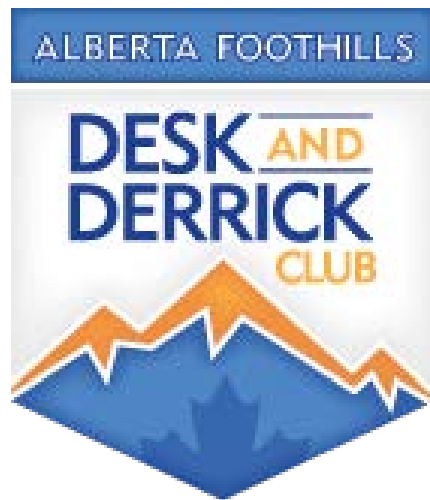


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All member contact information is for our members only and not to be shared outside of Desk and Derrick.

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Send membership changes to:

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ADDC Membership Application Form:

addc.org > Members > ADDC Forms >
Membership Application – ADDC12

INVOCATION

Presented by Mary Alice Rooney at the September dinner meeting

Life is filled with possibilities that challenge us each day,
To take a chance, try something new, see things a different way.
For it's not until we try that we find out what we can do,
So don't wait until tomorrow to discover something new.
– *Author unknown*

Presented by Naomi Reid at the October dinner meeting

Give thanks:
For each new morning with its light,
For rest and shelter of the night,
For health and food,
For love and friends,
For everything thy goodness sends.
– *Ralph Waldo Emerson*

YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to the following Region VII members who have attained 30 or more years of membership with Desk and Derrick (announced at the 2017 Convention in San Antonio):

Linda Topolinsky	30 years
Lucy Mulgrew	35 years
Donna Schultz (Grande Prairie)	35 years
Maida Kellgren (Edmonton)	45 years



Alberta Foothills Desk and Derrick Club

President's Letter

Naomi Reid



Fall / Winter

Hello Members:

As you are aware, our Annual General Meeting and elections will be held at the membership meeting on Tuesday, November 14 at 5:30 p.m. In addition, two proposed Bylaw changes will be brought forward for voting. These changes were previously emailed to Club members, and are included in the October membership meeting minutes on page 14 of this newsletter. Please support your club with your participation.

As we will need a quorum at the November 14 meeting in order to vote on the items being presented, I hope to see EVERY member who lives in the Calgary area attending in person. Out of town members: you are not off the hook! If you are not within a reasonable driving distance to the meeting I encourage you to participate on the toll-free telephone line. Dial in to 1 (855) 453-6957 and enter conference ID 5360512 at the prompt. Your voice matters.

Although an increase in the ADDC annual dues was approved at Convention (from \$45 to \$55 US), the ABFDDC Board has proposed maintaining our club dues at \$110 CAD. We have also proposed adding a Student rate of \$75, and we will actively try to attract the College and University students to join the club. The Board has also put forward a motion to amend our bylaws to allow for a shorter notification period when items are presented to membership for voting.

We will also need to discuss the upcoming vote by Club Presidents on behalf of their club regarding the proposed Region Realignment (the document was previously sent to club members by email). There is also a proposal to eliminate the Vice President position on the ADDC Board.

Please come prepared to discuss all of the above items at the November 14 meeting.

I have made the commitment to serve as our Club President for another year – but not without holding all of you to a standard of participation as well. To go forward we will need to do this together . . . or, quite simply, our Club will not survive. Having just returned from Convention I am excited and recharged with ideas to bring the Club together to create exciting programs and look at ways to grow our membership. However, our club needs participation in order to continue – that means you!

This is not a request for Board or Committee members (those calls were already made) . . . but we are requesting, and will gladly accept, your help. The meetings, seminars and in field trips cannot happen without your participation.

One final note: we tried holding our membership meetings on a different day this year, with not much success. I am happy to announce that in 2018 the dinner meetings will be moved back to Wednesday evenings (with the exception of February: due to Valentine's Day we will be meeting on TUESDAY, February 13).

All the best,

~Naomi~

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Region VII Members

The conference in San Antonio is now a wonderful memory and a big "Thank You" goes out to the San Antonio Club and Region IV for hosting this year's conference. Below, I will share a few highlights with you.

There was a lot of discussion and ideas on how to cut costs for the Association, and the Ad hoc committee under the leadership of Jonathon Slay presented their ideas and recommendations on the realignment of the regions. I found that the study was thorough and looked at all the possible ways to reduce the regions from seven to four. Costs savings would be realized by reducing costs for RDs going to Budget & Planning and Convention. The members voted to have an email vote of the clubs on this item and on deleting the position of Vice President from the officers of the ADDC Board. The mail vote will be coming to the clubs before the end of the year and the results of the mail vote will come into effect in 2019. The study on the realignment is available on the ADDC website, so please have a look and contribute to your club's discussion.

Other ways to cut costs is to eliminate the DDJ at a savings of almost \$15,000 per year and to combine the position of ADO manager and Website manager. Wayne Ammons has accepted the new position and we thank Mark Loch for his contributions. Mark will still be at the ADO Office through the end of this year.

Of the 49 clubs in the ADDC, 46 were represented at convention and a total of 231 registered members. Congratulations go out to the elected Board of Directors:

President: Christina Forth, Edmonton
President Elect: Terry Ligon, Graham
Vice President: Keith Atkins, El Dorado
Secretary: Evelyn Green, San Antonio
Treasurer: Wendy Sparks, Oklahoma City

The Bylaws and Standing Rules amendments were voted on with the following results:

Proposed Amendment #1 (Name change) – failed
Proposed Amendment #2 (Chapter vs Club) – withdrawn
Proposed Amendment #3 (Dues increase to \$65) – amended to \$55 – passed
Proposed Amendment #4 (eliminate DDJ) – passed
Proposed Amendment #5 (Insignia) – failed
Proposed Standing Rules #1 (approval for use of wording or insignia by Immediate Past President and RDs) – passed

The next Convention and Educational Conferences will be in:

2018 Evansville, IN, September 19 - 22, 2018.
2019 Kansas City, MI, September 18 - 21, 2019
2020 Pittsburgh, PA, September 16 - 20, 2020

I was honoured to represent the members of Region VII and wish you all could have been there. There were great field trips and seminars to choose from, keynote speakers and the symposium panelists talking about "Different Aspects of the Energy Industry". I hope to see you next year in Evansville, IN to support Christina as the 2018 ADDC President.

Marilyn
Marilyn Carter
2017 Region VII Director





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October 2017

Friends and fellow members,

Whew, what a month September was! Texas, Louisiana and Florida suffered from major flooding, Montana, California, Oregon, and Washington had out of control wild fires. My thoughts and prayers go out to those hit so hard by Mother Nature.

In spite of these catastrophes, San Antonio hosted ADDC's 66th Annual Educational Conference and Convention, they did an amazing job. I can't thank Evelyn Green and her committee enough for going above and beyond. We had 231 members registered, and an incredible 41 FIRST TIMERS in attendance. Many of the first timers contributed to the meetings by introducing our speakers, or leading us in an invocation. I'm so proud of them, and hope this won't be their last convention.

Most of the RD letters contain the results of the election and proposed bylaw amendments, so I won't repeat them here. I will remind everyone that mail votes are being sent out to each club. They are: 1) the realignment of the 7 regions into 4 regions, and 2) the elimination of the position of Vice President. Most clubs will have at least 2 meetings to discuss these issues. I urge you to do so. These changes are vital to the survival of ADDC. You the members have tasked the Board to cut costs. These proposed changes will help us do just that. By now you should have received the [Realignment committee's report](#). They did an outstanding job of explaining how and why the new region structures were determined. If you haven't seen it yet, you can find a link to it on the ADDC members' home page.

There was one more cost cutting matter the Board has taken, and was announced at Convention. This measure had to do with management of Association Distribution Office, and the use of a Webmaster. To save expenses the Board has voted to combine the positions into one the ADDC Business Manager. As of January 1, 2018, Wayne Ammons will be assuming that role. This is not a reflection on the performance of our current ADO Manager, Mark Loch. It is strictly a cost saving measure. Mark has been an outstanding employee, and it has been my pleasure to work with him over the last year. I know he will continue to serve our members with the same professionalism and enthusiasm through the remainder of his tenure. Mark was a former Association Secretary, and I know he plans on running for the Board again. He has my utmost gratitude and respect.

Until next month,

Maggi Franks



News and Events

ALBERTA FOOTHILLS CLUB

November Membership Meeting (members only
– Annual General Meeting and Elections)
November 14
International Hotel
220 – 4 Avenue SW

November Board Meeting
November 25, 5:00 p.m.
Suncor offices
150 – 6 Avenue SW, West Tower
Conference:
Local 403-410-3051
Toll free 1-855-453-6957
ID 5360512

December Membership Meeting
December 12
International Hotel
220 – 4 Avenue SW

December Board Meeting
To be decided

REGION VII

2018 Region VII Meeting: May 24 – 27
Hosted by Edmonton Club
LeDuc County, Alberta
Wyndham Garden Edmonton Airport
[2018 Region VII Meeting Presentation](#)

ADDC

2018 Convention: September 18 – 23
Evansville, Indiana
DoubleTree by Hilton Evansville
[Tourism Presentation](#)
[Tourism Presentation Narrative](#)

2019 Convention: September 18 – 21
Kansas City, Missouri
Marriott Kansas City Country Club Plaza
[Tourism Video](#)

2020 Convention: September 16 – 20
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Sheraton Pittsburgh Hotel – Station Square
[Tourism Presentation](#)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY !

October

Roseline Cyr
Kathi DesChene
Sandy Fitzpatrick
Joanne Riggall

November

Jo Laird

December

Brian Carter
Brenda Noble



Minutes of the 160th Membership Meeting of the Alberta Foothills Desk and Derrick Club
September 12, 2017 at the International Hotel, Calgary

President, Naomi Reid, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m., and welcomed everyone. There were seven members and one guest in attendance: Ryan Robb, speaker.

Mary Alice Rooney presented the Invocation, and dinner was served.

Ryan Robb, Senior Advisor, Aboriginal Relations, Suncor Energy, spoke on Aboriginal Engagement.

Lucy Mulgrew thanked the speaker and presented him with a certificate of appreciation.

Club Business

Convention, September 19 – 24 in San Antonio:
Attending from our club will be Naomi Reid (President - Delegate), Connie MacRae (Alternate), Tracy Fillmore (2018 Region VII Director), Marilyn Carter (2017 Region VII Director) and Brian Carter.

Committee Reports

Program

The speaker for the October meeting is to be confirmed.

Treasurer / Secretary

(Mary Alice Rooney and Lucy Mulgrew)

- Lucy reported that the club is on budget
- Mary Alice reported a sympathy card was sent to Lucy Mulgrew on the death of her mother and to Joanne Riggall on the death of her husband. A retirement card was sent to Sheryl Minear on her retirement from the ADDC Board.

Past President (Tracy Fillmore)

No Report

Parliamentarian (Roseline Cyr) Absent

No Report

Membership (Lorna Myers and Joanne Riggall)

No Report

Reservations (Donna O'Neill) Absent

Mary Alice reported for Donna: attendance was 7 members and 1 guest.

Communications (Connie MacRae)

Connie reported she was asked to be the 2018 Region VII representative on the ADDC Technology Committee.

Winner of the 50/50 draw was Lucy Mulgrew.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 27, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at Suncor offices. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

President Naomi's closing thought:

When you change the way you look at things, the things you look at change. - A. Hicks

Naomi Reid
Naomi Reid, President

Lucy Mulgrew
Lucy Mulgrew, Secretary



Planning for Aboriginal Engagement

Presented by Ryan Robb, submitted by Connie MacRae

Ryan Robb is a Senior Advisor, Stakeholder and Aboriginal Relations with Suncor Energy, where he assists Business Units in meeting their Social Goals with respect to Aboriginal people in Energy Development. In 2009 he was honoured with the Blackfoot name “Niinistakaa” by Chief Reg Crowshoe, Piikani Nation. Ninistakaa means “the one the Chiefs depend on / Chiefs’ Warrior”. In 2011 he was further honoured with a headdress for his service to the Treaty 7 Nations. He is the first non-Aboriginal leader of Treaty 7, and the first to receive a headdress.



Aboriginal / Indigenous definitions

- Status Indian: a person who is registered as an Indian under the Indian Act.
- Non-Status Indian: an Indian person who is not registered as an Indian under the Indian Act.
- Treaty Indian: a Status Indian who belongs to a First Nation that signed a treaty with the Crown.
- Metis: Metis Nations of Alberta (MNA) are “floating” without a set land base. Alberta is the only province that recognizes Metis rights to lands; there are 8 recognized Settlements in Alberta. Metis is a combination of French and Cree; standards are not uniform across Canada.

Pre-Confederation treaties were signed between First Nations and the Crown of England. They were not “conquer” treaties, they were signed to expand the Canadian Pacific rail line to British Columbia and thereby bring British Columbia into Confederation. The treaties signed after Confederation were numbered, and these are still considered by the First Nations to be with the Crown / England.

There are 45 First Nations in Alberta, made up of approximately 33,000 people. First Nations “Traditional Lands” encompass in excess of 130% of the Alberta land mass, i.e. some of the claimed Traditional Lands overlap.

“Rights” means a claim to the land and the use thereof; “Title” means control of the land. In the future, where First Nations establish title there will be case law determining the steps required in negotiations with Aboriginal groups.

On September 1, 2006, “The Day the World Changed”, Alberta released the first of several iterations of the First Nations / Metis Consultation Guide for industry to deal with Aboriginal group, leading to the establishment of the ACO (Aboriginal Consultation Office). The ACO uses a 3-tiered matrix to determine who has to be consulted and to what level. This process does not provide for an Alternative Dispute Resolution or ombudsman, which means the First Nations’ only disagreement option is a legal pursuit.

Industry and government must consult with First Nations before developing private and crown lands. Although the duty to consult lies with the Crown, in practice much of it is done by Industry. Through the ACO, the provincial government advises industry with whom they must consult. Therefore the two most affected parties (the aboriginal groups and Industry) must deal with the least affected party, the government.

Certain requirements have been set for the cost of running a Nation: Consultation Office, social services, health care, administration, etc. If the federal government decreases their funding, the First Nations will increase their demands to industry in order to make up the shortfall and support their members in the manner to which they’ve become accustomed. It is not important to the Nations that industry profits aren’t as high or that the price of oil or gas has dropped. Your timelines may be important to you, but that may not be the case for the Nations, in fact, sometimes your timelines may be a weakness in your negotiations.

First Nations use a permitting process to negotiate work accommodation. Permits are not issued until the province is satisfied there is documented proof that the Nations have been meaningfully engaged and adequately consulted with (as defined by the ACO), which is extremely difficult to quantify. The risks of non-consultation include delay of projects, increased costs, unpredictability, and branding issues, i.e. negative publicity. Ethical investing is coming to the forefront, pushing oil companies to engage with stakeholders.



Ryan presented two Case Studies that illustrate the risks of non-consultation:

Case study A

A company that had over 30 years of good relationships with a First Nation needed to transport a \$200 million piece of equipment through a reserve on a provincial road. A temporary bridge would need to be constructed on the reserve to accommodate the weight of the equipment, which was vital to a project start-up. All necessary permits were obtained from Alberta Transportation.

What's missing?

- the Nation was not consulted, or advised, on the temporary bridge construction
- the Nation was not given the opportunity to bid on any of the work, or to participate in any of the potential economic opportunities
- the incident occurred just before spring break-up; the project commission could have been delayed until freeze-up
- coming to an agreement required multiple visits between the President of the company and the Nation's leadership
- non-consultation ultimately cost the company an extra \$1.5 million in accommodation costs

Relationships are key and must be maintained; resting on laurels is not an option.

Case study B

In reviewing options for the routing of power lines, a company determined that the shortest route was over a First Nation reserve. The decision was made to route around the reserve as the risk / cost of dealing with the Nation was deemed to be too high. The Nation filed an injunction.

What's missing?

- the company did not anticipate the risk factor that going around the reserve was still on "traditional land", which still required consultation with the Nation
- the Nation was unhappy with the company which they perceived had tried to avoid working with them, which negatively impacted the subsequent negotiations
- the relationship and company branding were negatively impacted



Region VII Director's Letter



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As this year quickly draws to a close, there are still many items to consider and finish up. This month, most of the clubs will be holding elections for a new Board for 2018. I wish you success and know that stepping forward and volunteering has many rewards that far outweigh the work you will do. Don't be afraid to take that next step! Share your knowledge and skills with your club members. Two things to remember . . . stay positive and delegate.

After elections are over, don't forget to submit your "New Club Officers" form ADO31 to ADO and RD Elect Tracy Fillmore. Also, please copy Wayne Ammons, so he can update our Region Website. The form can be found on the ADDC website under the Forms tab.

Just a reminder that there are two mail votes / ballots that need to be submitted before the deadline. Please follow the instructions that were sent and make sure your club has a voice. Both voting items will need a 2/3 vote to pass. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me.

Submittals for contest (AIMEEs) are due in mid-December. Have you started reviewing your categories and pulling together your submittals? Don't wait until the deadline as you may miss it and there are no extensions.

RD Elect Tracy is looking for volunteers to be representatives on the ADDC Committees. Please step forward and email Tracy if you can donate a few hours each month to help on one of the committees. Almost all the committees are open at this point, so you can pick and choose which one you want. Please CHOOSE to be a representative!

On October 9, 2017, Canadians celebrated Thanksgiving. One thing I am especially thankful for this year is being able to serve as your RD. I appreciated all the help and confidence you gave me this year and hope you will do the same for Tracy next year.

On November 23rd, our American friends will be celebrating Thanksgiving and we wish them all the best. Be safe in your travels and give thanks for what you are given.

Marilyn

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2017 Region VII Director





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November 2017

Friends and fellow members,

November is a time of reflection and thanks. I have been reflecting on my time as ADDC President, and how I am thankful for the experience. I am humbled by the faith you have put in me, and the friendship and support you have shown. I would have never thought 12 years ago that a group of strangers could become my second family. So thank you for being part of my life.

As we come closer to the end of the year there is some “Year End” business that must take place. If you are a committee chair, please start forwarding any files to the 2018 committee chairs. Clubs, as you elect and install your new, or newly recycled boards, please be sure to fill out the proper forms (ADO 30) and send them to both ADO and the Webmaster. I am happy to say that Mark and Wayne were able to get out the membership renewals in October. Great job gentlemen! With the renewals each of the club presidents should have received a list of former members. Please think about contacting them and see if they’d like to rejoin. Invite them to your Christmas events, or to the March meeting for Desk and Derrick Month. Remind them of the benefits of membership: education, networking and friendships. It never hurts to ask, and the worst they can say is “no.” The answer will always be “no”, unless you ask.

Please remember the Dues for 2018 have gone up to \$55.00 for the Association. This does not include the regional or club portions, so please check with your club’s treasurer for the correct amounts.

Let me wrap up this letter with a quote from one of my favorite philosophers – Marcy from the Peanuts:

“But Thanksgiving is more than eating, Chuck. You heard what Linus was saying out there. Those pilgrims were thankful for what had happened to them, and we should be thankful, too. We should just be thankful for being together. I think that's what they mean by Thanksgiving, Charlie Brown.”

– Marcy

Until next month,

Maggi Franks



Minutes of the 161st Membership Meeting of the Alberta Foothills Desk and Derrick Club

October 10, 2017 at the International Hotel, Calgary

President Naomi Reid called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m. and welcomed everyone. There were eight members and two guests in attendance: Marlene and Dave Williams, who was our guest speaker. Naomi presented the Invocation, and dinner was served.

Following dinner Marilyn Carter, Brian Carter and Lynne Grose phoned in to listen to the speaker and participate in the meeting. Lorna Myers introduced Mr. Williams, who spoke on Mud Logging. Joanne Riggall thanked the speaker and presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation.

Convention update

- Naomi outlined the proposed realignment of the Regions which was presented at Convention. The full PowerPoint presentation is available on the ADDC website. All ADDC clubs will be required to vote on this amendment before year end.
 - The Association would be reduced from seven Regions to four, effective January 1, 2019: Northeast, West, Central and Southeast. Region VII would become part of the West Region.
 - The Ad Hoc Committee attempted to ensure a comparable number of members in each Region (300 to 400), which resulted in the state of Texas being divided among three regions.
- As a cost-cutting measure, it was proposed that the ADDC Board position of Vice President be eliminated. To further cut costs the ADDC Board has voted to combine the ADO and Webmaster positions effective January 1, 2018, with Wayne Ammons assuming the role of ADDC Business Manager. Wayne is currently, and will remain, a consultant without paid benefits. This is not a reflection on the performance of our current ADO Manager, Mark Loch; it is strictly a cost saving measure, and Wayne has the required webmaster skills. In addition, this is not required to be a full-time position. These changes are vital to the survival of ADDC. The Board was tasked with cutting costs, and the proposed changes will eliminate three Region Directors as well as the ADDC Vice President and a full-time ADO position.
- Mail Ballot Votes
 - All Club Presidents will receive instructions from the Rules Committee on the procedures for two mail ballot votes before the end of this year, and the results will be effective January 1, 2019:
 - 1 the realignment of the seven (7) Regions into four (4) Regions
 - 2 the elimination of the position of Vice President from the ADDC Board
- The 2018 Membership Renewals will be sent out by ADDC in October this year.
- Alberta Foothills did not win any Aimee awards this year.
- Attendance at Convention was 231 members, which included 41 First Timers.
- Bylaws and Standing Rules Amendments voting results:

Bylaws Amendment #1 – Name change	Failed
Bylaws Amendment #2 – “Chapter” vs. “Club”	Withdrawn by ADDC Board
Bylaws Amendment #3 – Dues increase to \$65 (amended to \$55)	Adopted
Bylaws Amendment #4 – Eliminate the <i>Desk and Derrick Journal</i>	Adopted
Bylaws Amendment #5 – Insignia	Failed
Standing Rules Amendment #1 – name and logo	Adopted
- 2018 ADDC Board

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President Elect	Terry Ligon	Graham
Vice President	Keith Atkins	El Dorado
Secretary	Evelyn Green	San Antonio
Treasurer	Wendy Sparks	Oklahoma City



- Future Convention dates
September 19 – 22, 2018 Evansville, Indiana
September 18 – 21, 2019 Kansas City, Missouri
September 16 – 20, 2020 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Club Business

- The Board discussed the increase in ADDC membership dues from \$45 to \$55 U.S. and propose leaving our Club's membership dues at the current rate of \$110.
- The Board proposed adding a student membership fee of \$75, and suggested we actively recruit college and university students to join the Club.
- It was agreed that the Club will pay Suzanne Cunningham's and Allison Rosland's 2018 memberships for services rendered.

NOTICE OF MOTION

(Bylaw amendments to be voted on at the November 14, 2017 Members' meeting)

Preamble

Each year our bylaws must be amended to reflect the ADDC Bylaws Review Committee's recommendations in accordance with proposed bylaws amendments which are accepted at the ADDC Annual Convention, as well as any additional amendments proposed and accepted at our ABFDDC Annual General Meeting which will be held on November 14, 2017. This year none of the proposed ADDC amendments affect our bylaws. However, the ABFDDC Board of Directors has discussed and proposes the following amendments:

Motion #1

BE IT RESOLVED that Section 1 and Section 2 of Article XI – Dues be amended to add the words "regular member" and "student member" annual dues with respective amounts which would therefore change Section 1 to include a part A and a part B, and amend Section 2 by adding the words "and for the new student members are \$75", after the dollar amount \$60, as follows:

ARTICLE XI – DUES

Now reads:

Section 1

Annual dues of \$110 shall be payable at the beginning of the Club year and shall include local, Regional and Association due
Dues not paid by February 1 shall be delinquent and membership automatically terminated.

Section 2

Annual dues, for new members only, are \$60 after June 30.

Amend to read:

Section 1

- A *Regular member annual dues shall be \$110 and be payable at the beginning of the Club year and shall include local, Regional and Association dues. Dues not paid by February 1 shall be delinquent and membership automatically termin*
- B *Student member annual dues shall be \$75 and be payable at the beginning of the Club year and shall include local, Regi and Association dues. Dues not paid by February 1 shall be delinquent and membership automatically terminated.*

Section 2

Annual dues, for new *regular* members only, are \$70 and for new *student* members are \$70, after June 30.

Rational:

With the current economic downturn in the industry and membership drop, it was recommended by the Board of Directors that by lowering the fees for students it would be an incentive to encourage students from the universities, colleges and technical schools to become members of our club.



Motion #2

BE IT RESOLVED that Article XVI – Representation be amended by changing the words “after thirty (30) days prior notice to membership” after the word “meeting” to be as follows: “providing either twenty-one (21) days written notice is given to each member, or notice is given at the previous general meeting and recorded in the minutes.” Funding is to be in accordance with Article XXI, Section 7.

ARTICLE XVI – REPRESENTATION

Now reads:

Representation at conventions of the Association of Desk and Derrick Clubs or other meetings requiring the presence of an official Club representative shall be by a delegate or alternate, or both, recommended by the Board and voted on by membership at any general membership meeting *after thirty (30) days prior notice to membership*. Funding is to be in accordance with Article XXI, Section 7.

Amend to read:

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Rational:

Article XX – Amendments - was amended in 2015 to reflect the twenty-one (21) days written notice clause and it would therefore be reasonable to adjust Article XVI –Representation, accordingly.

Committee Reports

- Program: November will be our Annual General Meeting and Election
- Treasurer / Secretary (Mary Alice Rooney and Lucy Mulgrew) Lucy absent, no report
- Past President (Tracy Fillmore) absent, no report
- Parliamentarian (Roseline Cyr) no report
- Membership (Lorna Myers and Joanne Riggall) no report
- Reservations (Donna O'Neill) absent
Mary Alice reported for Donna: meeting attendance was 8 members and 2 guests.
- Communications (Connie MacRae) no report

The club is hosting a seminar to view the movie *Deepwater Horizon* on Sunday, October 15 at the home of Joanne Riggall. Allison Rosland will send out an evite.

The winner of the 50/50 draw was Marlene Williams.

The next Board meeting is Wednesday, October 25, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Suncor offices. All members are welcome to attend the Board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

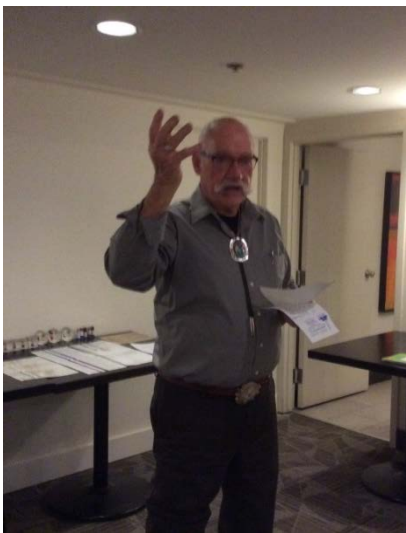
President Naomi's closing thoughts:

- I look for the positive and focus on gratitude, not because I'm trying to make you think my life is sparkly and beautiful and perfect. I'm trying to take responsibility for my happiness and I will dig for it even (especially) if my life feels like a pile of turds. I might need a damn microscope. But I won't stop looking.
– *Nanea Hoffman*
- A smaller-size party does not necessarily equate to lesser demands: if anything, the opposite can be the case.
– *Charles Kennedy*

Naomi Reid
Naomi Reid, President

Mary Alice Rooney
Mary Alice Rooney, Secretary





Deepwater Horizon movie day



Mud Logging

Presented by Dave Williams, submitted by Connie MacRae



Introduction by Lorna Myers:

Dave Williams was born and raised in Florida. He joined the Marine Corps in 1949 and fought in the Korean War.

In 1953 Dave joined the Canadian Oil Patch and worked for several contractors, then returned to the U.S. to work on the offshore rigs in Louisiana. He started his career in hydrocarbon well logging (mud logging) in Louisiana, then transferred to Wyoming. In 1972 he moved his family to Canada to set up Sentry Engineering, which originated in the U.S., and later left to establish his own mud logging business, Western Lab, with two partners. In 1978 he founded Daymar Well Logging, which he ran until his retirement in 2001. During his career he worked in various locations throughout the U.S. and Canada, including the off shore rigs in Alaska and the Arctic islands. He was

on the second Prudhoe Bay discovery well in Alaska. I have known Dave and his wife, Marlene, for over 45 years. Many years ago I called them "Boss", but I now call them my very dear friends.

Mud logging is the ability to measure gas in concentrations, using a Wheatstone bridge. This device is an electrical circuit used to measure an unknown electrical resistance by balancing two legs of a bridge circuit, one leg of which includes an unknown component. Its' primary benefit is the ability to provide extremely accurate measurements.

The bridge was developed by a scientist and mathematician, Samuel Hunter Christie in 1833. It was named for the man who subsequently popularized it, Sir Charles Wheatstone, a prominent member of the Royal Society of London. In addition to bringing the device to public attention, Wheatstone improved the design and found several new uses for it.

Gas chromatography is a separation technique carried out in a column of graded screened fire brick, sprayed with a lacquer finish. Gas flows through the column according to its boiling point or molecular weight. The results can predict what a well will produce. When gas is pushed through a chromatography run, the components come out in order and become separated into methane, ethane, propane, butane and pentane. If the results include all five gases, it is indicative of an oil well.

Dave came up with the idea to create 2 side-by-side columns on the well logs: one to indicate the percentages of components (geological) and one to provide interpretive results (drilling information).

Mud logging is a good tool, but only as good as the experience of the people using it; experience comes with exposure.

There are many different substances in the earth; geologists can tell from fossils, etc. where the sample was taken. They examine the samples wet and dry, and grind them to sawdust to determine if gas is present.

The mud logging industry has developed other tools such as an H₂S detector and a Calcimeter, which is used to determine the amount of calcium carbonate and magnesium carbonate (dolomite) in samples of oil well cores or drilled cuttings.

Dave passed around several samples of well logs and minerals, as well as core samples. Lorna commented that at one time she spent many hours coloring the well logs as part of her job.



Speaker Review – October 18, 2017

Deepwater Horizon

Presented by Mike Williams, submitted by Deborah Porath



On October 15, Club members gathered to watch the movie, “Deepwater Horizon” (hosted by Joanne Riggall), and on October 18 Naomi Reid arranged for some of us to join Energy Safety Canada (an organization created by a merger of ENFORM and Oil Sands Safety Association) for a presentation at the 2017 Executive Summit on Safety, held at the Calgary Petroleum Club. Mike Williams, a survivor of the Deepwater Horizon blowout, was the guest speaker.

Mike’s presentation was an informal question and answer forum with Claudia Cattaneo, Western Business Columnist at the National Post, interviewing him. (Unfortunately Claudia’s microphone did not work well and the audience could not hear her questions, so I was unable to record them.) Editor’s Note: you can read Claudia’s report of the event at <http://business.financialpost.com/commodities/energy/deepwater-horizon-hero-mike-williams-has-a-message-for-calgary-oil-executives>).

Mike Williams (played by Mark Wahlberg in the movie) was the Chief Electronics Technician for British Petroleum’s (BP) *Deepwater Horizon* off-shore drilling rig. On April 20, 2010 the rig experienced a blow-out (a sudden surge of oil and gas that bursts out of the well) with flames engulfing the rig and killing 11 of the 126 crew members. Mike has made it his mission to speak on behalf of the crew members who lost their lives, and to talk about safety in the workplace, no matter where that workplace is.

The *Deepwater Horizon* was located 52 miles off the coast of Venice, Louisiana. It was the largest oil rig in the world at the time and had been digging the deepest well in history, starting on the seabed 5,000 feet beneath the Gulf of Mexico. The crew had been in the final stages of shutting down the exploratory Macondo Well located more than 18,000 feet below the surface. The find had a potential yield in excess of 200 million gallons of oil per year. Ordinarily the rig only drilled exploratory wells but in this instance they had been asked to dig their first production well. That inexperience may have contributed to the disaster. Much has been written about the event and there have been many conversations and inquiries into the cause. This presentation was an opportunity for Mike to tell his story and to give voice to the 11 lost souls.

Mike was finishing his work for the night when he heard a hissing sound, which he knew was not good. It was the sound of the gas cloud flying over the deck, indicating that the well had blown. Then he heard the rig’s engines exploding after sucking in that cloud of gas. The result was total chaos on board.

When Mike opened his door he could see the flames licking the rig’s decks. He made his way to the weather deck, climbing over 2 bodies he assumed were deceased. From there he could see that the entire rig floor was engulfed in flames. At some point his attitude changed from “survivor”, to “helper”, then “rescuer”. There were so many injured and so much help was required. The flames were 150 feet high and the noise was deafening. He made it to the bridge, where he relayed what he had seen. He was initially was dismissed, as they just didn’t believe him and were still trying to start the engines.

Re-telling the disaster is not Mike’s focus now; his purpose is to highlight safety in the workplace. He wants to make all of us aware that we are the key to a safe work environment.

He was approached by Peter Berg, who wanted to make the movie “Deepwater Horizon”. Initially Mike wanted nothing to do with the project, as he had issues with the script and it didn’t appeal to him. He had done over 15 speaking engagements in the previous 2 years and was just tired. Eventually he realized that the project was going ahead with or without him, so he felt he needed to be on board to document what had happened to the 11 workers who lost their lives.



He thinks the movie is a best approximation of the disaster and, because it is a movie, some of it is real and some of it is just that: a movie. By coincidence, he had spoken to all 11 of those men on April 20, and had walked through all of those spaces that were first in line of the fire. That thought has not left him.

He is passionate when he speaks about safety. The rig was 9 years old but had never been shut in for maintenance. It was the most profitable rig in BP's history. He feels that corners were cut on maintenance: a safety audit showed that 382 critical systems were below optimal operating condition. The rig was scheduled to be sent to the shipyard, but BP had postponed that to finish this well.

The crew was trained and prepared for disaster, but the 14-member disaster/ rescue team went AWOL except for two who tried to do their jobs. It was uncontrolled chaos and no amount of training could have helped. The management of change was poor. The rig was essentially an island, and there is no safe harbor on such an island.

In the end, Mike, the captain, and several others were left on the rig without a lifeboat. They jumped 10 stories into the Gulf of Mexico and were eventually rescued.

Mike's take-away is that it is now his mission – his job – to engage other workers and encourage them to speak up about safety concerns. Safety conversations should not be adversarial. A work site should be a place where all are free to speak about safety concerns without fear of retribution. Employers have a responsibility to empower their employees to stop the job if it is unsafe. Mike no longer trusts other people to make decisions about his safety.

Questions from the audience:

Q Regarding the BOP (blowout preventer), did they underestimate the pressure in the well?

A Small oil leaks were real. Three weeks prior, at 13,000 feet we lost the bottom of the well. Remediation didn't hold. Well control was sent out and the first look inside the BOP showed 2 pieces of drill pipe.

Q Who was ultimately in charge of the rig?

A BP runs the well and hired the crew to drill. BP does have silent partners. During the Coast Guard hearings this was asked. When the vessel is underway the Captain is in charge, but once the rig is attached to the bottom it is the Offshore Installation Manager (OIM).

Q What do we need to do to build trust?

A Empower front line workers. Safety should come from the bottom, not the top. Safety does not have to be adversarial.

Q Do you still have friends at Transocean? Has anything changed?

A Yes, I still know people there and yes, there have been changes. The front line guys hate it because it has slowed things down. They are still not receptive to safety changes.

Q Describe the review process – who was driving accountability?

A Once I was released from hospital I was immediately driven to a hotel. I had not had time to shower, had no shoes, and was still in my hospital gown. I was walked into a room with 20 attorneys and one vacant chair. This was my first deposition. My own employer "came at" me. I was left with the feeling that I had to protect myself. From that came my understanding that safety must be front and center. There can be no new low bar. Empower the front line worker and clarify who is in charge. Leaders must lead.



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