

**CEAEC BOD MEETING
MS Teams Conference Call
Tuesday June 29, 2021**

Attendance by Video Conference:

- A. Galt – President, A. Loan – Vice-President, S. McCallum – Vice President
- C. Trites – Atlantic Explosives; G. Deboer – Austin Powder, R. Bertrand – Consbec,
- B. Choquette – Dyno, P. St-Georges – Dyno, P. Goldfinch – Orica, N. Ebsworth - CEAEC

CEAEC OBJECTIVES

- 1) To promote high standards concerning the use, handling, storage & transport of explosives & to co-operate with government authorities in the promotion of these standards in the interest of public safety.
- 2) To encourage the adoption of uniform legislation concerning the explosives industry.
- 3) To develop good working relations between manufacturers & distributors of explosives.
- 4) To promote the general interests of distributors, manufacturers & end users of explosives.

STANDARDS OF CONDUCT FOR CEAEC MEETINGS

Attention was drawn to the conduct required at CEAEC meetings & it was noted that there must be no using of any terminology or making statements that might jeopardise the Association in the eyes of the law; particularly anti-trust laws.

Attendees were reminded that the Association was formed to pursue the above goals & during any meeting there must be no discussion of:

- 1) Prices.
- 2) Exchange of statistics.
- 3) Price fixing.
- 4) Black balling or bad-mouthing others who work in the industry but are not part of the association. CEAEC is not a control organisation, & everyone is free to compete in the manner they so choose.
- 5) Division or restriction of trade or methods of distribution.
- 6) Boycotting sales to any client because of poor credit.
- 7) Sharing clients or markets.

In other words, there must only be positive discussions which will assist in promoting the aims of the Association.

2020 Finances:

Financial Report for 2019 & 2020 presented to the Board by the Executive Director. The financial statement as prepared by CEAEC's external accounting firm was sent to all Board Members prior to the meeting

- Net assets at year-end were \$71.9k versus \$55.5k for 2019
 - Increase in assets came from decreased expenses due to cancellation of meetings (COVID-19) combined with an increase in membership fees. This was partially offset by a reduction in the number of paying members; 17 vs 22 in 2019. (exiting members: RAM, Transglobe, Utec, Hardrock & Nordique). Both Hardrock & Nordique chose not to join for 2021 as annual meetings were cancelled in 2020 / 2021. There may be an opportunity to get them back for 2022
- Assets as of June 2021 stand at \$118k. Anticipate ending the year at ~\$80 - \$85k

Meetings:

Due to COVID-19 restrictions a number of meetings since March 2019 have been cancelled / postponed or replaced by MS Teams meetings:

- Spring 2020 Meeting postponed to April 25-29, 2022 in Victoria
 - BOD Meeting April 26th
- Fall Meeting 2020 cancelled
- Spring 2021 Meeting postponed to May 29 - June 2 , 2023 in Niagara-on-the-Lake
 - BOD Meeting May 30th
- Fall Meeting 2021, November 16-19, in Ottawa
 - BOD Meeting November 17th
- ERD / TC
 - Quarterly meetings in Ottawa cancelled member & Committee Meetings & replaced by MS Teams meetings
- Member / Committee Meetings held as MS Teams Meetings on an "as needed" basis. The next members' meeting will also be via MS Teams on Aug 17th 1-3pm Eastern

New Board / Executive Members:

- President – A. Galt's term is coming to an end. B. Choquette was nominated & will advise of his decision shortly
- Directors:
 - C. Trites announced his retirement & will resign from the Board in November
 - F. Manson of FKD Contracting has been nominated to replace Cecil
 - P. Goldfinch announced, effective immediately, his resignation from the Board as he is leaving Orica. Orica is to propose his replacement.
 - Will propose to the membership that the Board of Directors be increased by 1 to create a spot for EPC
 - All other Board members will stand for re-election for the coming year
 - Election of the President & Board members will take place at Aug 17th.

Items Worked On -2020:

- Review of ER-2013 Amendments 3&4
 - Input sought from members & submitted to ERD
 - ERD appointed a Director of Regulatory review for 2021
- Bulk Guideline Amendments:
 - Factory Without a Washbay
 - Satellite Sites
 - Transfer Sites
 - Silos
- QRA / IMESA FR
 - Clarification on use of QRA's & IMESA FR
- Classification of AN Emulsion 1.5 vs 5.1
 - Most Regulatory Authorities worldwide classify AN Emulsion as 5.1 vs Canada at the more restrictive 1.5
 - CEAEC pursuing harmonisation; may take a 2-step approach
 - Start with 5.1 for storage – under ERD's control
 - At a later date pursue 5.1 for transportation – under Transport Canada's control
- Tracking of MPU's
 - Pursuing various means of simplifying this with ERD
- Authorisation of Products
 - Currently ERD are extremely slow to approve
 - Applies not only to new products but also to renewals & minor, insignificant changes to existing products