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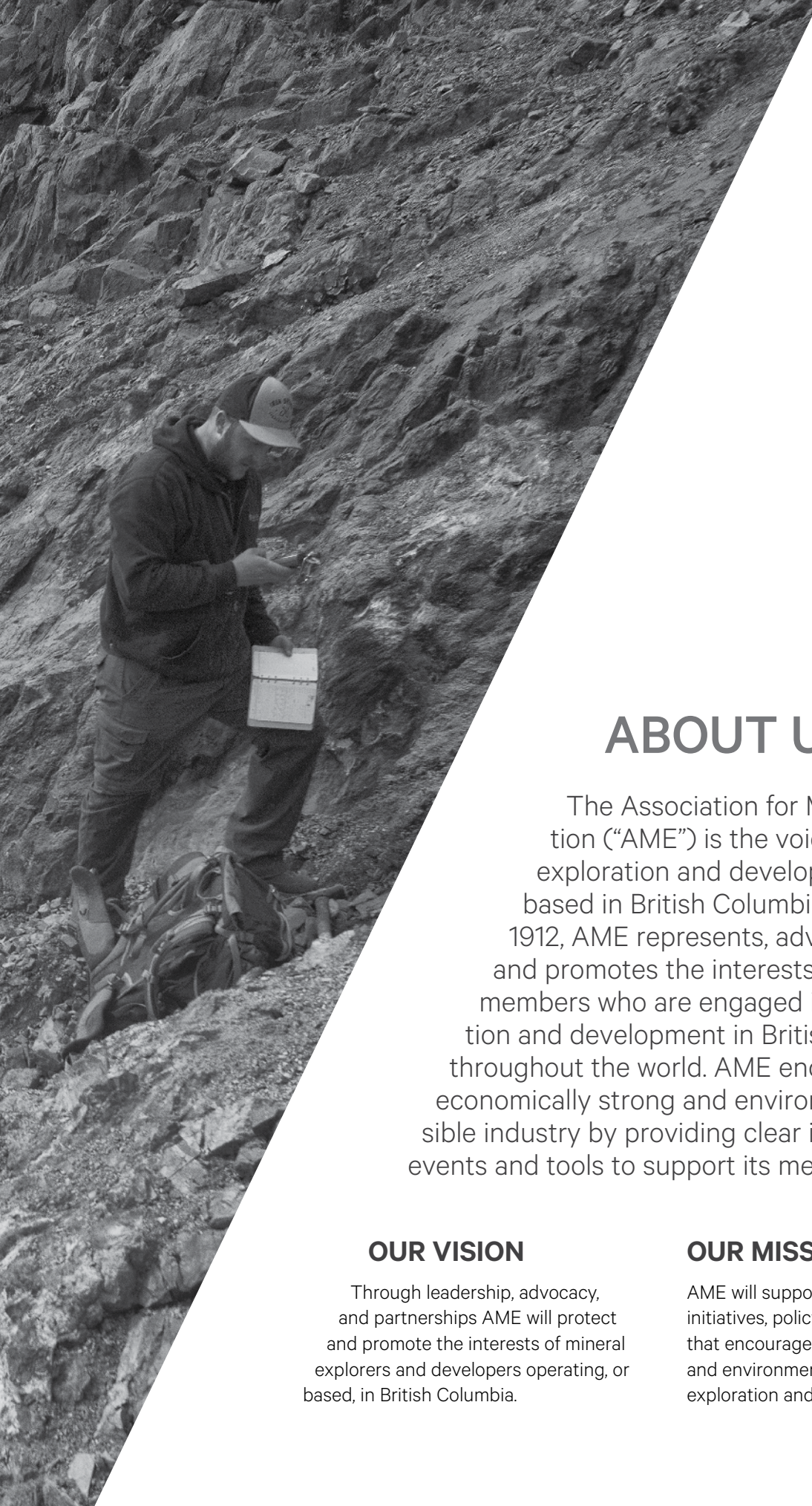
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## ABOUT US

The Association for Mineral Exploration (“AME”) is the voice for the mineral exploration and development industry based in British Columbia. Established in 1912, AME represents, advocates, protects and promotes the interests of thousands of members who are engaged in mineral exploration and development in British Columbia and throughout the world. AME encourages a safe, economically strong and environmentally responsible industry by providing clear initiatives, policies, events and tools to support its membership.

### OUR VISION

Through leadership, advocacy, and partnerships AME will protect and promote the interests of mineral explorers and developers operating, or based, in British Columbia.

### OUR MISSION

AME will support its members through clear initiatives, policy positions, events and tools that encourage a safe, economically strong and environmentally responsible mineral exploration and development industry.



## **AME'S 2013-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY AREAS**

AME's activities are guided by the Association's 2013-2017 Strategic Plan and Objectives. The plan, released at AME's Mineral Exploration Roundup conference in January 2013, was developed with the input from over 600 members, regional exploration groups, industry leaders, and the AME Board and management.

Embracing an adaptive, inclusive and progressive approach, AME is accomplishing its mission and implementing the Strategic Plan & Objectives by focusing on the following six key priority areas, as follows:

1. Successful exploration
2. Aboriginal relations and engagement
3. Public awareness and stakeholder education
4. Socially responsible exploration
5. Membership engagement
6. Mineral Exploration Roundup conference

Building upon the Strategic Plan and Objectives, AME also develops a more specific and time sensitive Top Issues and Recommendations paper annually to align advocacy efforts and facilitate more focused and member-informed discussions with government, First Nations and stakeholders.



## 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



(Back row, left to right:) Robin Junger, Robert McLeod, Bruce Scott, Scott Weston, Michael Buchanan, Thomas Ullrich, Darren O'Brien, Scott Broughton, Robert Boyd. (Front row, left to right:) Ken McNaughton, Jill Pardoe, Diane Nicolson, Christine Ogryzlo, Sue Craig, John Murray, Jill Tsolinas, Gavin C. Dirom, Kendra Johnston, Don Bragg, Robert Stevens. Photo credit: Velour Productions

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### EX-OFFICIO

Robin Archdekin, Geoscience BC  
 Karina Briño, Mining Association of British Columbia

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Gavin C. Dirom, President & CEO  
Rick Conte, Executive Vice President  
Glen W. Wonders, Vice President,  
Technical & Government Affairs  
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Relations

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Communications  
Patricia Morrison, Accountant and  
Human Resources Manager  
Tracey Sexton, Executive Assistant &  
Special Projects Manager  
Helena Tse, Administrative Coordinator

### **Also on staff during 2016:**

Veronique Jones, Policy Coordinator  
Tim Kim, Manager, Information  
Technology  
Fiona Matalon, Events Coordinator

## STANDING COMMITTEES

Aboriginal Relations  
Awards  
Communications and Marketing  
Environment, Health & Safety  
Finance  
Integrated Social Responsibility  
Land Access and Use  
Membership Liaison  
*Mineral Exploration* Editorial Board  
Nominating  
Roundup Organizing  
Taxation, Securities and Investment  
Transboundary Relations



# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Early in 2016, the global mineral exploration and development industry began to show signs of emerging from the depths of an historic downturn. The turning point – perhaps appropriately – was marked just days before AME's Mineral Exploration Roundup 2016 conference, when the TSX-V achieved a one-day gain after 1,200 days of unbroken losses<sup>1</sup>. Although times still remain challenging for many AME members, there has been a growing trend of new money coming into the industry. We are optimistic that this positive trend will continue throughout 2017 for all members operating both in-province and farther afield. As leaders of a B.C.-focused industry association, we must remain vigilant, raising awareness and making appreciable and effective progress on issues important to our members – access to capital, the land base, public geoscience among others. Revitalization and growth in our sector requires supportive public policy and collaborative and creative thinking that encourages exploration, thus ensuring we maximize the exploration dollars spent in the province within the context of an increasingly competitive global stage.

**Access to Capital** – Mineral exploration and mining is a highly competitive global industry, with substantial investments easily moved from one jurisdiction to another. The key to attracting investment to jurisdictions like B.C. is to demonstrate that exploration and development projects can be advanced efficiently, without undue roadblocks. As capital markets recover, there is a real opportunity for governments in B.C. and across Canada to affirm positive, investor friendly policies and take further steps to support our industry.

Tax incentives enhance Canada's global competitiveness for mineral exploration. For example, the availability of flow-through (FT) financing is a key incentive in attracting investment for high risk exploration by junior companies. This is demonstrated by a 2016 PDAC survey, wherein more than 80% of industry respondents stated that FT (and the associated 15% federal Mineral Exploration Tax Credit (METC) for individuals) is critical to attracting and sustaining investment, while 61% reported that the FT dollars raised led to new discoveries<sup>2</sup>. Importantly, these discoveries are typically made in and provide economic stimulus to remote parts of the country that include Aboriginal communities. AME undertook advocacy with both the B.C. and federal budget committees in 2016 in support of continuing FT and METC, as well as urging government review of regulatory and compliance requirements that redirect scarce capital away from exploration activities. The B.C. government has committed to renew its flow-through program in 2017, while the federal government has not yet committed to its renewal.

At the time of writing, B.C. mineral exploration expenditure data is not yet available. However, it likely will be comparable to the \$272 million spent in 2015, and fall short of the record \$680 million expended in 2012, with B.C. still accounting for nearly 20% of all exploration expenditures in Canada. Of great concern to many, however, is that the majority of these funds are being spent on a relatively few advanced-stage projects, whereas funding for early-stage exploration has been severely impacted during the market downturn and continues to be at a

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<sup>1</sup> <http://palisade-research.com/after-1200-days-we-are-now-in-a-bull-market/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://pdac.ca/policy/flow-through-shares>



critically low level. Although the market is improving and renewal of FT and also the BC METC by the Province through to December 31, 2019 will help, AME is now also looking at other external financial mechanisms to stimulate early-stage exploration investments in support of our members.

In addition, further work needs to be done to ensure that Canada's fragmented and complex securities regulatory system is reformed, to reduce costs and support new investment. AME will continue to work on behalf of all its members, with the objective of maintaining and expanding B.C.'s and Canada's global leadership in raising mining equity finance for ventures in B.C., Canada and abroad.

**Land Access and Use** - Resolution of issues related to land use policy, land access, tenure and exploration permitting matters are another critical concern of the exploration sector. Our industry's relationship to the B.C. land base is unique. Given the hidden and unpredictable location of mineral deposits, the industry requires access to large areas of land to continually explore and evaluate mineral occurrences with regional and localized exploration programs in order to make those elusive, new discoveries. Also, as early-stage exploration successes are developed, there is a need for infrastructure corridors to remain open to access potential development sites. The land base open to minerals exploration in B.C. has been significantly reduced in the past few decades.

In 1994, access to some 31% of BC's land base was prohibited or restricted<sup>3</sup>. AME's *Framing the Future*<sup>4</sup> report, released in January 2016, shows that these areas in the province have since increased to almost 52% of the land base; mineral exploration is now prohibited outright over 19% of the province, while an additional 33% of the land base is covered by conditional access designations that create significant uncertainty. Sterilizing further prospective land will have serious consequences for B.C. Notably, although our work requires the opportunity to access to large tracts of land, mineral tenure typically covers less than 15% of the province at any one time. Even more incredibly, coal and hard rock mines active in B.C. in 2014 occupied just 0.05% of the province, with just under half that total under reclamation, despite contributing \$8 billion to the province's economy.

In order to secure greater land use certainty for our members, and their investors, AME has stepped up its efforts during the year in respect to land use, access and related tenure matters. We have been engaged in a constructive dialogue with the provincial Ministries of Energy and Mines, Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and have held policy forums with various levels of government. We are seeing signs of new recognition and commitment from both levels of government on issues related to certainty of land access for mineral explorers. For example, AME worked very successfully with the province to extend the exemption for mineral explorationists to secure water use permit under the *Water Sustainability Act*. Going forward, we are working to have this exemption made permanent.

There is much hard and critical work ahead on these issues, and we intend to build upon the foundations laid. Mineral exploration presents real economic opportunity for all British Columbians and all Canadians: we look forward to working with governments and Aboriginal and local communities to establish a shared vision for land and resource use and management that is mutually respectful and sustainable. Only such a shared vision will ensure that the discoveries of today become the mines of tomorrow to benefit all of us.

**Access to Geoscience Data** – AME is extremely pleased that in May 2016 Geoscience BC secured \$5 million to continue developing earth science data for the benefit of all British Columbians<sup>5</sup>. However, we believe that both Geoscience BC and the BC Geological Survey require sustaining funding from the provincial government. Geoscience BC, created through AME's advocacy work in 2005, has demonstrated that geological, geochemical and geophysical work overseen by experts from industry, academia and government, leads to a greater geoscientific

<sup>3</sup> *BC's Land Use Uncertainty Threatens Mining Industry's Sustainability*. J. Greg Dawson and Robert A. Dickinson, June, 1994

<sup>4</sup> <http://bit.ly/1QmyjNn>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.amebc.ca/media/news-releases/ame-welcomes-provincial-support-of-geoscience>

understanding of our province as well as increasing mineral exploration activity. Stable, long-term funding for this innovative organization will help to assure continued success.

The BC Geological Survey has delivered groundbreaking geological mapping and regional geoscience programs since 1895. Adequate resources must be provided to maintain and update mapping and geological databases, and to enable development of new programs – such as identifying opportunities to evaluate mineral development potential. AME was particularly pleased to see that the multi-party Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services echoed our recommendation for sustained funding of both organizations following our presentation at pre-budget hearings<sup>6</sup>. We have high hopes that the provincial government will confirm this financial backing in its 2017 budget.

Access to land, capital and geoscience data are foundations of successful mineral exploration. Equally important is maintaining a safe workplace environment where we can explore while developing enduring relationships with local communities. AME continues to develop tools to assist you. With that in mind, I encourage you to visit [www.amebc.ca](http://www.amebc.ca) to take advantage of tools such as AME's *Aboriginal Engagement Guidebook*, *Safety Guidelines* and our newest safety initiative, *Helicopter Slings Training*.

AME's fundamental role is to represent our membership's interests. As Chair, I have appreciated the opportunity to meet with many of you over the past year, and want to urge you to continue to provide your thoughts and ideas. Your feedback assists the Board, staff and committee members to develop strategies to help advance our interests with municipal, provincial, federal and First Nations governments, and to increase public understanding of mineral exploration and what helps or hinders us from creating new wealth through mineral discovery.

Before closing, I would like to take the opportunity to recognize all those involved with AME – not only those highlighted above, but in all of AME's initiatives over the past year. In particular, I would like to thank the Roundup Committee, whose efforts are largely responsible for providing the funds to support the association and, in turn, enable AME to proactively support our industry. The Roundup team has done an outstanding job in growing attendance at Roundup – from 700 participants at its inception in 1984 to more than 5,000 delegates today, while making the event into one of the world's pre-eminent exploration conferences.

I would like to acknowledge the dedicated work of our President & CEO Gavin Dirom, our Executive Vice President Rick Conte and Vice President Glen Wonders, the AME staff, Directors, and all the volunteer committee members for their considerable efforts in 2016 – it has been an honour for me to work alongside you all.

Last but not least, I would like to say a special thanks to Robert Boyd, Sue Craig, Robin Junger, Darren O'Brien and Rich Lebourdais who are to retire from the Board this year. Your wisdom, guidance and advice has been invaluable. On behalf of the entire AME Board of Directors, I would also like to thank you for your support in 2016, and wish you all a productive and successful 2017 exploration season!



**Diane Nicolson**

*Chair, Board of Directors, AME*

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.leg.bc.ca/content/CommitteeDocuments/40th-parliament/5th-session/fgs/Reports/FGS-2016-11-15-Report\\_BudgetConsultation.pdf](https://www.leg.bc.ca/content/CommitteeDocuments/40th-parliament/5th-session/fgs/Reports/FGS-2016-11-15-Report_BudgetConsultation.pdf)



# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

I am honoured to serve AME's members and the Board of Directors as President and CEO. And I am fortunate to lead a professional staff that works tirelessly to understand and represent the broad interests of the members. As an advocacy organization, an important role for AME is to protect and promote the mineral exploration and development industry based in British Columbia. Using facts and knowledge, combined with intuition and tact, we strive every day to pragmatically represent our members and their interests with respect, integrity and enthusiasm.

Beginning with the TSX market opening, followed by a well-attended investment luncheon with Minister Bill Bennett in Toronto, 2016 was a year of hustling to make the most of out of every opportunity. It's fair to say that over the past year, many AME members (but certainly not all) have experienced renewed investor confidence and interest in the mineral exploration and development industry.

In general, we are cautiously optimistic that the overall price increase trend for many commodities (particularly precious metals, steel-making coal and base metals such as zinc and copper) will lead to a steady return of investment in 2017 into British Columbia's locally and globally active industry. The proportion of BC-based public mineral exploration and mining companies listed on the TSX and TSX-V exchanges has remained steady at just under 60 per cent, although the absolute number has declined from 962 in December 2012 to 700 as of November 2016. And there are also an estimated 100 private mineral exploration and mining companies headquartered in British Columbia.

Based on AME's five-year (2013-2018) strategic plan, guiding principles and top priority issues identified every year, the staff and committee representatives of the Board continue advocating on matters important to members and influencing public policies related to economic incentives, land access and use, aboriginal engagement, environmental assessment, permitting and public geoscience. The successes (and challenges) related to AME's strategic priority areas, recommendations and advocacy positions are outlined in this annual report.

In my opinion, AME and the globally active B.C.-headquartered mineral exploration and development industry has a proud history of meeting challenges head-on, finding new ways to solve issues and working creatively to develop lasting joint solutions through teamwork. AME members have many inherently natural qualities, including being realistic optimists, daring entrepreneurs, generous philanthropists and pragmatic problem-solvers. Determination and innovation is in our DNA. It's what members of AME do on a daily basis using creative thinking, sound science, technology and evidence-based approaches.

I would like to thank all AME staff, Directors and members, especially the hundreds of dedicated volunteers, for their unparalleled contributions to AME in 2016. Simply put, you have truly made AME a stronger association. I am looking forward to all the great things that AME and our members will accomplish, as well as trying to anticipate and manage the inevitable surprises that occur every year.

In closing, it remains my utmost privilege to serve you, the members of AME. On behalf of the staff of AME, I wish you a happy new year and much success in 2017. Have a safe day, every day and I look forward to seeing you at AME's Roundup 2017 conference during BC's Mineral Exploration Week!



A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a large loop and a long horizontal stroke.

Gavin C. Dirom  
*President and CEO, AME*



# PAST PRESIDENTS AND PAST CHAIRS

1912 – Robert R. Hedley  
1913 – Hon. Lytton Wilmot Shatford  
1914 – Dean Reginald W. Brock  
1915 – Prof. John M. Turnbull  
1916-1917 – Nicol Thompson  
1918 – Arthur B. Clabon  
1919 – Arthur M. Whiteside  
1920 – Dr. Edwin T. Hodge  
1921 – J.M. Lay  
1922-1928 – Frank E. Woodside  
1929 – Nicol Thompson  
1930-1934 – Dr. Victor Dolmage  
1935-1940 – Dr. William Brenton Burnett  
1941 – Gomer P. Junes  
1942-1946 – Arthur E. Jukes  
1947-1951 – Mel O'Brien  
1952-1954 – Dr. Harry V. Warren  
1955 – Stanley J. Crocker  
1956-1957 – Henry L. Hill  
1958 – James A. Pike  
1959-1960 – Dr. Christopher Riley  
1961-1962 – R.E. Legg  
1963-1964 – Gavin A. Dirom  
1965-1966 – Dr. John A. Gower  
1967-1968 – Ralph C. Macdonald

1969-1970 – Len G. White  
1971-1972 – Ted Caldwell  
1973-1974 – Edgar A. Scholz  
1975-1976 – Robert F. Sheldon  
1977-1978 – William St. C. Dunn  
1979-1981 – Donald K. Mustard  
1982-1983 – Bob Cathro  
1984-1985 – Don Rotherham  
1986-1987 – Charlie Aird  
1988-1989 – Nick Carter  
1990-1991 – Bill Wolfe  
1992-1993 – Michael J. Beley  
1994-1995 – Gerald G. Carlson  
1996-1997 – H. Walter Sellmer  
1998-1999 – Lindsay Bottomer  
2000-2001 – Donald McInnes  
2002-2003 – Shari Gardiner  
2004 – Michael Gray  
2005 – David Caulfield  
2006-2007 – Rob Pease  
2008-2009 – Dr. Robert Stevens  
2010 – Lena Brommeland  
2011 – Mona Forster  
2012-2013 – Michael McPhie  
2014-2015 – David McLelland







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1912 - Arthur B. Clabon  
1913-1914 - F.S. Pilling  
1918-1921 - William Gray  
1922-1928 - Henry Browning  
1928 - Harry Freeman  
1928-1955 - Frank E. Woodside  
1955-1975 - Thomas Elliott  
1975-1980 - Frederick G. Higgs  
1980 - Dave Wilson  
1980-1998 - Jack M. Patterson  
1998-2002 - Bruce McKnight  
2002-2008 - Dan M. Jepsen



# AME'S 2013-2017 STRATEGIC PLAN PRIORITY AREAS

## SUCCESSFUL EXPLORATION

**Key Goal:** To facilitate successful mineral exploration and development in BC through advocacy, partnerships and leadership.

AME has a leadership role as advocates regarding mineral exploration policy and the regulatory framework, as well as working with aboriginal communities, industry partners and stakeholders to address members' challenges to facilitate successful mineral exploration and development work.

Led by AME's Taxation, Securities and Investment Committee, a key focus area in 2016 was advocating for access to capital and improving competitiveness and investor confidence in the industry. AME partnered with industry associations and co-chaired events with the BC government to open the TSX market and host investment missions to Toronto.

On a federal level, AME welcomed incentives announced in the 2016 federal budget that assisted mineral explorers and developers in BC. Incentives included continuation of the 15% Mineral Exploration Tax Credit through to March 2017, committing to recognizing environmental and community consultation costs as Canadian Exploration Expense as well as investing in geoscience and mineral research through Natural Resources Canada. Through the late summer and fall, AME strongly advocated the federal government (including making presentations in Ottawa) to maintain the federal flow-through share financing and the Mineral Exploration Tax Credit.

Another important advocacy focus was seeking clarity regarding land access and use as well as the overlapping nature of government regulations. In January, AME released its report *Framing the Future of Mineral Exploration in British Columbia*, which demonstrated that mineral exploration is prohibited within 18.6% of the province and that an additional 32.9% of the province is covered by conditional access designations. The following month, in February, further concerns were raised when the provincial

government announced the Nenqay Deni Accord between the B.C. government and the Tsilhqot'in Nation without prior industry consultation. The AME Board subsequently appointed an ad-hoc Nenqay Deni Accord Task Force and re-engaged senior government officials with the ministries of Energy and Mines; Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation in dialogue throughout the spring of 2016 related to land access and use culminating in a policy forum in October and a roundtable with senior government officials from six agencies in November. AME is hopeful that this increased dialogue will help lead to greater certainty for mineral explorers and developers in BC.

AME also continued to advocate on behalf of its members for credible earth science data that can lead to further investment in mineral exploration and contribute to the discovery of new mineable deposits. In May, AME welcomed the provincial government's decision to award \$5 million in funding to Geoscience BC, and encouraged the government to strongly consider long-term, stable funding for the organization. AME also continued to encourage a well-funded provincial geological survey, a recommendation echoed by the province's non-partisan Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services following AME's presentation at pre-budget hearings.

Internationally, AME engaged regularly with U.S. and Canadian federal government officials as well from both the State of Alaska and BC government to support a memorandum of understanding signed between the two jurisdictions to enhance mutual communication and access to information without the need for federal intervention or an International Joint Commission in northwest BC's transboundary water areas.

## ABORIGINAL RELATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Key goals include:

- ▶ To increase AME's capacity to foster mutually respectful relationships with key aboriginal communities and associations to open dialogue about the impact and benefits of mineral exploration and development;
- ▶ To support the increased engagement, training and participation of aboriginal peoples in the industry; and
- ▶ To advocate government to clarify and simplify their consultation and engagement requirements and responsibilities.

Understanding and meeting the requirements of Aboriginal consultation and accommodation, as well as rights and title, represents a significant challenge for BC's mineral exploration and development industry. AME plays a leadership role by providing its membership with guidance on how to successfully and respectfully engage with First Nations. AME promotes and encourages the building of positive relationships with First Nations through early, respectful and regular engagement. During the spring and early summer, AME was actively listening and responding to a number of concerned members about some First Nations demanding access fees from mineral explorers. While this issue is not widespread, putting an end to such demands for payments without a return benefit is a positive outcome for everyone involved. As a result, AME members continue to play an important and positive role in building mutual understanding, trust and respect, and thereby helping to achieve real and lasting reconciliation.

AME is fully supportive of the many mutually beneficial *quid pro quo* style agreements being negotiated and implemented between First Nations and mineral exploration and development companies in BC. In

the search for a discovery, prospecting and exploration activities do not generate revenue or cash flow for the prospector or explorer. These activities are dependent on attracting venture capital. A discovery needs to be found and a feasible mine successfully financed, permitted, constructed and operating before any significant revenue flows. AME continues its work to strengthen relationships with aboriginal communities, leaders, and organizations through the AME Gathering Place event at Roundup and through relationships with the BC First Nations Energy and Mining Council (BC FNEMC). AME also organized the Gathering Place at the Minerals North conference in Smithers in the spring.

And as discussed in the previous section, AME also engaged senior government officials with the ministries of Energy and Mines; Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Aboriginal Relations & Reconciliation in dialogue throughout the spring of 2016 following the signing of the Nenqay Deni Accord between the B.C. government and Tsilhqot'in Nation without prior consultation with third-party industry or business interests.



## PUBLIC AWARENESS AND STAKEHOLDER EDUCATION

Key Goal: To enhance the publics' and stakeholders' understanding and support of mineral exploration and development through increased media, outreach and awareness and education.



While opinion polls consistently show that there is majority support for responsible mineral development in BC, members of AME are still challenged by the public's lack of understanding about the mineral exploration and development industry and the importance of coal, minerals and metals both to everyone's daily lives and the socio-economic benefits to regional and provincial economies and local communities.

With British Columbia's 41st general election scheduled for May 9, 2017, AME partnered again with the Mining Association of BC (MABC) and the Mining Suppliers Association of BC (MSABC) in late 2016 to initiate the non-partisan Vote Mining campaign to raise public awareness and support for mineral exploration and mining among all MLA candidates and voters, regardless of political affiliation.

AME participated in annual regional local government conferences in the spring to further build understanding regarding mineral exploration and development. AME also attended the provincial Union

of BC Municipalities convention in the fall and worked with local government officials to ensure that resolutions discussed at the early fall convention related to natural resources accurately reflected the low-impact nature of mineral exploration activities.

AME expanded the reach of its regional outreach program in 2016 – encouraging and accepting proposals from the Chamber of Mines of Eastern BC in Nelson, East Kootenay Chamber of Mines in Cranbrook, Kamloops Exploration Group, Prince George Exploration Group, Smithers Exploration Group, Vancouver Island Exploration Group and Vancouver Mining Exploration Group. AME also continued to host Discovery Day, an engaging session at Roundup that was open to the public.

As well, AME continues to support MineralsEd's program for elementary and secondary schoolchildren and teachers participation at Roundup as well as its Kids and Rocks program; the Fraser Gold Panning Championships in August that are organized by Yukon Dan Moore; and Britannia Mine Museum.

## SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE EXPLORATION

**Key Goal:** To promote a culture of leadership in environment, health and safety and corporate social responsibility among members of AME and the BC-based mineral exploration and development sector.

Public expectations for socially responsible mineral exploration and development and the need to earn the social acceptance to operate are increasing. As the voice for mineral exploration and development in BC, AME promotes and advocates for a socially responsible mineral exploration and development practices by communicating the value and importance of socially responsible exploration.

AME's Integrated Social Responsibility Committee (formerly Corporate Social Responsibility Committee) continued its Learning Series and Community of Practice events to help corporate social responsibility practitioners exchange ideas and learn from each other. And AME's Environment, Health & Safety Committee launched a training video for helicopter slinging operations, the first web and computer-based tool of its kind for the Canadian mineral exploration industry. The video was an outcome of the Canadian Mineral Exploration Environment, Health & Safety Survey, on which AME has collaborated with PDAC since 2005.

Mineral exploration is generally a small-scale activity with little impact on the natural environment; in fact, AME estimates that less than 0.01% of the province is affected by mineral exploration activities. Although a small volume of water is indispensable for mineral exploration, from use in drilling to uses in camps, its use is not constant. When the Water Sustainability Act (WSA) was brought into force in February 2016 along with a number of supporting regulations, the regulatory focus for water management in the province shifted from regulating permanent, intensive uses of water to requiring a water licence or use approval for most uses of water, whether the water is diverted from a stream or an aquifer. However, the WSA does allow some exemptions for certain uses of water, and AME actively worked with government officials across the province to define exemptions for mineral explorers

in B.C. for 2016 and into the future. Further to these collaborative discussions with government, mineral explorers were exempted from the requirement to obtain a water use permit in 2016 and 2017. AME continues to advocate for a permanent exemption.

AME was also involved in consultations related to changes to compliance and enforcement regarding mineral exploration activities, specifically in reviewing proposed changes to the Health, Safety and Reclamation Code as well as proposed Administrative Monetary Penalties in BC. AME supports a regulatory environment that protects the environment as well as the health and safety of its members, and is encouraging the government to design and implement compliance and enforcement programs that will maximize their efficacy.

On a federal level, AME presented to the expert panel on the Canadian environmental assessment process in December to reinforce messages that changes made to the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act in 2013 were generally positive in allowing for substitution, which enables the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency and the BC Environmental Assessment Office to effectively and efficiently fulfill each respective agency's responsibilities without dual processes. However, AME's position is that further improvements are possible to reduce regulatory overlap and increase both public and industry confidence in the process.

In 2016, AME strengthened its strategic partnership with the Canadian International Resources & Development Institute and their key senior staff, Cassie Doyle and Rob Stevens. AME also continued to participate in the Teck Celebrity Pie Throw, the hallmark event of the Mining for Miracles campaign in support of BC Children's Hospital Foundation. The 2016 Pie Throw raised \$1.2 million for the CAUSES genome-sequencing clinic at BC Children's Hospital.



## MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT

**Key Goal:** To understand, represent and serve the interests of AME members and to demonstrate value and benefits of membership in the Association.

Despite an industry downturn, AME saw its third highest membership numbers in its 104-year history thanks largely to an expanded trade show and well-attended technical sessions at AME Roundup, and also due to increased interest in corporate membership by companies actively exploring in British Columbia. By December 2016, AME had 439 corporate and 4,264 individual members. In April, AME launched its refreshed brand as the Association for Mineral Exploration to raise its profile and to communicate its role as an association that is strong, professional and open and focused on explorers. The most visible impact of the new brand to date has been in the launch of the AME Roundup program and refreshed *Mineral Exploration* magazine in the fall; a new website set to launch in early 2017 will also incorporate the revised branding.

AME continued to deliver events to connect members. These included the annual Charity Golf Tournament in May, Old Timers summer lunch in July, Past Presidents and Chairs annual lunch in October, Inter-committee meeting in October and our annual Christmas Open House in November.

AME also kept members up-to-date on AME's advocacy work through traditional means such as *Mineral Exploration* magazine and the *AME News* e-newslet-

ter, and also through the *Core Matters* monthly policy issues update.

In January, AME surveyed members on the Association's top policy issues and recommendations to develop AME's *Top Policy Issues & Recommendations 2016* paper. The paper provided a high-level strategic review of the top policy issues facing British Columbia's mineral exploration and development sector and offered specific recommendations that government and industry could work on together to implement policy measures that will position the sector for success. It also was the basis of key messages and position statements presented by AME during industry related events, such as during the PDAC conference Toronto in March, Kamloops Exploration Group conference in Kamloops in March, Minerals North in Smithers in May, Pacific Northwest Economic Region conference in Calgary in July, the BC Mine Reclamation Symposium in Penticton in September and Minerals North in Nelson in November.

And in September, AME's Board of Directors established an ad-hoc Bylaw Review committee to work with Dentons LLP on making changes to AME's Bylaws (2012) in order to comply with the new Societies Act. New Bylaws were ratified by members in November.

## MINERAL EXPLORATION ROUNDUP

Key Goal: To sustain the success of Roundup as AME's flagship mineral exploration conference.



The AME Roundup conference held every January during the BC government's annually proclaimed Mineral Exploration Week is AME's signature membership outreach event and primary source of revenue. Kendra Johnston served as chair of the 2016 Roundup Organizing Committee.

Highlights of Mineral Exploration Roundup 2016, "*Innovation in Exploration*", included the following:

- Attendance of more than 5,400 participants from 33 countries
- Premier Christy Clark's announcement that the province would extend the BC Mining Exploration Tax Credit and mining flow-through share program
- Technical and Show Case sessions examining topics such as innovation in exploration, the current state of commodities and financial markets, effective engagement practices, and corporate social responsibility
- 7th annual Industry-Government Forum with special guests:
  - ▶ Honourable Bill Bennett, Minister of Energy & Mines
  - ▶ Honourable John Rustad, Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and
  - ▶ Assistant Deputy Minister Kevin Kriese from the Ministry of Forest, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
- Keynote presentations from Rex Murphy – social commentator, editorialist, and distinctive Canadian voice; Patrick Evans – President & CEO, Mountain Province Diamonds; Randy Smallwood – President & CEO, Silver Wheaton; the Hon. Bill Bennett, BC Minister of Energy and Mines; Sean Kerklaan – CEO, Fatigue Science; and Ross J. Beaty – Chairman, Pan American Silver Corp. and President, Sitka Foundation

As of December 2016, final preparations were being made for AME Roundup, "*Gearing Up for Discovery*," also at Canada Place.



# STANDING COMMITTEES

AME's volunteer-based committees are the driving force and expertise behind the Association's advocacy work.

The following people served on AME's standing committees from February 2016 to January 2017. For a current list of committees and their membership, visit <http://www.amebc.ca>.









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# AWARDS



AME recognizes select individuals or teams of individuals for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the mineral exploration and development industry in British Columbia and globally annually at AME Roundup. The Awards Committee oversees AME's annual awards program, and a nomination brochure is published annually at [www.amebc.ca](http://www.amebc.ca).

## **H.H. "SPUD" HUESTIS AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN PROSPECTING AND MINERAL EXPLORATION**

Winners have made a significant contribution, directly or indirectly, to enhance the mineral resources of British Columbia and/or Yukon, through the original application of prospecting techniques or other geoscience technology.

### **RECIPIENTS:**

1977 – Spud Huestis  
1979 – Karl Springer  
1980 – Bern Brynelsen  
1981 – Bill Smitheringale Sr.  
1982 – Alex Smith  
1983 – Egil Lorntzen  
1984 – Andy Robertson  
1985 – Tom McQuillan  
1986 – Harry Warren  
1987 – Jim McDougall  
1988 – Stu Barclay  
1989 – Ted Chisholm  
1990 – Efreem Specogna  
1991 – John Stollery  
1992 – Mark Rebagliati  
1993 – Eric Denny  
1994 – Franc Joubin  
1995 – Gordon Milbourne  
1996 – Bruce Mawer  
1997 – Stu Blusson, Chuck Fipke  
1998 – Al Archer, Bob Cathro  
1999 – Richard Haslinger  
2000 – John McDonald, Robert Etzel,  
Arthur John  
2001 – Lorne Warren  
2002 – Mark Baknes  
2003 – Peter Fox  
2004 – Patrick McAndless  
2005 – Ed Balon  
2006 – Cam Stephen  
2007 – John Robins, Lawrence Barry  
2008 – Michael Savell  
2009 – Shawn Ryan  
2010 – David Moore and Myron  
Osatenko  
2011 – Dirk Tempelman-Kluit and

Peter Bernier  
 2012 – Rob Carne, Bill Wengzynowski and Doug Eaton  
 2013 – Rob Carpenter, Craig Finnigan, Adam Simmons, Tim Smith and Alan Wainwright  
 2014 – Peter Ogryzlo  
 2015 – Peter Bradshaw, Ron Britten, Ursula Mowat  
 2016 – Chris Rockingham, Carl Edmunds, Wade Barnes

## **E.A. SCHOLZ AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN MINE DEVELOPMENT**

Recipients have made a significant contribution towards the development of mining operations in British Columbia and/or Yukon.

### **RECIPIENTS:**

1981 – John Simpson  
 1982 – Harvey Parliament  
 1983 – Harold Wright  
 1984 – Bob Hallbauer  
 1985 – Edgar Kaiser, Jr.  
 1986 – Norm Anderson  
 1987 – Norm Keevil, Jr.  
 1988 – Don McLeod  
 1989 – Chester Millar  
 1990 – Bern Brynelsen  
 1991 – Albert Reeve  
 1992 – Clifford Frame  
 1993 – Tony Petrina  
 1994 – Hank Ewanchuk  
 1996 – Ron Netolitzky  
 1998 – Pierre Lebel  
 1999 – John Kalmet  
 2000 – Lawrence “Joe” Adie  
 2001 – Maurice Ethier, Michael Hibbitts, Terry Lyons, Ken Stowe (Northgate Team)  
 2002 – Frank Amon, Jim Clark, Rod Killough, Terry Marsten (Highland Valley Copper Team)  
 2003 – Gary Biles, Ian Cunningham-Dunlop, Dave Kuran, Jim Rogers (Eskay Creek Team)  
 2004 – David Thompson, Michael Lipkewich (Teck Cominco Team)  
 2005 – Jim O’Rourke  
 2006 – Brian Kynoch

2007 – Ron Thiessen  
 2008 – Scott Broughton, John Mirko, David Skerlec  
 2009 – Stephen Quin and Bruce McLeod  
 2010 – John McManus and Robert Rotzinger  
 2011 – Clynton Nauman and Bradley Thrall  
 2012 – David Fawcett, Mark Fields and Gary Livingstone  
 2013 – Peter Holbek and Rod Shier  
 2014 – Bob Gallagher and Jim Currie  
 2015 – Rob Pease and Scott Shellhaas  
 2016 – Don Parsons and Steve Robertson

## **MURRAY PEZIM AWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE AND SUCCESS IN FINANCING MINERAL EXPLORATION**

Recipients are mineral industry financiers who have provided a significant contribution to the British Columbia and/or the Yukon mineral exploration and mining community.

### **RECIPIENTS:**

1999 – Murray Pezim  
 2000 – Peter Brown  
 2001 – Bob Hunter  
 2002 – John Brock  
 2003 – John Tognetti  
 2004 – Ian Telfer  
 2005 – Ned Goodman  
 2006 – Adolf H. Lundin  
 2007 – Rick Rule  
 2008 – Robert A. Quartermain  
 2009 – Channing Buckland  
 2010 – Cal Everett  
 2011 – Mark O’Dea  
 2012 – Eric Sprott  
 2013 – Richard Barclay and Mike Beley  
 2014 – David Elliott  
 2015 – Clive Johnson  
 2016 – Terry Salman

## **HUGO DUMMETT DIAMOND AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DIAMOND EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT**

Recipients have made a significant contribution towards diamond exploration, diamond technology, the diamond discovery process, or diamond mine development.

### **RECIPIENTS:**

2004 – Hugo Dummett  
 2005 – Dr. John Gurney  
 2006 – Buddy Doyle, Robert (Bob) Hindson, John Stephenson, Grenville Thomas  
 2007 – Dr. John McDonald, Walter Melnyk, Dr. Nikolai Pokhilenko, Randy Turner  
 2008 – Ken MacNeill, George Read, Harvey Bay, Pieter Du Plessis  
 2009 – Barbara Scott Smith  
 2010 – Brooke Clements, Robert Lucas, and Pierre Bertrand  
 2011 – Jon Carlson  
 2012 – Joseph Brunet, Jonathan Fowler, Don Boucher, Alex van Zyl and Brad Wood  
 2013 – Rod Davey, Stephen Prest and Robert Gannicott  
 2014 – Jim Excell, Dan Johnson, Jeff Stibbard, Mike Rylatt  
 2015 – Eira Thomas  
 2016 – William Lamb and Lukas Lundin



## **COLIN SPENCE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN GLOBAL MINERAL EXPLORATION**

Recipients have made a significant contribution, directly or indirectly, to enhance the mineral resources within Canada (exclusive of British Columbia and/or Yukon) or in foreign countries, through the original application of prospecting techniques or other geoscience technology.

### **RECIPIENTS:**

- 2006 – Ross J. Beaty
- 2007 – Dr. Roman Shklanka
- 2008 – Charles Forster
- 2009 – Mark Rebagliati
- 2010 – David Adamson, Matthew Wunder, Ian Russell, Terry Bursey, and Crystal McCullough (“The Rubicon Team”)
- 2011 – Jeff Pontius and the International Tower Hill Mines Ltd. exploration team
- 2012 – Michael Gunning and Alistair McCready
- 2013 – Ben and Garrett Ainsworth
- 2014 – Duane and Morgan Poliquin
- 2015 – Joe Piekenbrock and Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse
- 2016 – Dr. David Broughton and Sello Kekana

## **ROBERT R. HEDLEY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Recipients have made significant contributions or advances in the realm of social or environmental responsibility.

### **RECIPIENTS:**

- 2007 – Anne Ball, Doug Brown, Susan Craig, Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse
- 2008 – Robert L. Carpenter
- 2009 – Judi L’Orsa
- 2010 – Ian Thomson
- 2011 – Britannia Mine Museum
- 2012 – Teck Resources Limited
- 2013 – Harvey McLeod
- 2014 – Aboriginal Mentoring & Training Association
- 2015 – Patrick McAndless
- 2016 – Jim Cooney

## **DAVID BARR AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION IN MINERAL EXPLORATION HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Recipients have demonstrated one or more of the following: leadership and innovation excellence in exploration safety; improvement in safety records from year to year; and/or demonstrated efficient and compassionate behaviour in dealing with an unfortunate accident.

*Adjudicated by the Environment,  
Health & Safety Committee*

### **RECIPIENTS:**

- 2005 – David Barr
- 2006 – Imperial Metals Corporation
- 2007 – Ian Paterson
- 2008 – Bill Mercer
- 2009 – Doug Flynn
- 2010 – Harvey Tremblay
- 2011 – Michael Gunning
- 2012 – Gordon Maxwell
- 2013 – Boart Longyear
- 2014 – Geotech Drilling Services Ltd.
- 2015 – Lise Tompson-Cyr (awarded posthumously)
- 2016 – Graham Ennis (awarded posthumously)

## **GOLD PAN AWARD**

Presented by the AME Board of Directors to an individual for their exceptional meritorious service to the mineral exploration community through the Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia.

- 1976 – H.H. “Spud” Huestis
- 1977 – Walter B. Boucher, Dr. Victor Dolmage, Gardner S. Eldridge, Thomas J. McQuillan, Prof. John M. Turnbull, Prof. Harry W. Warren, George E. Winkler
- 1979 – Bill Dunn
- 1980 – Gavin A. Dirom, Thomas Elliott, James A. Pike, George Smith, Dr. William V. Smitheringale, Rick Higgs, Sanford Woodside
- 1983 – Atholl Sutherland Brown
- 1984 – Bill Dunn, Rod MacRae, Bill Sirola, Ron W. Stewart
- 1995 – Donald Mustard
- 1996 – Ross M. Deakin, Dirk Tempelman-Kluit
- 1998 – Jack Patterson
- 2002 – Bruce McKnight
- 2003 – Robin Woods
- 2004 – David Comba
- 2005 – Shari Gardiner
- 2006 – Donald McInnes
- 2007 – David Caulfield
- 2008 – Jim Gray
- 2009 – Randy Turner
- 2010 – John Murray
- 2011 – Ed Kimura
- 2012 – Dr. Robert Stevens
- 2013 – Don Bragg
- 2014 – Dan Jepsen
- 2015 – Lindsay Bottomer
- 2016 – Susan Craig

Other years: Dick Athol, John Bonus, Edward H. Caldwell, Jim Fyles, Ralph Macdonald

## FRANK WOODSIDE PAST PRESIDENTS AND PAST CHAIRS AWARD

*Presented by the Past Presidents  
and Chairs of AME for distin-  
guished service to the Associa-  
tion and/or contributions to the  
mineral industry*

- 1994 – David Barr, Fraser Crocker, Ron Stokes
- 1995 – Dan Pegg, Colin Spence, Geoff Whiton
- 1996 – Bob Spencer, Cam Stephen, Sanford Woodside
- 1997 – Gavin E. Dirom
- 1998 – Brian Abraham, John Brock
- 1999 – Bob and Bruce Brown
- 2000 – George Cross
- 2001 – Robert Boyd, Sheila Holmes, Tom Schroeter
- 2002 – Don Bragg, Ed Kimura, Marilyn Mullan
- 2003 – Greg Hawkins, Vic Hollister, Art Soregaroli
- 2004 – John Newell, Wayne Spilsbury, Linda Thorstad
- 2005 – Jeffery P. Franzen, John Thompson, Maurice (Moe) J Young
- 2006 – Lena Brommeland, Jurgen Lau, Terry Macauley, Dean Toye
- 2007 – John Murray, Alastair Sinclair, Randy Turner, Randall Yip
- 2008 – Gerry Delane, Rick Higgs
- 2009 – Arne Birkeland, Gary Giroux
- 2010 – Don Coates, Chuck Davis, Chris Graf, Bill Meyer
- 2011 – Jim Allan, Glen Dickson, Grant Luck, Christine Ogryzlo
- 2012 – Vivian Danielson
- 2013 – Not awarded
- 2014 – Bogart Cross
- 2015 – Jerry Asp, Barry Price, Hans Smit
- 2016 – Barb Caelles, Alex Christopher, Diane Gregory

## SPECIAL AWARDS AND TRIBUTES

### SPECIAL AWARD

- 1999 – Ward Kilby
- 2000 – Dick Campbell, Hu Gabrielse, Lew Green, Jan Muller, John Reesor, Jim Roddick, Jack Souther, Howard Tipper, John Wheeler (Pioneers of the Cordilleran Division of the Geological Survey of Canada)

### SPECIAL TRIBUTE

- 2006 – Dr. Doug Oldenburg
- 2007 – Mineral Deposit Research Unit (including Alastair Sinclair, Peter Bradshaw, John MacDonald, John Thompson, Dick Tosdal, Harlan Meade, Jack McClintock, Ian Graham)
- Original Roundup Organizing Committees (Jack Patterson, Nick Carter, Michael Beley, Val Greenwood, Terry Macauley, Colin Spence, Jeff Franzen, El Longeran, Bill Plumb, Don Rotherham, Bob Cathro, Geoff Whiton)
- 2011 – David Lefebure and Mike Burke
- 2012 – Greater Vancouver Mining Women's Association (Betty Lebel and Trisha Prince-Wright, co-presidents)
- 2014 – Bob Cathro and John Thompson
- 2016 – JoAnne Nelson

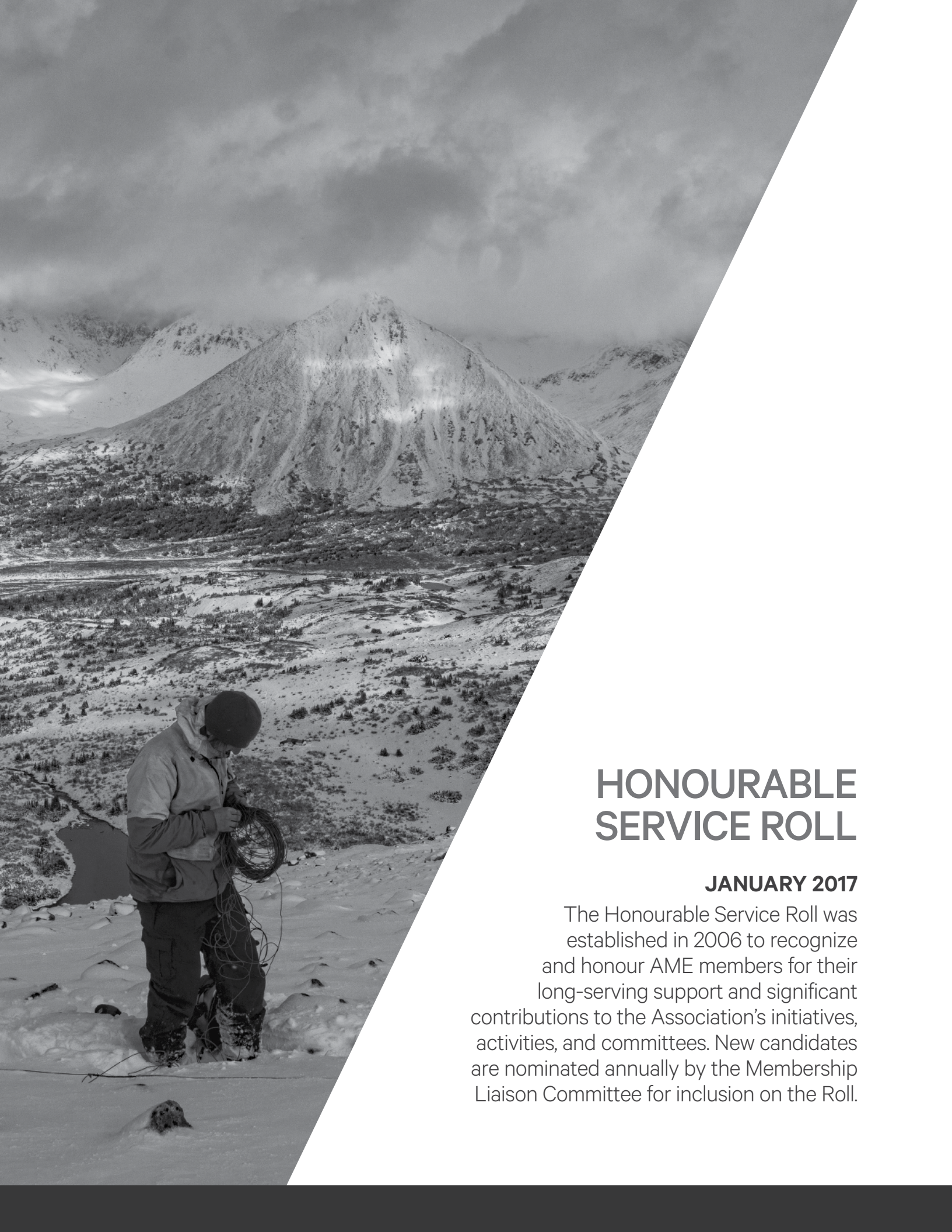
## AME OUTREACH EDUCATION FUND

The Fund is an endowment dedicated to increasing public appreciation and understanding of the mineral exploration sector in British Columbia.

### RECIPIENTS:

- 2008 – BC Museum of Mining
- 2009 – Mineral Resources Education Program of BC, Exploration Place at the Fraser-Fort George Regional Museum
- 2010 – Mineral Resources Education Program of BC
- 2011 – Britannia Beach Historical Society
- 2012 – Mineral Resources Education Program of BC (MineralsEd), Britannia Mine Museum
- 2013 – MineralsEd, Britannia Mine Museum
- 2014 – MineralsEd, Britannia Mine Museum
- 2015 – MineralsEd, Britannia Mine Museum, BC Centre of Training Excellence in Mining
- 2016 – Britannia Mine Museum, MineralsEd





# HONOURABLE SERVICE ROLL

**JANUARY 2017**

The Honourable Service Roll was established in 2006 to recognize and honour AME members for their long-serving support and significant contributions to the Association's initiatives, activities, and committees. New candidates are nominated annually by the Membership Liaison Committee for inclusion on the Roll.

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 Janice Fingler\*  
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 Geoff Freer  
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 Shari Gardiner  
 Glen Garratt  
 Al Gerun  
 Brian Grant  
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 Chris Graf  
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 Michael Gray  
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 Rick Higgs  
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 Mary Hughes  
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 Robert Spencer  
 Wayne Spilsbury  
 Sheila Stenzel  
 Robert Stevens  
 J. Paul Stevenson  
 Dirk Tempelman-Kluit  
 John Thompson  
 Claire Thomson  
 Ian Thomson  
 Laurie Thomson  
 Linda Thorstad  
 Richard Tosdal  
 Dean Towe  
 Harvey Tremblay  
 Randy Turner  
 Lloyd Twaites  
 Rick Van Nieuwenhuyse  
 Steve Vanry  
 David Watkins  
 Jason Weber  
 Brian Welchman  
 Scott Weston  
 Jeff Wilson\*  
 Paul Wojdak

Bill Wolfe  
 Marke Wong\*  
 Robin Woods  
 Victoria Yehl  
 Randall Yip  
 Robert Yorke-Hardy  
 Moe Young

## DECEASED 2005-2014

David Barr  
 Ted Caldwell  
 Michael Casselman  
 Bob Cathro  
 Peter DeLancey  
 Ralph Macdonald  
 Wendy Mathison  
 Cliff Rennie  
 Ronald Stokes

## DECEASED IN 2015

Ab Ablett  
 Dean Towe

\*2016 inductee



# LIFE MEMBERS

## AS OF DECEMBER 2016

Life Members are those persons who attain the age of 65 years and who have been Members for at least 20 years, or who have been Members for at least 15 years and have served on the Board for at least four years, whose applications to become Life Members have been approved by the Board.

John Abernethy  
Gordon Addie  
Ben Ainsworth  
Charles Aird  
Clive Aspinall  
David Bailey  
John Balla  
John Barakso  
Bill Barclay  
Bill Barr  
Michael J. Beley  
Bill Bergey  
Arne Birkeland  
Jennifer Black  
Ross Blusson  
Stewart Blusson  
E. Borup  
Lindsay Bottomer  
Peter Bradshaw  
Don Bragg  
Alex Briden  
John Brock  
James A. Brown  
Robert Bryce  
David Budinski  
Al Burgoyne  
Alex Burton  
Barbara Caelles  
Christopher (Kit) Campbell  
Richard Cannon  
Gerry Carlson  
J. Douglas Carnahan  
John Carson  
Nick Carter  
David Caulfield

Donald Coates  
Tim Coates  
Frank Condon  
David Cooke  
William Coulter  
Lou Covello  
Ed Craft  
Dr. Ken Dawson  
James Dawson  
Kevin Dawson  
Robin Dawson  
William (Bill) Deeks  
Gerry Delane  
George Delgatty  
Bob Denny  
Eric Denny  
Gavin E. Dirom  
Bruce Downing  
Ray Dujardin  
Colin Dunn  
Ivor Elliott  
Patrick Elliott  
Vic Erickson  
Gilbert Farebrother  
Michael Farnsworth  
Frederick Felder  
John Fox  
Bill Frier  
Hugh Gabrielse  
John Gammon  
John Gardiner  
Shari Gardiner  
Gary Giroux  
Colin Godwin  
Ralph A. Gonzalez

Don Graham  
Ralph Green  
William Green  
Diane Gregory  
Gene Gulajec  
Donald Gunning  
Gordon Gutrath  
John Hajek  
Simon Handelsman  
John Harvey  
Thomas Hasek  
Charles Hawley  
Robert Hodder  
Sherri Hodder  
John Hodgson  
Alex Homenuke  
Robert Hornal  
Jim Hylands  
Dave Javorsky  
David Jenkins  
Brian Joseph  
John Kalmet  
M. A. "Mo" Kaufman  
Ralph Keefe  
James Kelly  
Robert Kemeny  
John Kende  
David Kennedy  
Joe Kennedy  
George Kent  
Jim Kermeen  
John Kerr  
Ed Kimura  
Jan Klein  
Karl Kohler  
Larry Lackey  
James Lang  
Dan Larkin  
Gordon Larrabee  
Jeurgan Lau  
Harold Linder  
Tom Lisle  
Egil Livgard  
Wayne Lockhart  
Robert Longe  
Bing Lovang  
Bruce Low  
Dennis Lu  
Kuang Ine Lu  
Terry Macauley  
Bud MacDonald  
J. Macleod  
Michael Macleod  
Luard Manning  
Michael Marchand  
Jack Maris

Patrick McAndless  
Jim McAusland  
Robert McCallum  
John McFarland  
John McGoran  
Donald McInnes  
Bruce McKnight  
Donald McLeod  
Ron McMillan  
William (Bill) Meyer  
Tom Michael  
Marvin A. Mitchell  
Dan Moore  
John Moore  
George Munson  
Ted W. Muraro  
John Murray  
Wayne Murton  
Donald Mustard  
Jim Mustard  
William Nelson  
Henry Neugebauer  
Peter Neugebauer  
Adam Noel  
Carson Noel  
Bill Osborne  
Erik Ostensoe  
David Owens  
Owen Owens  
Joe Paquet  
Jack Patterson  
Rob Pease  
Duane Poliquin  
Richard Poliquin  
Malcolm Powell  
Steve Presunka  
Vittorio Preto  
Mark Rebagliati  
Albert Reeve  
Gordon Richards  
Paul Richardson  
James Robertson  
William Roscoe  
Jerry Roth  
Don Rotherham  
Jerry Ruza  
Gerald Ryznar  
Edward Schiller  
Andy Schmidt  
Kimberly Schmidt  
Paul Schmidt  
Terence Schorn  
Tom Schroeter  
John Schussler  
Jon Scoates  
Alan Scott

David Searle  
Rupert Seel  
Walter Sellmer  
Stephen Semeniuk  
Ian Semple  
R. H. Seraphim  
Alastair Sinclair  
Gyan Singhai  
Bill Smitheringale  
Art Soregaroli  
Efrem Specogna  
Bob Spencer  
Chadwick Spencer  
J Mel Stewart  
Lorne Stewart  
Erich Stoll  
Ken Sumanik  
Tim Sun  
Roger Sylvestre  
Tatsuya Takeda  
Dennis Teskey  
Ed Thompson  
Ian Thompson  
Greg Thomson  
Brian Thurston  
George Tikkanen  
Roland Trenaman  
Edward (Ted) Trueman  
Earl Tuck  
George Voro  
David Wahl  
Herb Wahl  
Jim Walasko  
Peter E. Walcott  
Lorne Warren  
Dr. M.P. Warshawski  
Keith Watson  
Mackenzie Watson  
Roger Watson  
Paul Weishaupt  
E.F. Williams  
Kimberly Williams  
William Wolfe  
J. Richard Woodcock  
Melvin Zeiler

AME remembers Hiram  
Nelson, who passed  
away in 2015.

# HONOURARY LIFE MEMBERS

Honourary Life Members are  
appointed by the Board for  
outstanding contribution to AME.  
The following were appointed by the  
Board of Directors in November 2010.

Lena Brommeland  
Michael Gray  
Robert Stevens









# CORPORATE MEMBERS

**LISTED ALPHABETICALLY,  
AS OF DECEMBER 2016**

## ABORIGINAL ORGANIZATIONS

Council of Yukon First Nations  
Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated

## ASSOCIATIONS

Association of Professional Engineers &  
Geoscientists of BC  
Atlin Placer Miners' Association  
BC Chamber of Commerce  
BCIT - Mining and Mineral Exploration  
Britannia Mine Museum Society



Canada-Nunavut Geoscience Office  
 Canadian Diamond Drilling Association (CDDA)  
 CIM (Canadian Institute of Mining, Metallurgy and Petroleum)  
 CMIC - Footprints Project (Laurentian University)  
 CODES - University of Tasmania  
 Genome British Columbia  
 Geological Association of Canada  
 Geoscience BC  
 MDRU - Mineral Deposit Research Unit, UBC  
 Mining Association of BC  
 Northwest Regional Airport Terrace-Kitimat  
 NWT & Nunavut Chamber of Mines  
 Prince George Exploration Group  
 Prospectors & Developers Association of Canada (PDAC)  
 Smithers Exploration Group  
 Society of Economic Geologists Inc. (SEG)  
 Terrace Business Resource Centre  
 The Kamloops Exploration Group Society (KEG)  
 UBC Mining Engineering  
 University of New Brunswick  
 VanCore Toastmasters  
 Vancouver Island Exploration (VIX) Group  
 Yukon Chamber of Mines  
 Yukon College Centre for Northern Innovation in Mining

## GOVERNMENTS

Alaska Geological Survey  
 Alberta Energy  
 BC Geological Survey Branch  
 BC Securities Commission  
 Canada Revenue Agency  
 CanNor  
 Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador  
 Government of Greenland  
 Government of Nunavut  
 Government of Saskatchewan  
 Government of South Australia  
 Government of the Northwest Territories  
 INAC  
 Manitoba Mineral Resources  
 New Brunswick Department of Energy and Resource Development  
 Northwest Territories Regions  
 Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources

Ontario Ministry of Northern Development and Mines  
 Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako  
 Saskatchewan Trade and Export Partnership  
 State of Alaska  
 Yukon Government

## MINERAL EXPLORATION COMPANIES – PROJECTS IN CANADA

American Manganese Inc.  
 Aston Bay Holdings Ltd.  
 Atrum Coal Groundhog Inc.  
 AuRico Metals Inc.  
 Avidian Gold Inc.  
 Balmoral Resources Ltd.  
 BCGold Corp.  
 Canada Zinc Metals Corp.  
 Canadian Zinc Corporation  
 Canarc Resource Corp.  
 CanAus Coal Limited  
 Canterra Minerals Corporation  
 Colorado Resources Ltd.  
 Commander Resources Ltd.  
 Constantine Metal Resources Ltd.  
 Copper Fox Metals Inc.  
 Cresval Capital Corp.  
 Crockite Resources Ltd.  
 Eagle Plains Resources Ltd.  
 Eastfield Resources Ltd.  
 Endurance Gold Corp  
 Evrim Resources Corp.  
 First Point Minerals Corp  
 Foran Mining  
 Freeport Resources Inc.  
 Golden Dawn Minerals Inc.  
 Golden Valley Mines Ltd.  
 Green Mountain Gemstones Inc.  
 Happy Creek Minerals Ltd.  
 High Power Exploration  
 Highbank Resources Ltd.  
 IDM Mining  
 Integra Gold Corp  
 Kaizen Discovery Inc  
 Kaminak Gold Corporation  
 Kiska Metals Corporation  
 Kivalliq Energy Corp  
 Margaux Resources Ltd  
 Metalex Ventures Ltd.  
 Mineral Mountain Resources Limited Ltd.  
 Nicola Mining Inc.  
 North American Nickel Inc.  
 North Arrow Minerals Inc.  
 Northern Superior Resources Inc.  
 Northern Uranium Ltd.

Novagold Resources Inc.  
 Pacific Booker Minerals Inc.  
 Pretium Resources Inc.  
 Prosper Gold Corp.  
 Rokmaster Resources Corp.  
 Sabina Gold & Silver Corp.  
 Santa Fe Metals  
 Seabridge Gold Inc.  
 Selwyn Chihong Mining Ltd.  
 Serengeti Resources Inc.  
 Skeena Resources Limited  
 Skyharbour Resources Ltd.  
 Stikine Gold Corporation  
 Stornoway Diamond Corporation  
 UEX Corporation  
 Victoria Gold Corp.  
 Victory Ventures Inc.  
 Wellgreen Platinum Ltd.  
 Western Potash Corp.  
 Zimtu Capital Corp.

## MINERAL EXPLORATION COMPANIES – PROJECTS OUTSIDE CANADA

Almaden Minerals Ltd.  
 Asante Gold Corporation  
 Astur Gold Corp.  
 BMC Minerals  
 Cantex Mine Development Corp.  
 Canyon Copper Corp.  
 Eurasian Minerals Inc.  
 Freegold Ventures Ltd.  
 Gold Standard Ventures  
 Golden Arrow Resources Corp.  
 Helio Resource Corp.  
 Hunt Mining Corp.  
 Kinetic Gold Corp.  
 Midas Gold Corp.  
 Millrock Resources Inc.  
 Mundoro Capital Inc.  
 Nortec Minerals Corp.  
 Northair Silver Corp.  
 Renaissance Gold Inc.  
 SolGold Plc  
 Trilogity Metals Inc.  
 Vendetta Mining Corp.

## MINING COMPANIES - CANADIAN PRODUCERS

Agnico Eagle  
 Anglo American Exploration (Canada) Ltd.  
 Avino Silver & Gold Mines Ltd.  
 Copper Mountain Mining Corporation  
 Goldcorp Inc.  
 Hecla Mining Company

Imperial Metals Corporation  
New Gold Inc.  
Rio Tinto Exploration Canada Inc.  
Silver Wheaton Corp.  
Teck Resources Limited

## MINING COMPANIES - PRODUCTION OUTSIDE CANADA

Eldorado Gold Corporation  
Endeavour Silver Corp.  
OceanaGold Corporation  
Silver Standard Resources Inc.

## SERVICE & SUPPLY COMPANIES

1984 Enterprises Inc.  
62 Degrees North Inc.  
Abitibi Geophysics Inc.  
AcQuire Technology Solutions Ltd.  
Acrow Limited  
Activation Laboratories Ltd. (Actlabs)  
AECOM  
AGAT Laboratories Ltd.  
AGI-ENVIROTANK  
Agilent Technologies  
AIL Mining  
Air Tindi  
Alaska Structures, Inc.  
Almita Piling Inc.  
ALS Minerals  
Altawest Pressure Cementing Ltd.  
ALX  
AMC Mining Consultants  
Amec Foster Wheeler  
American Assay Laboratories Inc.  
Anachemia Science a VWR Company  
Analytical Solutions  
APEX Geoscience Ltd.  
Aramark Remote Workplace Services  
Archer, Cathro & Associates (1981)  
Limited  
Armtec  
ASD, INC.  
ATCO Structures & Logistics Ltd.  
Atlas Drilling Ltd.  
Auracle Geospatial Science Inc.  
Aurora Geosciences Ltd.  
Aurora Telenet  
AuTec Innovative Extractive Solutions  
Big Ice Services  
BigSteelBox Structures  
Black Diamond Group  
Blue Coast Research  
Bluewave Energy

Boart Longyear  
Britco  
Britespan Building Systems Inc.  
Bruker  
Bureau Veritas Minerals  
Cabo Drilling Corp.  
CAE Mining Canada  
Camfil Farr APC  
Canada Wide Media Ltd.  
Canadian Helicopters Limited  
Cancadd Imaging Solutions Ltd  
CanMine Contracting LP  
Cansel  
Carmana Plaza  
Caron Business Solutions Inc.  
Cassels Brock & Blackwell LLP  
CDN Resource Laboratories Ltd.  
Central Mountain Air Ltd  
CGG  
Clean Harbors  
CME Consultants Inc.  
Coast Mountain Geological Ltd.  
ColdBlock Technologies Inc.  
Computational Geoscience  
Condor North Consulting ULC  
ContainerWest Sales, Ltd.  
Corescan Inc.  
Crone Geophysics & Exploration Ltd.  
Customplan Financial Services Inc.  
Cyr Drilling International Ltd.  
Dassault Systemes Canada Software Inc.  
Deakin Industries  
Deloitte  
Dentons Canada LLP  
DGI Geoscience Inc.  
Diaset Products Ltd.  
Di-Corp  
DigitalGlobe  
Discovery International Geophysics Inc.  
DMC Mining Services  
Doyon Limited  
Dramis International  
DRIVING FORCE  
Dynamic Aviation Group, Inc.  
Eagle Mapping Ltd.  
Earncliffe Strategy Group  
Ecofish Research Ltd  
Energold Drilling Corp.  
EON Geosciences Inc.  
EPS AB Energy Canada  
Equity Exploration Consultants Ltd  
ERM  
Ernst & Young LLP  
Esri Canada  
Extreme Products Inc.  
First Air  
First Drilling

Fladgate Exploration Consulting  
Corporation  
FORACO  
Fordia Group Inc.  
Foreman Equipment Ltd.  
Foremost  
Foundex Explorations Ltd.  
Frontier Geoscience  
Frontier Power Products Ltd.  
G4  
Galaxy Broadband Communications Inc.  
GEM Systems  
Geoanalytical Laboratories - SRC  
Geometrics  
Geophysics GPR International Inc.  
Géophysique TMC  
Georeference Online Ltd.  
Geosoft Inc.  
Geotech Drilling Services Ltd.  
Geotech Ltd.  
Geotic Inc.  
Globalstar Canada Satellite Co.  
Gold Sniffer Inc.  
Goldak Airborne Surveys  
Golder Associates Ltd.  
Great Slave Helicopters Ltd.  
GroundTech Solutions Ltd.  
GroundTruth Exploration  
Hardrock Diamond Drilling Ltd.  
Hatfield Consultants  
Hays Specialist Recruitment  
Helicopter Transport Services Inc.  
Hemmera  
Horizon North  
Hunter Dickinson Inc.  
Hydrologica Environmental Consulting  
Ltd.  
Hy-Tech Drilling Ltd.  
Icefield Tools Corporation  
ICOM Canada  
IMP Automation Canada Ltd.  
Independent Laboratory Supply  
InfoMine Inc.  
INFOSAT Communications LP  
InnovExplo Inc.  
Instrumentation GDD Inc.  
Integrated Sustainability  
IRL Supplies Ltd.  
Jewel Holdings Ltd.  
Kemetco Research  
Kendra's First Aid Services Ltd.  
Kenn Borek Air Ltd.  
Klohn Crippen Berger Ltd.  
Knight Piesold Ltd.  
KPMG LLP  
Landsea Camp Services  
Langara Island Lodge



Leapfrog Software (ARANZ Geo Canada Ltd.)  
LiDAR Services International Inc.  
Lions Gate Geological Consulting Inc. (LGGC)  
Lorax Environmental Services Ltd.  
Loring Laboratories (Alberta) Ltd.  
LRutt Contracting Ltd.  
Macquarie Metals and Energy Capital (Canada) Ltd.  
Major Drilling Group International Inc.  
Manning Elliott LLP  
Matrix Diamond Drilling Inc.  
Maxwell GeoServices (Canada) Inc.  
Maxxam Analytics Inc.  
MBI Drilling Products Inc.  
McCue Engineering Contractors  
McDowell B. Equipment  
McElhanney Consulting Services Ltd.  
McMillan LLP  
Mercer Contracting  
Merjent  
Met-Solve Laboratories  
MICROMINE  
MicroWatt LifeSafety Solutions  
Minalyze  
Mira Geoscience Ltd.  
MMD Mineral Sizing (Canada) Inc.  
MS Analytical  
Mud Bay Drilling Co. Ltd.  
Mueller Electric (DivII) Ltd  
Multi-Power Products Ltd.  
National Compressed Air Canada Ltd.  
New-Sense Geophysics Ltd.  
Nilex Inc.  
Nolinor Aviation  
North 60 Petro  
Northern ANI Solutions  
Northern Thunderbird Air Inc.  
Northspan Explorations Ltd.  
Northwest Truck Rentals Ltd.  
Northwestel Inc.  
Nuna Innovations Inc.  
Omega Communications Ltd.  
OrbitGarant Drilling  
Orix Geoscience Inc.  
Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt LLP  
Outland Camps  
Overburden Drilling Management Limited  
Pacific Geomatics Ltd.  
PanPacific Wireline Services  
PearTree Securities Inc.  
Peter E. Walcott & Associates Limited  
PhotoSat  
Piteau Associates Engineering Ltd.  
Placer Gold Design

Polar Ridge Resources Inc.  
Porcupine Canvas Inc.  
Pothier Enterprises Ltd.  
Precision GeoSurveys Inc.  
Precision Service & Pumps Inc.  
Procon Mining and Tunneling Ltd.  
Prolenc Manufacturing Inc.  
QMINe Geo Service Corp.  
Quantec Geoscience  
Radius Drilling Corp.  
Ramada Limited Downtown Vancouver  
Raven Rescue Ltd.  
Raymac Environmental Services Inc.  
Redpath Mining Contractors & Engineers  
Reflex Instrument North America Limited  
Robertson Geologging USA Inc.  
Rokstad Power  
Roy Northern Land and Environmental  
RPA Inc.  
RWDI  
S&P Global Market Intelligence  
Sacré-Davey Engineering  
Sandvik Mining  
Scarlet Security Services  
SciAps Inc.  
Secure-Rite Mobile Storage Inc.  
Sedgman Canada Ltd.  
SEI Industries Ltd.  
SGS Minerals Services  
SIMS Group  
Site Energy Services Inc.  
SJ Geophysics Ltd.  
Skyline Assayers & Laboratories  
SkyTEM Canada Inc.  
SLR Consulting (Canada) Ltd.  
Small's Expediting Ltd.  
Spatial Technologies  
Spectral Evolution  
SRK Consulting (Canada) Inc.  
Stantec Consulting Ltd.  
STC Footwear  
Stewart World Port  
Summit Air  
Summit Camps  
Superior Propane  
Switch Inc.  
TA Structures  
Talik Industrial Services Inc.  
Team Drilling LP  
TECH Directional Services  
Terra Remote Sensing Inc.  
TerraCore  
TerraLogic Exploration Inc.  
Terraplus Inc.  
Terraquest Ltd.  
Tetra Tech  
The Northern Miner

Tintina Air  
Tioga Air Heaters  
Toronto Stock Exchange & TSX Venture Exchange  
Total North Communications Ltd.  
Trans North Helicopters  
Trinity Power Rentals  
Triton Environmental Consultants  
TSL Laboratories  
Tufport Industries Ltd.  
Tundra Sales Inc.  
Tunnel View Technologies LLC  
UAF Mineral Industry Research  
UnitedHealthCare Global  
Veolia Water Technologies Canada Inc.  
Vista Clara, Inc.  
Watts, Griffiths and McQuat Limited  
Weatherhaven  
Westcoast Mineral Storage Inc.  
Wink Vibracore Drill Company Ltd.  
WSP Canada Inc.  
Xpera Risk Mitigation  
Yellowhead Helicopters Ltd.  
Zonge International Inc.









# TREASURER'S REPORT ON BEHALF OF AME'S FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members of AME's Finance and Audit Committee review, on behalf of the Board of Directors, the preparation of the annual operating budget and the quarterly and annual financial statements, as well as our returns on investment assets and other related matters.

Our financial results for the fiscal year reflected an operating deficit of \$236,000 compared to a deficit of \$455,000 in 2015. The overall operating deficit in 2016 was initially budgeted at \$400,000, and the reduction in the actual deficit of the year was largely reflective of management's ability to pare budgeted expenditures in a judicious and effective manner. I do not equate the cutting of budgeted expenditures, per se, to be a particularly laudable accomplishment or, in general, a challenging process. The real achievement is in carrying out such cuts in a manner that allows AME's key priorities to still be funded and advanced, and whereby our remaining resources can be utilized in a meaningful and efficient manner. After all, our agenda remains as full as ever, and our members' need for representation and advocacy only grows. In my view, we have, in the past year, done what we can from both an advocacy and a financial perspective. Continued (modest) operating deficits speak to this commitment and our broad consensus that the concerns of the 'here and now' remain paramount. On the other hand, ongoing operating deficits are obviously not a recipe for financial sustainability.

Last year in this space I discussed the financial impact of the annual AME Roundup conference on our organization. With equal candour, I'd like to emphasize the importance of maintaining and seeking out additional revenues, from AME Roundup as well as other sources. For example, currently AME does direct the disbursement, for education-related purposes, of income earned on funds contributed to an AME-sponsored Endowment Fund with the Vancouver Foundation. As we are primarily engaged in advocacy on behalf of our members, AME itself is not a registered charity and cannot issue receipts qualifying for Canadian income tax credits for monies donated directly to the organization. Though such charitable status could arguably be a convenient attribute for us, over the years we have concluded that obtaining (and then maintaining) such status would likely be a struggle involving, in a best-case scenario, significant risk of an ongoing regulatory challenge to such status.

For a variety of reasons, however, not all potential personal donors may need or be able to utilize such credits in any event, making them potentially indifferent to the tax reduction element involved in a 'charitable' donation. The tactful promotion and education of members, and others, of such alternative planned giving opportunities could provide a potential future revenue source for AME to support its important advocacy work. Members should feel free to contact me or our senior management, and also their professional advisors, in connection with such contributions. At the same time, AME needs to develop some structure around how such gifts can be encouraged and then subsequently managed upon receipt. Significant

discretion and involvement with such monies should be available to donors and AME in what could surely be designed to result in win-win outcomes for both.

In order to meet budgeted expenses for fiscal 2016, we plan to again draw-down on the unexpended balance of operating surpluses carried forward (\$116,000) and to also use an allocation from the Contingency Reserve Fund ('CRF') of \$100,000 pursuant to the provisions of our Bylaws. Our 2017 operating deficit is budgeted at approximately \$150,000, and any excess (i.e. \$66,000 based on the foregoing) will carry forward to fiscal 2018. At the same time, our current budget also projects additional net assets on hand (i.e. the CRF balance) at August 31, 2017 of approximately \$2.2 million.

Our financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles and reflect, in certain areas, management's best estimates based on information currently available. AME has developed and is maintaining a system of internal controls designed to provide reasonable assurance that its assets are safeguarded, transactions are authorized, and financial information is reliable.

The following summary of annual financial statements have been prepared by, and are the responsibility of, me in consultation with our senior management. They faithfully reflect and represent what we believe to be the most relevant elements of the full version of the audited financial statements, which are, as always, the responsibility of both the Board and I. Our external auditors are PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, and their report, which follows, outlines the scope of their examination and unqualified opinion on these summary financial statements.



**James D. Gray, CPA, CA**

*Treasurer and Chair, Finance and Audit Committee  
Vancouver, British Columbia  
December 6, 2016*







# REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

To the Members of the Association for Mineral Exploration  
British Columbia (“AME”)

The accompanying summary financial statements, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at August 31, 2016 and the summary statement of revenue and expenditures for the year then ended are derived from the audited financial statements of AME for the year ended August 31, 2016. We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on those financial statements in our report dated November 22, 2016. Those financial statements, and the summary financial statements, do not reflect the effects of events that occurred subsequent to the date of our report on those financial statements.

The summary financial statements do not contain all of the disclosures required by Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (“ASNPO”) as included in Part III of the CPA Canada Handbook. Reading the summary financial statements, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements of AME.

## Management’s responsibility for the summary financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of a summary of the audited financial statements on the basis of preparation disclosed in the summary financial statements.

## Auditor’s responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the summary financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with Canadian Auditing Standard (CAS) 810, “Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements.”

## Opinion

In our opinion, the summary financial statements derived from the audited financial statements of AME for the year ended August 31, 2016 are a fair summary of those financial statements, in accordance with the criteria described in the basis of preparation.

*PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP*

**Chartered Professional Accountants**

Vancouver, British Columbia  
December 6, 2016



**Association for Mineral Exploration British Columbia ('AME')**

# SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

*As at and for the year ended August 31, 2016*

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION *as at August 31, 2016*

Current Assets	2016 \$	2015 \$
Cash and cash equivalents	232,038	249,463
Short-term investments	200,000	702,278
Investments	444,815	208,668
Prepays	341,091	326,966
Amounts receivable	13,591	15,370
	1,231,535	1,502,745
Non-current deposits	-	31,439
Investments	2,200,000	2,300,000
Equipment	22,595	24,359
	3,454,130	3,858,543
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	113,128	99,739
Deferred revenue	924,925	1,107,141
	1,038,053	1,206,880
Net Assets		
Unrestricted net assets (Operating Fund)	116,077	121,663
Internally - Restricted Fund	2,300,000	2,530,000
	2,416,077	2,651,663
	3,454,130	3,858,543

**Basis of Presentation:** The above Summary Statement of Financial Position and Summary Statement of Revenue and Expenditures are derived from, and consistent with, the audited financial statements of AME as at and for the year ended August 31, 2016, however, omitted from this presentation are certain other financial statements and footnote disclosures, all of which are required in order for a complete and formal presentation pursuant to Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Accordingly, readers are directed to read the Summary Financial Statements in conjunction with these annual audited statements, available for viewing at [www.amebc.ca](http://www.amebc.ca)

In the opinion of management, the Summary Financial Statements included herein faithfully reflect the financial information considered material to the expected users of the information, and accordingly the summarized presentation is not misleading in these circumstances.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

For the year ended August 31, 2016

Revenue	2016 \$	2015 \$
Annual conference	2,530,809	2,686,125
Workshops/seminars	890	4,878
Member relations & events	409,736	415,533
Public affairs & communications	18,789	38,347
Aboriginal & community relations	-	51,917
Investment income	160,048	182,903
Miscellaneous revenue	8,892	2,883
Government grants received	97,036	223,017
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>3,226,200</b>	<b>3,605,603</b>
Expenditures		
Management & direction	177,226	177,469
Administrative & office	629,542	718,493
Environment, health & safety	36,850	63,380
Member relations & events	214,170	321,823
Government relations	381,923	474,958
Public affairs & communications	259,471	263,567
Aboriginal & community relations	214,074	264,551
Annual conference	1,428,057	1,537,326
Government grant programs	97,036	223,017
Amortization	23,437	16,410
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>3,461,786</b>	<b>4,060,994</b>
<b>Deficiency of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>(235,586)</b>	<b>(455,391)</b>



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