



# Communication

December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Update of Activities from the MANS Office.

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## **New Executive Director**

I am happy to inform the membership that we have completed the interview process for the position of Executive Director for the Association and that *Ms. Linda Deschenes* of Thunder Bay was recommended by the Nomination Committee and approved by the Board on December 9<sup>th</sup> to fill the position. The committee, consisting of Past President (*Peter Oram*), current President (*Paul Smith*), 1st VP (*Gavin Isenor*), 2nd VP (*Pat Mills*), Finance Chair (*Laurie Vaughan*) and two Board Members (*Bill Mundle* and *John Amirault*) reviewed 28 applicants and short-listed 5 candidates for interviews. The committee was extremely happy with the high standard of all candidates but in the end was unanimous in its selection of Linda to the position.

Thus, following through from her previous position as Interim ED, I would like to welcome Linda as our new Executive Director for the Mining Association. Linda is now making the necessary arrangements to move to Nova Scotia on a permanent basis, and take on the many tasks that lay ahead. As President, I wish Linda all the best in her new role and I look forward to working with her to build MANS into the strong and vibrant association we are planning for. As Linda will be away until January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, please feel free to contact me directly ([pauls@acadianmining.com](mailto:pauls@acadianmining.com)) on matters of urgency.

## **From the Executive Director**

I would like to take this opportunity to say how honored I am to have been chosen to continue on as your Executive Director. I have enjoyed my position every day since I arrived in September, and look forward to working with all of you as we bring MANS into 2011. I know that this coming year will be one of growth, unity and pride and I cannot wait to get started. Thank you all for your involvement and support and your continued faith in MANS.

## **Funding and Membership**

- Our new fee structure was approved by the Board of Directors for 2011 and invoices will be going out on time;
- The association benefits package will be ready in early January to accompany invoices;
- We continue to grow and the January update will introduce more new additions to our membership.

## **Meetings and Conferences**

- The “*Holiday Networking Event*” was a success with the added value of mingling with hundreds of people; all representing sectors of industry in Nova Scotia;

- Strategic Funders for the Holiday Networking event were:
  - Conrad Brothers, Conestoga-Rovers, Atlantic Cat, Silvore Fox Minerals, Logon Drilling and *Paul Smith*.
- *Mr. Wes Hanson* of Noront Resources hosted an informative luncheon with members and invited guests on December 9<sup>th</sup>. The presentation offered insights into the successes, challenges and opportunities in Northern Ontario's Ring of Fire.

### **Committees and Working Group Reports**

- Executive and Human Resources Committee – *Paul Smith*
- Governance and Nominating Committee – *Peter Oram*
  - Congratulations and welcome to *John Amirault* who has agreed to fill the vacant seat on the Board of Directors.
- Audit and Finance Committee – *Laurie Vaughan*
  - Laurie continues to provide her accounting expertise
- Membership and Fundraising Committee – *Gavin Isenor*
  - The new Fee Structure has been approved by the board and the new Benefit Package will be finalized in early January
- Education and Industry Development Committee – *Doug Roy*
  - We are awaiting news from *Albert LeBlanc* on a go forward plan
- Environmental Responsibility Rewards Committee (New Name) – *Harry Cabrita*
  - Terms of Reference will be presented at the January board meeting
- Communications & Editorial Committee – *Linda Deschenes*
  - The newly formed committee will have TOR completed for January board meeting

### **Task Forces:**

- Land Access Task Force – *John Wightman*
  - DNR will be making a presentation regarding Crown Land Access at MANS in January
- Operations Task Force – *Pat Mills*
  - A letter was sent to the DNR office by MANS in October and a response from *Mr. Brian Gilbert*, Acting Deputy Minister has been received; with assurances that MANS will be involved in consultative process regarding the reclassification of minerals and any recommended changes to the Nova Scotia Mineral Act
- Strategic Planning Task Force – *Paul Smith*
  - Work on the Business Plan continues to evolve
- Mining Act Revision Task Force – *Rick Ratcliffe*
  - Rick is the MANS representative on that government committee
- Fuel Tax Task Force- *Paul Smith*
  - This five person Task Force, is currently looking for one more volunteer. Terms of Reference highlighting our main objective and action plan for implementation of the fuel tax rebate for the mining industry will be presented to the Board for approval in January, 2011.

**Newsletters:**

This is our last communication for the year of 2010. Our next communication will be an update on January 15, 2011 and Newsletter on February 1, 2011.

**Upcoming Board Meetings:**

Board of Directors meetings – begin at 9 am

Thursday January 20, 2011 - with a newly established meeting schedule for 2011.

**Upcoming Executive Meeting:**

Executive Meetings – begin at 8:30 am

Wednesday January 12, 2011

Tuesday February 15, 2011

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**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Mineral Exploration Roundup – Vancouver - January 24 to 27, 2011

Road Builders Association 64<sup>th</sup> Annual AGM – January 26<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011

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