

Assayers Foundation of British Columbia



MINUTES
of an
Advisory Council Sub-Committee Meeting on Licensing
held at
ASTTBC Office, Vancouver
21-Jan-2010, 14.30-16.30 h

Present:

Ray Lett (Secretary/Treasurer)	Victoria, BC
Scott Daniels	Trail, BC.
John Shortreid	ASTTBC, Registrar
Jason Jung	ASTTBC, Manager Technology Careers
Pat Zanier	Trail, BC, Certified Assayer

Regrets

Keith Rogers	ALS, North Vancouver
John Gravel	Acme, Vancouver

1. **WHAT'S IN IT FOR MEMBERS?** Jason will provide Ray & Scott with a list of what ASTTBC would provide to licensed assayers for their \$300 annual renewal fee.
2. **WHAT MODEL WITHIN ASTTBC.** It was recommended that we consider their "Technology Specialist" model.
3. **ADVISORY COUNCIL VERSUS FOUNDATION.** John had very good questions regarding a clear understanding of the difference between the roles and members of the current Advisory Council and the Foundation. Scott humbly tried to suggest that they're one-and-the-same; the Foundation is a tool of the Advisory Council that is administered by the Advisory Council, albeit set up as a not-for-profit organization.
4. **CHANGES TO MEMPR ACT.** There was clear agreement that any model with ASTTBC would only be feasible with a change to the MEMPR ACT.
5. **HOW MANY DO WE NEED?** Critical-mass numbers for financial feasibility of a model within ASTTBC is much lower than previous discussions. John Shortreid mentioned that they have some Technologist Specialist disciplines with as few as 38 members.
6. **CERTIFIED VERSUS LICENSED.** In models being proposed by ASTTBC, John was very clear that their preferred wording was "Certification" of members with annual licensing. The past 115 years understanding of Government "Certified" Assayer would likely have to change. The Certification would have to be provided by ASTTBC, under the authority & direction of a change in the MEMPR ACT. –if I understood John correctly. This would mean that our current Board of Examiners would have to report to ASTTBC –again, if I understood John correctly.

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7. **OUTCOMES BASED VERSUS CREDENTIALS BASED.** John emphasized that there is currently a paradigm shift in ASTTBC & similar organizations towards an “outcomes” based “certification” versus a “credentials” based “certification.”
8. **TECHNOLOGY REGISTRATIONS CANADA.**
<http://staging.technologyregistrationscanada.ca> for more information on this.
9. **ASTTBC COSTS?** ASTTBC estimates that they will need to charge “members” an annual renewal fee of \$300. It was not clear how much, if any, of this would help to cover the anticipated costs of the work of the current Board of Examiners, Advisory Council & Foundation. Implications of this ASTTBC cost along with a forecasted budget for 2011 are in the attached spreadsheet and a figure below.
10. **COSTS FOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATIONS.** John explained that in the ASTTBC model of running their business, all costs related to examinations were born by the incumbents –a cost-recovery basis, i.e. the costs for BCIT and the examiners time & travel costs.
11. **CONCLUSION.** The ASTTBC felt that this endeavour of a licensing model for Assayers continues to be worth pursuing and welcomed the possibility of another meeting.
12. **GRANDFATHERING.** The issue of “grandfathering” existing assayers into a new model was not discussed.

