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Dear Chip:

RE: AIBC WEBSITE UPDATING

Thanks for raising your concerns during the 08 May 2010 Annual Meeting and, as I expressed then, thanks sincerely for having brought them to our attention earlier in the Spring. I can tell you with no fear of contradiction that the 'About the AIBC' section of our website (which is the one that drew your concerns) has been extensively updated. That update encompassed considerable revision to 'hard' content; evolving Council attitudes; syntax and format. Those areas of interest which are indeed 'under development' are so noted. The 'Official Marks' component refers factually to those marks which the AIBC has officially reserved for our exclusive use, should the AIBC choose to use them. A complementary web site section regarding 'Registration' was deleted completely.

As a result, the referenced sections of the web site are greatly improved, current and accurate. They were in that enhanced state, and so reported by the President, before the Annual Meeting, at which you stated that the web site was still wrong; accused the President of not telling the truth; and characterized the web site as containing misleading and false information.

Knowing you as I do, I suspect and prefer to believe that you had simply not done an adequate review of the material. Otherwise, your strong public statements would attract a different type of reply. In any event, in my view, a retraction and an apology are in order.

Rest assured, in any event, that we do welcome constructive input and will do our level best to correct our web site if and as needed. In a related vein, we are embarking on some re-design to our web site in order to make it even more relevant and accessible for our community.

Best wishes;

Michael A. Ernest MAIBC
Executive Director

PS: given that your statements were made in a public forum attended by a large number of people, this letter will be posted on the AIBC web site.