

EESFC Annual Meeting

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Kelowna, BC – The Elevator Escalator Safety Foundation of Canada (EESFC) recently held its 2006 Annual Meeting and Member’s Meeting June 9, 2006 in Kelowna, British Columbia. The event was held during the 2006 Canadian Elevator Contactors Association’s (CECA) conference.

Invitations were sent to all Board of Regents and members. Alan Hopkirk and Anna Prospero (Trident Elevator Company), Terry Wagner (Elevator World, Inc.), Gordon Pattison (Alberta Elevating Devices and Amusement Rides Safety Association – AEDARSA) and Alison Whittaker (Escalator Handrail Company) attended the meeting.

The Board of Regents discussed the previous year’s achievements. During the 2005 Annual Meeting the Board set a goal to reach 45,000 students with the Safe-T Rider© program during the 2005/2006 school year. The Foundation far exceeded its goal and reached an astonishing 78,553 students!

Fifty-five percent of the total or 42,954 students were reached in Canada as a result of the efforts of Loraine Frisen of AEDARSA. Another 21,000 children or 27% were reached in Toronto.

Due to the success of Safe-T Rider© during 2005/2006 the Board set a goal to reach 85,000 in Canada during the 2006/2007 school year. In addition, the Board agreed to help reach the 2006 A Safe Ride® program goal set at 40,000 adults by individually distributing the program to senior centers in their community.

This year a brochure was developed specifically for EESFC. This brochure contains information to promote the Safe-T Rider©, A Safe Ride® and National Elevator Escalator Safety Awareness Week programs as well as the history of EESFC. The brochure is available upon request in digital or hardcopy formats.

Another accomplishment reached in 2005 was the development of the EESFC website located at www.eesfc.org. The site was created to better promote the Foundation in Canada. It features information about the Board of Regents, Members and Contributors, Programs, General Safety, and Foundation publications. Board Chairman Kevin Lavallee (ThyssenKrupp Elevator Canada Limited) was pleased with all the Foundation's accomplishments. He said, "The EESFC had met its goals last year and is headed in the right direction."

New officers were elected during the meeting. Ian Hambly (MAD Fixtures) was voted new Board Chairman, Vlad Zachata (Richmond Elevator Maintenance) was voted Vice Chairman and Ted Dance was voted Secretary/Treasurer. In addition, Alison Whittaker was voted onto the Board of Regents as the CECA Representative. Hambly echoed the sentiments of the incoming Board members when he said, "I am looking forward to leading EESFC to carry out its mission these next few years."

Hambly thanked Lavallee for his excellent service to the EESFC and congratulated him on the many accomplishments the Foundation had under his leadership.

The 2007 EESFC Annual Meeting will be held during the CECA Conference scheduled for June 2007 in Ottawa. All contributors/members of the EESFC are invited to attend and hear first hand what is going on with the Foundation in order to offer their input and suggestions for reaching EESFC goals. Call EESFC at 800.949.6442 for more information.

Photo #2: *(left to right)* – Andy Reistetter (NEEA); Ian Hambly (MAD Fixtures); Kevin Lavallee (ThyssenKrupp Elevator Canada Limited); Barbara Allen (EESFC); Vicky Barr-Humphries (BC Safety Authority); Steve Husband (GAL Canada); Ken Andersen (Capital Elevator Limited); Alan Hopkirk (Trident Elevator Company)

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