

President's Report - DECEMBER - Alberta Council of Technologies

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Please let me know if you are not attending our January 21st Strategic Planning session at Olds College.

GOVERNANCE - informed and engaged, confident and secure.

No adds/deletes to the 11 person Board - seeking a 12th for northern Alberta. Membership renewals are outstanding.

Susan Bly, administered the Stem Cell forums, and has been helping prepare a Community Initiatives grant proposal - due Dec. 31st.

The utility of the website has improved including the adoption of Paypal for on-line payment processing. Lance and Susan have been instrumental in keeping the site current.

Stuart has revised the By-laws for Board approval at the January 21st retreat; and then by the membership at our next AGM.

John notes we have a positive bank account, with payables/receivables balanced for the Stem Cell Therapies forums.

Scheduled Dec/Jan meetings: ARC - Axel Meisen and Nanotech re Clean-technology research, AET - Annette Trimbee re emerging technologies, U of AB - Mike Percy, Business and Douglas Taylor, Science re commercialization.

NETWORK DEVELOPMENT - establishing ABCtech as the network of networks.

- No new Councils recognized. Seeking a northern Alberta initiative through ACTI (Stuart Cullum) or REDA (Leslie Warren.)

- Clean-technologies (Chris Godwaldt.) We have been solicited to co-host a clean-technologies forum in Calgary and Edmonton for early March. The Canadian Green Building Council's Alberta Chapter is the other co-host. The event includes 10 seminars each for Cal/Edm, a cash-bar reception, plated dinner and feature presentation by Avenir: a 15-yr, \$1.1B, 6,000 unit clean-tech, sustainable community and \$100M Clean-tech VC fund. (Avenir is requesting ABCtech to screen/refer clean-tech enterprises.) ECAT/TEC Edmonton (Darryl) and CCAT/CTI (Terry) have been approached as local sponsors. AB Gov't links - Int'l and Interdepartmental Relations. The event Framework draft is posted in the Library at www.ABCtech.ca

EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES - demystifying emerging technologies and advancing commercialization.

- Fusion energy 2008 (Dini Corbett-Lorenc.) The AB/Canada Fusion Energy Program's conference is planned for the fall of 2010. EEDC presentation, incl. Solicitation for \$ and support for Expo 2017 bid; no \$ commitment. Received \$11K pledges: \$10K for Conference from the City of Edmonton and \$1K for marketing from Arrow Engineering. Preparing for visit by DM of Natural Resources Canada, Cassie Doyle. AB Gov't links: AET, Environment, Energy.

- Stem Cell Therapies 2009 (Kevin Perrott). Attracted 200 people total to the forums in Calgary and Edmonton in November. The Event evaluation is posted at www.ABCtech.ca break-even \$ forecast. Posting of the webcast of the Edmonton forum is outstanding as is setting follow-up - Calgary/Edmonton Jan 6/7th. Gov't links: Health, AET.

- Rural broadband 2007 (Allan Bly.) An update of the status report is being considered. Rural municipal interest has been expressed, for designing and delivering a program for educating municipal counselors (AAMD) and planners (AACIP) on emerging technologies. Gov't links: infrastructure.

- Artificial Intelligence 2010 (Stuart Lomas.) ICT Council is proposed as co-host. Initial meetings with ICT Council and U of AB: Computing Science. A Framework will be prepared in January.

Comments? Merry Christmas ---I am now caught up.

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