

## PRESIDENT's REPORT – 19-MAR-09

As we have meetings every other month - with the next April, I'll provide hi-lites:

### Affiliates

Inquiries received from ECAT and Medicine Hat. Stuart's following up. We will post our affiliate agreement so others with an interest may view it.

### ICT Council

We are waiting to learn whether our proposal to develop [www.ABCtech.ca](http://www.ABCtech.ca) as a provincial technology portal with apps for the industry is approved. ECAT's events calendar

- O April 19th - "Diversify now! Merging and money mania!" profiling sources of financing for tech-based SMEs.
- O The theme for ECAT's June AGM is pending - though Stem Cell Advances has been put forward.
- O August 20th. ECAT's Moonlight in the Meadows summer networking BBQ - Tentative - "Divinci and Innovation" with Telus World of Science.

### Projects

Communities w/o Boundaries (CwB) received \$60,000 grant approval from Cdn Agriculture - Rural Secretariat. The AB/Canada Fusion Energy Program \$21M 3-year ramp-up proposal was presented to the AB Gov'ts Standing Policy Committee on Resources and the Environment. Next is Cabinet Policy Committee. ABCtech has received considerable media coverage so far as we are serving as a form of Secretariat.

### Newsletter

An ABCtech Newsletter is being prepared with hi-lites as contained in this report. Any news or views would be appreciated.

### Website

Fixing a glitch on Registration and working to spread the site management load. Using the site for profiling more project material, sponsor sales campaign in 2009 and resuming On-line Membership Campaign. ECAT is expected to establish a site within the site shortly.

Sponsoring partner for Banff Venture Forum and WiTec's "Connections" Conference in Banff - no cost for mutual logo exchange.

Accounting. Financials for 2008 are complete and ready for sign-off. Positive bank balance. Payable loan for website is owing to ECAT. A receivable is due from ECAT for 25% net profit of 2008 Moonlight in the Meadows and an Admin Fee of \$2,500 for CwB at which point the website loan may be paid off.

### Board Election

I'm waiting expression of intent from current members and nominations of new: 2 from Edmonton have been put forward, 1 from Vulcan. An AGM is overdue and requires a quorum of 25.