



Communication

November 15th, 2010 Update of Activities from the MANS Office.

Funding and Membership

- Since September and our last update we have been streamlining our expenditures to be more reflective of our membership requests and interests;
- We are in the process of re-evaluating our fee structure by category and company size for 2011 invoices;
- Identifying potential new members with a Goal: 50% increase in membership within 1 year – already have 8 new interested companies.

Meetings and Conferences

- Adopted a new monthly schedule for Board meetings in order to move more quickly on action items;
- MANS, ESANS, EduNova and OTANS, to name a few, have come together to host a “*Holiday Networking Event*” on December 9th that will allow all of our membership to get together before the holiday break. A separate email will be sent to the association with all the particulars;
- New Brunswick Mineral Resource Review-November 7-9,
 - Re-established relationships with staff at Natural Resources including, Sam McEwan, Assistant Deputy Minister(Acting)Lands, Minerals and Petroleum Division and Ron Shaw, Recorder, Mineral & Petroleum Development;
 - Met with Elisabeth Spatz-Devito, president of the prospectors association and will have future conversation with regard to them partnering with MANS;
 - James Arnold (Aboriginal Workforce Development Initiative) presented at the review and during conversation with him we agreed that future meetings were warranted with their Nova Scotia office;
 - Sheri Somerville and Janet MacMillan (MT&L Public Relations Ltd.) presented at the review and interestingly was hired by Shear Wind (across the hall from our office) in an effort to quell the public unrest with their wind power project. Janet MacMillan will be attending our Rock Talk social on Thursday evening and asked that we also invite a colleague of hers Mr. Patrick Whiteway. Patrick has been a writer and editor for Nickel Magazine, Northern Miner Magazine and the Canadian Mining Journal. I sent him an invite and he has accepted;
 - **There were 21 Exhibitor booths that I attended and of those, 8 companies express sincere interest in joining our association** and invoices will be sent to each.

Committees and Working Group Reports

- Executive and Human Resources Committee – Paul Smith
 - Starting November 20th the committee will be reviewing a large number of candidates for the position of full time Executive Director;
- Governance and Nominating Committee – Peter Oram
- Audit and Finance Committee – Laurie Vaughan
 - The committee looking at our financial viability recommended that the administrative position be dissolved until we are more financial stable – the position was eliminated on November 5th;
 - The ED has taken on all administrative duties with the exception of the monthly accounting which Laurie Vaughan has volunteered to do;
- Membership and Fundraising Committee – Gavin Isenor and Gordon Dickie
 - The Committee is currently working on a new fee structure;
- Education and Industry Development Committee – Doug Roy
 - Both the President and Ex. Dir. met with Albert LeBlanc at Geology Matters and other members of our industry on a new educational initiative that will bring geology into the class room – this is still a work in progress;
- Environmental Sustainability (subject to title change) – Harry Cabrita
 - The name of this committee is being changed and the new Terms of Reference will be presented to the Board later this month.

Task Forces:

- Land Access Task Force – John Wightman
 - DNR's Dan Khan, Planning and Development Officer met to discuss policy regarding crown land access and permitting for exploration, prospecting and access to cross crown land;
- Operations Task Force – Pat Mills and Scott Hoeg-
 - A letter was sent to the DNR office by MANS in October requesting a meeting regarding mineral reclassification. We are still attempting to confirm a date and will continue to follow up until a meeting with MANS has been set;
- Strategic Planning Task Force – Paul Smith
 - Work on the Business Plan continues;
- Mining Act Revision Task Force – Rick Ratcliffe
 - These activities will commence once DNR decided to initiate the process. Rick will sit as the MANS representative on that government committee.

Additional committee/task force (effective Nov.04, 2010)

- Communications & Editorial Committee – This is a new committee tasked with increasing the amount of information reaching our membership. The Ex. Dir. will chair the committee which is now accepting volunteers;
- Fuel Tax Task Force- Paul Smith
 - This Task Force currently has four members and one resource member. It is currently looking for one more volunteer with meetings to start this week.

At the Office

- Our website is under care and maintenance with the assistance of Ralph Stea and his son who is a 3rd year computer student. Early this week it will be ready for archiving and updating;
- The office has been cleaned from top to bottom, purged of excess clutter and revitalized in preparation for our Rock Talk social mixer on Nov. 18th;
- Merrex Gold Inc. is graciously sponsoring our social event and to date we have 20 confirmed attendees.

In the Coming Week

- Meeting at Cunard Center in preparation for December 9th Holiday Networking Mixer;
- Meeting Nov. 15th with Ex. Dir. of the Road Builders Association;
- Ex Committee meeting is scheduled for Nov. 23rd;
- Committee meeting Nov. 17th on our new fee structure;
- November 18th - final preparations for Rock Talk!
- Website updates.

Newsletter:

As we did in the last newsletter I would like to continue show-casing our association members. I am asking that all members who are interested in a one page promotion of their company send me a bio of their company so we can highlight the exciting and excellent work being done by our members.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Board of Directors meetings – begin at 9 am

Thursday December 9, 2010

Thursday January 27, 2011

Thursday March 3, 2011

Upcoming Executive Meeting:

Executive Meetings – begin at 8:30 am

Tuesday November 25, 2010

Wednesday January 12, 2011

Tuesday February 15, 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER:

November 18, 2010

December 9, 2010

Rock Talk social at the MANS office

Holiday Networking Mixer at Cunard Centre

**See you and your guests at our 1st “Rock Talk” Social Mixer – November 18th
4:00pm -7:00pm at the MANS Office**