

Mike Doyle is the President of the CAGC – the Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors - representing the business interests of the seismic industry within Canada. The new CAGC website may be found at www.cagc.ca.

A brief segue into the CAGC today. I was asked to provide some more information on the Association and what it is about. In addition, I was asked to comment on our committee structure and the volunteers we operate with. This is a timely column for us as we have recently elected our new Board of Directors Executives – each of who serve for a two-year term.

The CAGC is the only Association that represents the business interests of seismic in the Canadian marketplace. We are one of five similar Associations that represent business Associations within the Oil and Gas Industry in Canada – other represent large Oil Producers, Small Oil Producers, Pipelines, Drilling, and the Service Sector. Together we form a formidable force dealing with the various jurisdictions in Canada. It is safe to say the CAGC is recognised by the various jurisdictions as the leading industry authority.

Our membership is a pyramid structure of 250 member companies with the geophysical data recording companies being on top and the various layers of services and suppliers forming the structure. We have 20 data recorder members and over 100 seismic drillers represented. Other categories include geophysical field services, consultants, service and suppliers, cat and slashing companies, surveyors, pipeline locators. Oil companies can join as Associate members.

We are a small non-profit organisation so we appreciate the Associate membership, whose dues contribute to our operating budget. This is also a very important relationship as we handle the operational side of the seismic industry and the flow of information is valuable to both parties.

Given our small budget we rely heavily on our volunteers. The Board of Directors are volunteers and many active committees that run under our Association are comprised of similar volunteers. The names of the individuals and their companies are too many to list, but I invite you to look at our website under the Committee area. We run 50 committees with varying levels of involvement and time commitments. Our Committees run the gambit for all jurisdictions – e.g. BC, AB, SK; specific functions such as HSE and HR; specific issues such as ILM, Wildlife, Water and as well we work with other Associations such as PITS, PSC, CAPP, CAODC, SEPAC, CAODC and PSAC on joint initiatives

I would like to take the time and space here to list our current Board of Directors and to recognise individuals from our past Board and our HSE Committee and HR Chairman who have contributed much time and effort this past year.

CAGC Chairman: Ken Lengyel, WesternGeco

CAGC Directors:

Tim Wilson, DataTrek Exploration
Al Stanley, Austin Powder

Keith Wakelam, Arcis Geophysical
Ian Reid, Tesla Exploration

John Spreen, Paladin Positioning
Duane Ashbacher, Ashbacher Contracting
Norm Cooper, Mustagh Resources

Mike Heth, M.H. Drilling
Kevin Bowman, Boyd PetroSearch
Terry Jackson, Conquest Seismic

Past CAGC Chairman

Doug Iverson, OutSource Seismic

Retiring CAGC Directors

Ralph DeWolfe, Datum Exploration

Jim Irvine, Norcana Resources

Pete Scott, Veritas DGC

CAGC HR Chair

Bob Birk, Arcis Geophysical

CAGC HSE Chair

Jeremy Barlow, PetroCanada

CAGC HSE Co-Chair

Alan Willett, Aguila Exploration

CAGC HSE Recognition Awards

Brett Auger, Seismed
Jeremy Barlow, Arcis Geo, PetroCanada
Blair Carson, Trace Energy
Kenn Edgecombe, Tesla Exploration
Ed Kapala, Destiny Resources / Seismed
Peter Lebrun, Foothills Medical
Jeff Oshurst, Shell Canada
Robert Smith, Remote Medical
Scott Verot, Talisman Energy
Alan Willett, Aguila Exploration
Phyllis McCord, Ace Explosives, Venture Helicopters

Richard Banner, Destiny Resources
Dave Berte, PITS
Scott Davidson, SolidState Geo
Michele Hinkl, Seisland Surveys
Marvin LeBeau, Trace Energy
Dan MacNeil, Destiny Resources
Ken Salmond, Hertz Drilling
Steve Sommerfeld, Veritas DGC
Bob Walker, Park Ambulance
Alicia Willy, PSC

We live and breathe with the hearts and lungs of our volunteers. Despite being on the leading edge of changes in our business and having some proprietary input into these changes, the fact remains these individuals make the business a better place for all. It is with this small column of appreciation that I extend a thank you to these individuals and their member companies.

From The Thursday Files:

The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn, and relearn.

- Alvin Toffler