



Minutes of the 106th Meeting of Council of the  
Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario  
Thursday, June 11, 2015 at 2400 - 333 Bay Street, Toronto, ON

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**Present:**

Dave Hunt, President  
Mark Priddle, Vice President  
Andrew Cheatle, Past President  
Ben Berger  
Brad Leonard  
Peter Diorio  
Tony Lotimer, Treasurer  
Rob Gordon  
Dorene Weston  
Milan Situm  
Zen Keizars  
Rusty Juma

**By Teleconference:**

Don Johnston

**Regrets:**

Doug Cater  
John Gartner  
Visha Sukdeo  
Wally Rayner  
Robert Linnen  
Bob Morrison

**By Invitation:**

Gord White, Executive Director  
Alain Liard, OGQ  
Aftab Khan, Registrar  
Avril Hylands, Recording secretary

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## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The President, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 11.00 a.m.

## **2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Chair asked if any member of Council anticipated a conflict of interest with an item on the Agenda and none so indicated.

## **3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS & PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked Council and staff for their cooperation and support throughout the year. He thanked Milan Situm and Andrew Cheatle for their service to Council and whose terms had come to an end. He also noted that Wally Rayner had submitted his resignation and who therefore would be leaving Council as of today.

## **4. MEETING AGENDA**

The Chair asked Council to review the proposed Agenda and indicate if any changes or additions were required.

**Motion 106-1: Brad Leonard moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Andrew Cheatle. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## **5. ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Council attendance report was updated and reviewed.

## **6. MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2015 MEETING**

Minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed and amendments made.

**Motion 106-2: Mark Priddle moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Seconded by Zen Keizars. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## **7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

**Action 104 – 1:** Tony Lotimer, referencing object #3, (“Holding lectures, presentations and conferences on geoscience to enhance the knowledge of the general public.”) said the APGO Education Foundation might be the entity to respond to any question raised as to the possibility of including the development of position and discussion papers on geoscience issues to enhance public understanding of geoscience. He suggested that object #3 should reflect this endeavour. **Gord White will follow up with the suggestion.**

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Rob advised no decision had yet been made. No change.

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Mark has made contact. Gord White will lead and will schedule a meeting for July. He confirmed Bob Linnen is on the taskforce list. Gord further advised that at a recent conference in Montreal – which included academics from the U.S. and Canada – this matter was discussed and it was agreed that in the future, it should be P.Geo’s teaching courses and not just academics. Ongoing

**Action 104 - 4:** APGO will continue the work of compiling a more detailed list of faculty members across Ontario to help inform Council’s future decisions on this particular issue. Sources of information will also be included in the documentation. **Gord White – also see Action 104 – 3.** Ongoing

**Action 104 – 5:** Dave Hunt and Gord White will flesh-out the terms of reference for APGO Merit Award. This will be completed over the summer. Ongoing

**Action 105 – 1:** Wally Rayner Status: Dave Hunt to check and report back. Resigned effective June 11, 2015.

**Action 105 – 2:** Doug Cater will follow up with those not elected to express APGO's appreciation and to keep them on board – he will suggest Committee work etc. Ongoing

**Action 105 – 3:** Re: the recent documentary from a CBC reporter on mining royalties. There does not appear to have been a response from the Minister's office. Andrew Cheadle will check into this and report back to Gord White. There was little media or social media response. It was concluded the story had 'no legs'. No further action necessary.

**Action 105 – 4:** Tony Lotimer to review the Finance Committee portion of By-law 7 and report back to Gord White as soon as possible. Completed.

**Action 105 – 5:** Gord White and Mark Priddle to arrange for a short telephone Council meeting to be held towards the end of July. Date will be set soon.

**Action 105 – 6:** Re: IAH Conference – October 27-30. Tony Lotimer will find out if booths are available and get back to Gord White. Marilen Miguel will get in touch with IAH via the website to ascertain various sponsorship opportunities and get back to Gord White. Gord White contacted IAH organizers who advised no booths were available and had not been for some time. Still discussing some form of sponsorship – something will be possible.

## 8. ISSUES

### (a) Geoscientists Canada AGM Report

Andrew Cheadle reported the AGM took place in St. John, N.B. June 6-7. There was a new and renewed atmosphere and it was very productive; the tone appeared to be forward looking. Some points of interest:

- Mobility – B.C. and APGO are finalizing details of its bi-lateral agreement. We need to continue to lobby the other CA's.
- It's very important that Professors join. Suggestion was made to make a one-time offer to bring them in. Gord White said that in 2013 it was suggested that any professor teaching Earth Sciences would be considered a P.Geo. in a new Academic Category.
- Mobility – Tony Lotimer noted that GC has not been as successful as APGO re Mobility – will anything move their decision along? Andrew Cheadle believes the will is still there at GC but B.C. and Ontario are only two people at the table. GC believes they have achieved mobility with P.Geos being able to go from Province to Province and paying a fee, but APGO further believes members should not have to pay to do so.
- After much discussion, the GC Board was reduced to 9 members. Alberta proposed one person per district and we supported that.
- Dave Hunt reported on the meetings at GC held prior to the Board – CEO's and Presidents – he attended the Presidents meeting. There was a lot of overlap but 3 main issues were:
  - (i) Geoscience Education and Outreach Package – a couple of CA's asked about the availability of geoscience related materials for use in schools – Kindergarten to Gr. 12 – to get young kids interested in geology. There is a lot of material out there – it has never been an issue for APGO. This may be an issue for the APGO Education Foundation and there will likely be a data base created eventually.
  - (ii) Universities – concern expressed particularly from Engineers in Ontario and Nova Scotia that foreign students are preferred by Universities over local students for access to some courses. There was some feeling that we should be increasing the participation

of under-represented groups (women and aboriginals). This may apply to engineers but there are many women in geoscience courses.

(iii) Professionalism and Ethics components of geoscience knowledge. This topic to be explored and reported on at the next GC AGM.

- Gord White added that during the CEO's meeting now that OGQ dropped out there are 9 members; there is a split in the group as to whether or not OGQ should be invited to attend the CEO's meeting free of charge so that we can continue contact. Opposing opinion is you have to pay if you want to get the benefits of the organization. Not paying to attend would be a dangerous precedent. This was APGO's position. It was suggested contact be maintained by individual regulators – as APGO will do.

(b) Council Self-Assessment

Dorene Weston reviewed the results of the recent self-assessment. The questions were the same as the previous 2 years. Every question and response were discussed in some depth. Areas for further discussion and improvement were identified. Very positive feedback was received concerning the financial oversight of the organization, as well as the quality of councillor's own contribution. Areas of greatest improvement over last year were orientation for new council members and strategic planning. The questionnaire for next year will be changed.

(c) OGQ

Alain Liard, Director General of OGQ joined the meeting and was introduced by Gord White. Alain Liard thanked APGO for the invitation and added that he would also be attending the AGM. He noted that OGQ had left GC. GC at one time had tried to look at GITs and how they are processed but it was never done. Quebec would love to have everyone on the same page re GIT training. Their P.Geo's, like Ontario P.Geos move across the country and it would be nice to have a common process. OGQ's Mission is to licence competent professionals. The Quebec Government has now brought in regulations for all professions to follow in order to obtain licensure. He made a Power Point presentation which covered Admission Practices; Competence requirements; Competence objectives and tasks; Competence compendium; Assessment of competence; Portfolio; Tutoring program; Professional competencies; Contextual competency; Personal qualities; Concept; Process; Instruments for reporting the foregoing.

He said they have their first students starting the process. They are beginning to train supervisors. The whole process took about 8 years from Council's decision to final Adoption of the Regulation. The minimum period of training is 3 years. APGO has looked at the report and agree it is a great idea. APGO will follow OGQ's progress very carefully and will stay in touch. Dave Hunt, Gord White and Mark Priddle will speak further with Alain Liard later in the in the day.

(d) 2015-16 Council Members

New Council members are David Leng and Christine Vallaincourt (both Councillors At Large)

Council can appoint a member of their choice to fill the remaining term on Council made vacant by the resignation of Wally Rayner.

**Action 106 – 1: Governance Committee will appoint someone to fill the remaining term on Council made vacant by the resignation of Wally Rayner prior to the July 2015 Council conference call.**

**Mark Priddle, Dorene Weston**

There were no candidates for the position of North West Councillor.

(e) 2015 AGM

The AGM will be held at One King West from 3.30 to 4.15 p.m. Photographs will be taken at 3 p.m. in the Lobby. There will be a guest speaker from 4.15 to 5.15 and a Reception from 5.30 to 7 p.m. Council Dinner at Biff's Bistro at 7.30 for 8 p.m.

(f) By-law #7

The Governance Committee reviewed the structure and function of all Committees and recommended some streamlining. These were reviewed by Council at the May meeting and a few more changes made to ensure more consistency in terms of quorums etc. Two Committees were removed and merged into others. The Finance and Audit Committees responsibilities were updated to reflect their actual practice.

**Motion 106 – 3: Tony Lotimer moved to approve the changes to By-law #7 as presented. Mark Priddle seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## 9. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the May financial statements and gave a brief review. There were no questions.

**Motion 106 – 4: Ben Berger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Don Johnston. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## 10. GOVERNANCE

The Terms of Reference of all APGO Committees were reviewed and updated to ensure consistency.

**Motion #106-5: Mark Priddle moved to approve the complete set of Terms of Reference of Committees as presented. Brad Leonard seconded. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## 11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mark Priddle noted there were no Committee Reports. He has handed over responsibility to the new Vice President, Tony Lotimer. A new Chair for the Environment Sub-committee is needed. Milan Situm is seeking a replacement for himself as Chair of the Complaints Committee – possibly a new Council member. Milan will supply any support required.

**Action 106-2: It was noted that it is the Vice President's responsibility to ensure Committee Chairs receive their Terms of Reference over the summer.**

**Tony Lotimer**

## 12. REGIONAL COUNCILLORS' AND COUNCILLORS AT LARGE REPORTS

Ben Berger, North East

Networking meeting to be held in Timmins June 18<sup>th</sup> – a meet and greet free event – intend to ask participants what they would like to see in future networking meetings and what they would like from APGO. 27 pre-registered. Porcupine Prospectors & Developers Association have a meeting in Timmins around the same date. This organization is made up of businessmen, prospectors and local geoscientists.

Dave Hunt, North West

Industry still very slow. A few major companies doing project work. Almost no grass roots exploration under way or planned.

Doug Cater, South West

Attended first meeting of the Ministry's Mining Act Advisory Committee June 4. Three key presentations and discussion topics – Exploration permitting presented by Jamie Fairchild – nothing new; First Nations Duty to Consult – discussion around at what stage exploration companies consult with them; many juniors doing very generative, low budget evaluation work and as such they lack the resources to consult at this stage of the process; mineral resources strategy update by Rod Merwin from MNDM. We all accept the need to stimulate the mineral exploration business but lack a solution – lower commodity prices and no market appetite for resource company funding etc. Suggestions were super flow through, prospector incentives etc. were discussed. However, his feeling is Ontario lacks a funding program for any initiatives; conversion to on-line staking well under way and a short update was provided. Doug would welcome thoughts on how APGO could assist. His take is that as exploration advances P.Geo's benefit to employment opportunity is through technical writing and NI43-101 studies etc.

Not a lot of employment going on – his opinion is Ontario mishandling exploration scene especially with regard to First Nations Consultation which is bogging things down. Not very optimistic about future exploration.

Peter Diorio, Central

Began contacting all 4 Campuses in the Central Region to get student meetings as early in the Fall as possible. Working with Marilen on a networking event in Hamilton/Burlington area also in the Fall.

Zen Keizsars, South East

Continuing to follow and piggy-back with other events and projects by people in his area. i.e. this past year worked with the Kawartha Region Sciences and Metallurgist Group who have monthly meetings – making some good optics there. We participated in Engineering Month (March). The Engineering Challenge had 9 high schools attending. This coming year I have volunteered to run the Engineering Challenge In Peterborough/Kawarthas to Coburg. If anyone has ideas how we can tie APGO into that, please let me know.

Milan Situm, C at Large

Nothing to report.

Tony Lorimer

Nothing to report

### **13. ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING**

Dorene Weston informed Council that Ontario just passed a new Immigration Law. It continues to focus on the recruitment, selection and admission of skilled immigrants. It is a way for people to come into the country through an employer. The Mining Industry Human Resources Council is hosting a Career Fair to connect newcomers to mining employers.

### **14. OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

### **15. CHECK-IN ON TODAY'S MEETING**

There were no questions. Members of Council took the opportunity to thank Dave Hunt, the outgoing President, for his contribution to APGO and for a tremendous job done this past year.

## **16. IN CAMERA**

A short in camera session followed.

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion 106-6: Milan Situm moved that the 106<sup>th</sup> meeting of Council be adjourned at 2:05 p.m. Seconded by Rob Gordon. All in favour. Motion carried.**

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President

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Secretary

## SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

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