



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, October 19th, 2007

8:15 AM to 9:00 AM

Canad Inns Club Regent

Winnipeg, Manitoba

Opening Remarks and Introductions – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ Kenton thanked this year's Sponsors: MTS Allstream (Gold), Manitoba Hydro (Silver), IBM (Bronze), Manitoba Public Insurance (Bronze), Price Waterhouse Coopers (Bronze) and, DRI Canada (Bronze), for their continuing show of support for our organization and our annual conference.
- ◆ He then advised everyone of the general house keeping, pointing out the emergency exits and advising the membership that we must follow the hotel's emergency procedures in event of an incident.
- ◆ Last year's executive was introduced:

- President	Kenton Friesen
- Vice President	Vacant (Jan Wolynski)
- Past President	Steve Herbster
- Treasurer	Vacant (David Hooper)
- Secretary	Lori O'Brennan
- Membership	Leslie Reeves
- Research & Education	Brock Holowachuk
- Special Programs	Joe Krupnik
- Website	Heather Sorko
- ◆ Kenton noted that due to unforeseen work constraints Jan Wolynski (Vice President) and David Hooper (Treasurer) had to resign in the spring. These positions remained vacant for the remainder of the fiscal year. The position of Nominating Committee Chair was never filled.

Constitution of Meeting – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ Last year's minutes were sent out in advance via email to the membership.
- ◆ Motion to accept the minutes from the 2006 Annual General Meeting, as emailed out to membership, was made by Brock Holowachuk and seconded by Joe Krupnik. The motion was carried unanimously.
- ◆ An amendment to DRIE Central's By-Laws was reintroduced, adding a clause to Item 5.4 as follows...*c. The Executive Committee officials may appoint a member in good standing to an open or vacant Executive Committee position. The appointment shall be on an interim or acting basis until the next Annual General (AGM), at which time the appointment can be voted on by the membership.* A general discussion



of meeting procedures followed. Motion to accept the amendment to the DRIE Central By-Laws as emailed out to membership, was made by Larry Neufeld and seconded by Lori O'Brennan. The motion was carried unanimously.

- ◆ There were no other motions from the floor.

President's Report – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ Kenton talked about the importance of communication within DRIE Central and asked if the membership still found the Membership Updates that are circulated throughout the year to be helpful. A show of hands indicated that the membership valued these handouts and wished the practice to continue.
- ◆ Our membership is on the rise again. We had a total of 79 members for the 2006/2007 fiscal year and already have 39 members renewed for the 2007/2008 year (now 46).
- ◆ We are still working on partnerships and collaborations with other groups, such as MaRIMS, ISACA, the Association of MB Municipalities and the Public Health Agency.
- ◆ Kenton did not attend many of the monthly DRIE Chapter President's Meetings, as these teleconferences are dominated by the Ontario Chapter. They have a broader and much larger membership and do not deal with the same issues as we do.

Treasurer's Report - Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ As a result of the vacancy in the Treasurer's position, we were unable to prepare a full financial statement in time for this year's AGM. A motion to delay the presentation and acceptance of the 2006/2007 financials until the Winter Session in February was made by Brock Holowachuk and seconded by Joe Krupnik.
- ◆ Kenton noted that the balance at the end of June was \$10,542.41. All 2006/2007 memberships and sponsorships have been paid in full.

Membership Report – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ We are starting to see an increase again in the membership - a great sign. We will continue to reach out to the community.
- ◆ 2000/01 - 92 members, 2001/02 99 members, 2002/03 - 70 members, 2003/04 - 89 members, 2004/05 - 71 members, 2005/06 - 63 members, 2006/07 - 79 members, and 2007/08 - 39 members as of 15/10/07.



Program Report – Kenton Friesen, President

◆ **Conference**

- October 18th, 2006 - **Annual General Meeting**, followed by annual 1-day conference (67 registered, 59 attended)

◆ **Sessions**

- Winter - February 8th, 2007 - **Interac Outage - Observation From a BCP Perspective**, Joe Krupnik

- Spring - April 13th, 2007 - **A BCP Tale: From Theory to Practise**, Gordon Novoselnik

- Summer - June 8th, 2007 - **U of M Emergency Management - How Does BCP Fit In?**, Kenton Friesen

◆ Overall, attendance at the different sessions was good, with an average of 27 people attending.

Education and Research Report – Kenton Friesen, President

◆ **Presentation at Brandon University**

In March Brock Holowachuk and Mary Genyk traveled to Brandon and gave a presentation to the students in the Applied Disaster and Emergency Studies program at the University of Brandon. The session went very well and the students gained insight into the BCP as an important issue related to emergency management in general and to critical infrastructure protection in specific. Thanks to Mary for taking the time out of her busy schedule to help present.

◆ **Newsletter**

The first newsletter was issued in the spring of 2007. Two are planned for the 2007/08 fiscal year.

◆ **Website Survey**

Fifteen surveys were completed by the membership, thank you for your participation

Nomination Report – Kenton Friesen, President

◆ Nominations for the 2007/08 Executive Committee are:

- President	Brock Holowachuk
- Vice President	Joe Krupnik
- Past President/Nominations	Kenton Friesen
- Treasurer	Paul Anderson
- Secretary	Lori O'Brennan
- Education & Research	Randy Hull
- Special Programs	Jeff Franz-Lien
- Website	Heather Sorko



- ◆ A member pointed out that we should have sent out a call for nominations of the 2007/08 Executive. Kenton agreed that we should have done that and apologized for not sending out a call in advance of the AGM.
- ◆ Kenton asked if there were any further nominations from the floor. None were brought forward at that time.
- ◆ Motion to accept the 2007/08 Executive Committee as nominated was put forward by Nina Borgersen and seconded by Gil Robidoux. The motion was carried unanimously.

Motions From the Floor – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ ***Student Membership***

Kenton introduced a new membership for students. The student must be enrolled in an accredited university or college, full-time or part-time, and if they are working their work must not be in a disaster related position. A nominal fee of \$15.00 was suggested. A member pointed out that the By-Laws allow for a student membership that provides all the rights and privileges within DRIE Central with the exceptions of the right to vote or hold office. It was decided that the motion to carry would not be for the concept of a student membership, but for the two new conditions and the nominal fee. John Lindsay brought forward the motion and Brock Holowachuk seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously.

- ◆ ***Membership Fees***

Kenton talked about the need for an increase in membership fees. The fees have not been changed in many years and since the last increase there has been inflation that should be reflected in our costs of operation. As well, it's a matter of self valuation. Our membership fees are seen as a measure of how we value what we do by the emergency community and it has been suggested that because our fees are so low it might be affecting sponsorship.

The membership felt that without a current financial statement they could not consider this issue at this time. Mary Genyk put forth a motion for the Executive to look at what the other DRI chapters charge and what services they offer, to be presented for discussion and a vote on the issue at the Winter Session in February. Seconded by Larry Neufeld. The motion was carried unanimously.

2007/2008 Events Schedule – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ Event dates have been set as follows:
 - Winter Session - February 8th, 2008
 - Spring Session - April 11, 2008
 - Summer Session - June 6th, 2008

 - Workshop - October 16th, 2008
 - AGM & Conference - October 17th, 2008



- ◆ Topics for the sessions have not been finalized as yet.

Questions and Answers – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ Kenton put forward a call for ideas for topics at upcoming lunch sessions and the next conference. None were tabled.
- ◆ You can forward your ideas to any of the Executive, or to info@driecentral.org.
- ◆ Kenton asked if there were any questions from the membership. None were brought forward at that time.

Adjournment – Kenton Friesen, President

- ◆ Motion to adjourn the meeting without acceptance of the financial statement was given by Gil Robidoux and seconded by Roger Coss. The financials are to be presented and settled at the Winter Session in February. The motion was carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 am