



The Newsletter of the Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta

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Letter from the President

Kevin Dunn

Wow, it has been quite a summer. After such a long wait for the bureaucratic wheels to turn, they slipped into high gear this summer and propelled our application much closer to the legislature. Your Board of Directors met with the Standing Policy Committee of Alberta Labour to present our application and address any concerns the Committee may have had. Our team did a fine job and we passed scrutiny with flying colours. Following this, they requested that we submit our regulation to them for review. We did so, but only after some last minute revisions to make the Professional Chemist qualification criteria more consistent with that used by the ACPO and OCQ. We still have to go through a few more hoops to get to the legislature, but the major potential hurdle has been passed.

The Board of Directors is continuing to seek out ways to provide more value to our

members. A major event is the professional development seminar scheduled for this winter. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter. We have also negotiated an improved financial package from Nesbitt Burns, the details of which are in this newsletter as well. We are always interested in new ideas on how to improve the value of membership in the ACPA. If you have any thoughts, please pass them along to any member of the Board.

On another front, we have been strengthening ties with the Chemical Institute of Canada sections in Calgary and Edmonton. We will be participating in more joint activities and working together toward strengthening the practice of chemistry and increasing the profile of Professional Chemists in this province. Watch for future announcements on joint events.

With our impending emergence as a full-fledged professional association, we have been creating and staffing a number of

committees to address our professional obligations and the activities of the association. We have need of help in several of the committees, and we encourage you to volunteer a bit of your time to make this a better organization for yourself and the rest of the members. Please take the initiative and give one of the Board members a call.

Kevin G. Dunn, P.Chem.
President, ACP

POARA

Arthur Bollo-Kamara, P.Chem

Our application for membership was presented to the Standing Policy Council (SPC) at a public hearing which was reported in Alberta Political Scam. Most of the questions directed at the ACPA were addressed and answered by your representatives.

Immediately following the hearing, we submitted our regulation for review by POARA staff. I met with two members of POARA, September 30 to listen to concerns, and answer questions on specific issues

in our draft regulation. We are in the process of revising and including the recommended changes from POARA. Upon completion of these changes, the regulations will be sent to the legal department for further review. Once this review is complete, our stakeholders will have one final opportunity to review the final regulations.

Announcements

ACPA seminar

A one day training seminar will be held by ACPA during the first week of Feb. The topic will be "Defensible Data". Discussion will center around field collection, laboratory analysis, quality assurance programs and ISO. In the afternoon the legal aspects of presenting data in court will culminate with a mock trial. Fees for this seminar will be \$200 for members and \$250 for non-members.

ACPA Logo

We are looking for a new Logo to go with our new professional status. If you have good ideas or are artistically inclined

please send your submissions to a board member. Deadline for this is Dec 5, 1998

Minutes from AGM

The full minutes of the June AGM are reproduced at the end of the newsletter.

Treasurers Report

The Treasurer reported that we currently have \$8,906.60 in our account. One hundred and twenty five out of 165 registered members have paid this year's membership fee.

Registrars Report

The following people have joined the ACPA since the spring 1998 newsletter was printed:

Dr. Neil Warrender
Mr. John T. Cross
Mr. Earl Kopen
Dr. Robert K. Micklethwaite
Kenneth J. Schmidt
Mr. Laurence E. Wolfe

Lost Sheep

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following members, please advise

Norman Gee, the ACPA registrar.

Dr. Amal W. Wahhab, M 74
Dr. Long Fu, M137
Dr. Yonghua Chen, M20
Mr. Paul M. Kelly, M 65
Ms. Sheila Albrecht, M147

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Canadian Chemical News is now available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.accn.ca>

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 chemex@internode.net. It would be nice if you could send any lengthy material on disk in PC format using either Word Perfect or Microsoft Word.

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