



June 15 2006
Annual General Meeting
Houston BC

Welcome!

- “All resolutions will be decided by consensus, where consensus is defined Schedule B (of our constitution and bylaws.”
- A person may apply to the directors for membership in the society and on acceptance by the directors is a member.
- Every member must uphold the constitution and comply with these bylaws.
- The amount of the first annual membership dues must be determined by the directors and after that the annual membership dues must be determined at the annual general meeting of the society. Membership fees for 2005 were set at ZERO.

2005 AMS Board of Directors

Left to right: Ben Weinstein, Doug Bysouth, Joanne Dickenson, Dave Stevens, Frits Goossen, Paul Schwarz, Ian Sharpe. Not pictured: Leroy Reitsma.

3 government – Joanne, Ian and Ben

2 public – Dave, Frits

3 industry – Leroy, Paul, Doug



Agenda

2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

1. Approval of Agenda
2. **Approval of minutes from April 19, 2006**
3. Facilitator's Annual Report
4. Finance Committee Report
 - a. **Unaudited** financial statements – year ending Dec 2005
 - b. **Draft budget ending Dec 31 2006**
 - c. **Charitable Status Application and Constitution Amendment**
6. Succession Planning Committee Report
 - a. **Facilitator/Coordinator**
 - b. Election Process
 - c. Introduction and Acknowledgement of 2006-2007 Board Members
7. President's Remarks
8. Other Business
9. Questions from membership
10. Adjournment and Dinner

Facilitator's Report

- Is Plan Implementation on track as expected?
- What is happening with community education?
- What are possible threats and opportunities related to meeting our Plan goals?

Plan Implementation

- June marks beginning of Year 3 of implementation
- Our project is basically on track although most strategies did not specify a target completion date
- Our project is impacted by other goals and natural phenomena
 - Provincial wood stove exchange initiative
 - Partnerships with BVLD local governments (i.e. harmonization of local bylaws) and other airshed planning groups
 - Phase out of beehive burners and plan for reducing stack emissions
 - “Management” of pine beetle infestation
 - Weather conditions

Major areas of progress

- Organizational development and capacity building well underway
- Communications strategy completed and numerous outreach initiatives carried out successfully
- Emission reduction efforts a mix of setbacks and successes on par with regional efforts by all sectors

Emission reduction efforts in 2005

Backyard burning	Bylaw and education research; education at all AMS outreach events.
Debris burning from small sawmills, agriculture operations & land clearing	Handled through Resource Management Burning subcommittee – education program outline developed and network established. Identified new operations from pine beetle harvests as a concern. Cooperated with RDBN and MoE on wood waste management issue and provided input and feedback on options study.
Forest harvest debris burning	Handled through Resource Management Burning subcommittee. CVI Forecast service in 2 nd year and working well. 3 rd annual Burn Operators Forum held with good results. New Bulkley and Nadina TSA Burn Plans adopted with emission reduction recommendations.

Emission reduction efforts in 2005 (2)

Beehive burners	Supported efforts of local mills to find alternatives. Showcased PIR efforts.
Wood burning appliances & Space heating	Worked with Province to make BVLD a priority for a second woodstove exchange. Developed partnerships with Energy Centre of the North and Energuide contractor to increase scope and outreach of exchange program. Bylaw and education research; education at all AMS outreach events.
Road dust	Through MoE, the BVLD AMS was represented at Prince George forum on best management practices for road dust. Through MoE, BMPs were promoted at LDM contractor meeting in November.

Emission reduction efforts in 2005 (3)

<p>Other industrial permitted sources</p>	<p>Met with NEWPRO twice to develop an emissions reduction action plan including voluntary shutdowns and updated emissions profile. Working with NEWPRO to develop community education program. Following up with MoE to support staff efforts.</p>
<p>All sources</p>	<p>Awareness raising and education at AMS outreach events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• February workshops in Smithers, Houston and Burns Lake• June AGM & Clean Air Forum• August Fall Fair Booth• September Burn Operators Forum <p>Publication of brochures</p> <p>Website development, promotion, and regular updates</p> <p>Media outreach</p> <p>Networking to increase capacity and available resources for Plan implementation</p>

Community Education



- Fall Fair
- Newsletter
- Press coverage
- Presentations to local government
- Brochure for Hazelton
- Clean Air Day
- Gearing up to support new bylaws
- Cleanairplan.ca

Factors that made progress possible

- Financial and technical support of Min. of Environment
- Volunteer contributions of membership and board of directors
- Professional contractors to keep project moving forward
- Moral support and active reinforcement of goals by stakeholders inside and outside of airshed
- In-kind and cash contributions by BC Lung, Fraser Basin Council, BV Credit Union

Threats and Opportunities

- Global warming and new funding for adaptation projects
- Review of Provincial air quality objectives
- Level of awareness and understanding
- Economic incentives
- Interaction and resource sharing with other airshed planners and educators
- Partnerships with Northern Health, BC Lung, and local governments

Municipal government role in managing Air Quality

- Municipal government
 - In-kind and cash contributions towards **community education** programs
 - Bylaw research, development, harmonization, promotion and enforcement
 - i.e. Backyard burning, solid fuel burning appliances (operation and installation)
 - Zoning, transportation and land-use planning
 - Regional growth strategies and sustainability plans
 - Supporting initiatives such wood stove exchange (in 2004, building permit fees were waived and Regional Districts covered costs of recycling old stoves)
 - Representation on Board of Directors and at Annual Clean Air Forums to assess Plan effectiveness

Finance Committee Report

- Need approval of financial statements
- Need approval of constitution amendments

Constitution Amendment

- “Be it resolved that Purposes A through F be removed from the Constitution adopted June 13, 2005 and be replaced with the following approved charitable purposes:
- a) To educate, and increase the understanding of , the public, environmental organizations, government and the press about environmental preservation and restoration by offering workshops, seminars, training and lectures on the topic of air quality and its importance.
- b) To conduct research relating to air quality and fine particulates, and to disseminate to the public the results of such research.”

Elections

- Bylaws specify that
 - The number of directors must be 6 or a greater number determined from time to time at a general meeting.
 - Sector representation shall be at least 2 industry, 2 government, and 2 public and every effort shall be made to ensure reasonable geographic representation throughout the Plan area.
- There are no vacant Director seats this year but we will consider adding 1 new Director from public sector and seats are open for ad hoc committees on Public Education and Energy and Space Heating.
- Call for nominations from the floor

Other business

- Membership fees currently set at zero
- Consideration of membership fees for local government in exchange for community education services
 - General education – trade shows, presentations, Clean Air Day, newsletter articles and inserts
- Consideration of registration fees for workshops and conferences