

MINUTES
of a
Meeting of the British Columbia Assayers Foundation Advisory Council
held at
1486 East Pender Street, Vancouver, BC
on
April 23rd, 2004

Present:

Manzur (Mac) Chaudhry	Victoria, BC
John Gravel (Chairperson)	Vancouver, BC
Ray Lett (Secretary)	Victoria, BC
Jim McLeod	Vancouver, BC
Lloyd Twaites	Vancouver, BC
Elaine Woo	Burnaby, BC
Keith Rogers	Vancouver, BC
Jutta Jealouse	Kamloops, BC

1. Welcome and Introductory Remarks (John Gravel)

Meeting called to order at 2.30 p.m. Noted that meeting was first to be held in conjunction with the Certified Assayers Foundation of British Columbia Annual meeting.

2. Approval of the Meeting Agenda and Minutes of the Advisory Council Meeting October 24th, 2003.

Proposed (Lloyd Twaites) and seconded (Keith Rogers) that the April 23rd, 2004 Advisory Council meeting Agenda and the Minutes of the October 24th, 2003 Advisory Council meeting be approved. **Discussion:** None. Unanimous acceptance of the Agenda and meeting Minutes.

3. Status of Action Items

a) Scholarship Committee Report (Ray Lett)

Since October 24th, 2003 the scholarship committee (Mac Chaudhry, Lloyd Twaites, Elaine Woo, Ray Lett, Paul Morrison) has:

- Proposed that the Assayers Foundation award two \$500 scholarships annually, one to a BCIT student in the graduating year of the BCIT mineral analysis course and the second scholarship to an "apprentice" assayers working in a commercial lab.
- Proposed that the BCIT scholarship would be awarded to a student based on a combination of marks and merit. Elaine Woo would recommend suitable candidates to Paul Morrison for final selection. A Foundation representative at the graduation ceremony would present the award and possibly a medal.
- Proposed that a combination of nomination from industry and/or a presentation by the candidate to the committee would select the "apprentice" scholarship.
- Informed the BCIT Awards Office that the Foundation would decide on the criteria for scholarship award in April 2004.

Elaine Woo: The BCIT scholarship should be awarded directly to a student enrolled in the chemical sciences assaying part of the program.

Mac Chaudhry: The financial support should be as a \$500 credit to a student's registration rather than an direct award. The credit should be based on merit for a student in the BCIT assayers training program. The second \$500 award should be to an industry candidate who intends to enroll in the BCIT assayers training program.

Action: Ray Lett to discuss with the BCIT Awards office determines how the proposed credit can be applied to a student registration.

b) Updates to the BCIT Assayers Web Page (Jim McLeod)

Updates to web page are complete. A Program Information booklet including registered of assayers should also be added. In the program title "BC" should be changed to "BC and other jurisdictions".

Mac Chaudhry: Updates to the Program information booklet and register are complete and will be sent to Jim McLeod.

Lloyd Twaites. The addition of a counter to web page would help to establish the level of public interest in the Assayers program.

Jim McLeod: A "Whats New" announcement section should be added to the web page.

John Gravel: Biographies and photos of recent candidates who have passed the practical examination should be added to the site.

Mac Chaudhry. Information on assayers seeking work would help companies needing assayers should be added to the site.

Jim McLeod. An new group photo of Foundation members is needed for the web page. Will try to encourage as many members as possible to attend the next meeting.

Action: Ray Lett to send a copy of the Chairperson's letter to Foundation members to Mark Glendron, BCIT, for posting on the web page.

Action: Mac Chaudhry/John Gravel to obtain biographies/photo's from Joseph Lynch, Marcus Lau and Jack Biln for posting on the web site.

4. Examination Report (Mac Chaudhry)

Four candidates applied take the Assayers Certification practical examination at BCIT, in December, but only three sat the exam. Mr. Joseph A. Lynch, Mr. Marcus K.W. Lau and Mr. Jack Biln successfully passed the examination and have received certificates of proficiency. Congratulated Elaine Woo for excellent training of the candidates. The Examination Board plans to hold a theory examination in September and possibly a practical examination before the end of the year. There are two candidates who have qualified to take the practical examination, but a minimum of 4 candidates are needed to make to examination cost effective. Preparation of new examination material is complete, but round robin analysis of the Ca-Mg standards has still to be finished. Only 2 laboratories have reported results for the Ca-Mg analysis to date.

5. BCIT Training Report (Elaine Woo)

There are presently a total of 28 students in the training program including a new intake of 8 students in January 2004. There are potentially 8 new students to start the program in late May. Six students are ready to write the Assay Certification theory examination in September 2004. There is interest in the training program from Sudan, China and South America (Columbia). The last module of the on-line training program is scheduled to go online. There was a good response to the instrumentation module from a recent survey. The on-line instrumentation module includes instruction and a test of knowledge of the topic (outline of module circulated). If feasible there will be demonstrated of the on-line module at the next Advisory Council meeting.

John Gravel: Thanks to Elaine for her report.

6. Other Business

New Standards (Mac Chaudhry) . A high-grade gold examination test sample is needed. Possibly one prepared from a jig concentrate of placer sediment.

Lloyd Twiates: It may be difficult to make a high grade concentrate unless the gold is very finely disseminated in a sulphide e.g. pyrrhotite.

Ray Lett. May be able to supply fine grained (0.02 mm) sized gold from existing sample in order to create the standard. Will check archive samples are discuss with Mac.

7. **Next Meeting:** October 8th, 2003 at BCIT.

8. **Meeting Adjourned at 3.18 p.m.** Thanks from the Chairperson to all who attended.

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Chairman, John Gravel

Secretary, Ray Lett

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