional Chemists Regulation.	Yes	\$ 150
Professional Chemist (P.Chem.)	Meets all criteria for registration and renewal of registration as specified in the Professional Chemists Regulation.	Yes	\$ 150
ACPA Associate Member	Anyone who has an interest in the ACPA or the practice of chemistry	No	\$ 50
Professional Chemist (Retired) [P.Chem.(ret)]	A member age 65+, previously registered as a P.Chem. and obtains 25% of practice hours and PDCs required for renewal	Yes	\$ 50

**Map of AGM Location.**

