



PSAC's 2007 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Royalty Review Response – PSAC responded to member concerns regarding the 2007 Royalty Review in Alberta, first by making a presentation to the Review Panel, and then by advocating for members through a full-scale media response which included a news conference, multiple media interviews and a multi-locale newspaper ad campaign. The latter was launched in partnership between PSAC, the Canadian Association of Oilwell Drilling Contractors (CAODC) and the Canadian Association of Geophysical Contractors (CAGC). PSAC has continued to respond to this issue through meetings with both the Honourable Premier Stelmach and the Honourable Mel Knight, Alberta Minister for Energy.

Meeting with Alberta Minister for Employment & Immigration – In late July, PSAC met with the Honourable Iris Evans, Alberta Minister for Employment & Immigration, and the Honourable Mel Knight, Alberta Minister for Energy. At the meeting, PSAC brought forward the views of PSAC members on drug and alcohol testing policies in the workplace and discussed issues regarding the Human Rights Commissions in Alberta and Canada.

Hours of Service – Throughout 2007 PSAC worked closely with industry, Enform, and provincial and federal government agencies to find collaborative ways to resolve concerns about the new Hours of Service Standard which came into effect January 1, 2007, as well as to find reasonable ways to meet the related new regulations. In addition, PSAC partnered with Enform and Alberta Infrastructure and Transportation to develop an information package on the new standard, designed specifically for operators, field supervisors, wellsite supervisors and small producers.

Temporary Foreign Workers Program – PSAC and other industry stakeholders met with Human Resources and Social Development Canada (HRSDC), Service Canada, and Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC) to discuss the Temporary Foreign Worker Program. Dialogue focused on the impact of recently announced initiatives and suggestions for future improvements. The Honourable Monte Solberg, HRSDC Minister, joined the meeting to express his intentions for continuous improvement of Service Canada and CIC on streamlining the process for PSAC members.

Well Testing Training Program – Building on the success of the first three levels of an industry-standard training program for well-testing which was developed by PSAC and SAIT in 2005, this past year, PSAC members worked on completing the final three levels of the program, with the assistance of technical writers. This successful program is designed to provide the theoretical knowledge that would complement on-the-job training for advancement.

Industry Recommended Practices (IRP's) – PSAC put significant effort towards orchestrating revisions to various IRP's and ensuring member input to changes and considerations regarding IRP#4 - Well Testing and Fluid Handling, IRP#15 - Snubbing Operations, and IRP#23 - Lease Lighting Standards.

Learning and Communication – PSAC worked to provide a multitude of opportunities for learning and communication in 2007 including the annual PSAC Spring Conference, Financial Forums, various workshops and seminars, as well as through the FAST-Line newsletter, OnStream Magazine, and PSAC's widely visited website www.psac.ca.

Strategic Planning – PSAC's Board and management held a two-day strategic planning session to update a 3-year strategic plan developed in the fall of 2006. The planning-update session served to ensure PSAC has a strong focus and approach centred around serving the interests of the Association's members through a multitude of activities and initiatives.