



Article for Nexus

By now most of you are aware of the Centre for Energy Asset Management Studies, affectionately known as CEAMS, an initiative that had its genesis in the CAPLA 5-year Education Plan. Whether you know it or not, the Board and membership of CAPLA has been unbelievably supportive of this initiative all along the way. It is for this reason we thought you might like to know where CEAMS is today.

Board of Directors Elected

On Friday September 1st, the Steering Committee held a meeting at which 14 Directors were elected to the Board of the Centre for Energy Asset Management Studies, fully constituting the Centre as an Alberta Non-Profit Society. The Board then elected their Executive: Chair, Vice Chair & Secretary/Treasurer.

The Executive:

Chair - David Rudd/Devon Canada Corporation
Vice Chair - Gale Breen/Prosidium Inc
Secretary/Treasurer - Debi Moffatt/Husky Energy

The Directors:

Rhonda Aiello/EnCana Corporation
Brenda Allbright/Alberta Energy
Audrey Atkins/CAPLA
Linda Bernier/ EnCana Corporation
Helen Hudson/Anadarko Canada Corporation
Cheryl Knight/Petroleum HR Council of Canada
Kevin MacFarlane/Petro-Canada
Verna Moodie/ Petro-Canada
Melinda Scherger/Devon Canada Corporation
Melanie Storey/Burlington Resources Canada Ltd
James Wickens/Husky Energy

We are proud to be able to say that all four core areas of Asset Management - Production Accounting, Operations Accounting, Joint Venture and Land - Contracts, Surface & Mineral, are well represented throughout the Board; with many of the Directors having a diversified background with experience in several areas of Asset Management.

Board Training Session

The newly minted Directors of the CEAMS Board underwent an intensive Board Training session early in October. The purpose of the session was to ensure that all members of the Board are fully versed on, and clearly understand the roles, responsibilities, realities and liabilities faced by today's Boards of Directors of Non-Profit Societies. The session was conducted by Mr. Frank Nieboer, a well recognised Calgary authority on Board governance and training, Frank came to CEAMS through the Calgary Centre for Non-Profit Management.

New Founding Partner

The Board also welcomed Anadarko Canada Corporation, as our newest Founding Partner. Anadarko will be represented on the Board by Helen Hudson, Manager - Land Contracts. Anadarko joins the other Founding Partners: Burlington Resources Canada, CAPLA, Devon Canada Corporation, EnCana Corporation, Husky Energy and Petro-Canada. The Sponsor Companies are Krang Energy (now Viking Energy Trust) and Hunt Oil Company of Canada.

Education Partner Selection Process

The Centre has been going through a very extensive search for an Education Partner to bring our exciting vision to reality. At the end of August RFPs were sent to 9 different Institutions all of which had expressed an interest in becoming involved in the CEAMS project.

Since receiving the RFP, many of the Institutions have requested interviews with members of the Education Committee. These interviews have been enlightening for both parties; providing committee members with some fascinating insight into the realities of advanced education in Alberta and to the institutions, greater clarity around the scope and scale of the CEAMS vision.

Responses to the RFP were received by the end of September. Those responses are being reviewed and we hope to have selected our Education Partner by the end of October.

Presentations to Industry

Dave Rudd recently made presentations to the Education Committee of CAPL and their Board of Directors; to update them on our progress to date. As a result of those presentations both the Education Committee and the Board have strongly endorsed the CEAMS initiative.

A presentation was also made to CAPP and we hope CEAMS will be introduced to their HR CEO Task Force this fall.

Contact has also been made with SEPAC and we hope to make a presentation to their Board also this fall, perhaps as early as November.

What's Next?

- A drive to recruit 5 new Founding Partners before the October 31st deadline. After that date, only Charter Partner and Sponsor Company designations will be available. Founding Partners are recognised with a seat on the CEAMS Board of Directors and much, much more.
- The first draft of the Business Case for support of CEAMS is scheduled for completion by end of November. Several innovative funding strategies are currently in development for testing among the various stakeholders in the CEAMS initiative.

We are coming into a very busy and very exciting time for CEAMS as we move closer and closer to the reality of delivering our diploma/applied degree programs.