



Minutes of the 107th Meeting of Council of the  
Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario  
Thursday, July 23, 2015 by Conference Call

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Present:

Mark Priddle, President  
Tony Lotimer, Vice President  
David Hunt, Past President  
Doug Cater  
Brad Leonard  
Peter Diorio  
Dorene Weston  
John Gartner  
Visha Sukdeo  
Zen Keizars  
David Leng  
Christine Vaillancourt  
Robert Linnen

Regrets:

Ben Berger  
Rob Gordon  
Rusty Juma  
Don Johnston  
Bob Morrison

By Invitation:

Gord White, CEO  
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 9.06 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 particularly welcomed new Council member, David Leng, and the return of Christine Vaillancourt to Council. He noted this is the first Council meeting to be held by telephone and electronically. It is anticipated the meeting will last about one hour and will include the topic of Councillors' membership on Committees.

## **4. MEETING AGENDA**

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

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**Motion 107-1: Dorene Weston moved that the Agenda be approved as presented. Seconded by Peter Diorio. All in favour. Motion carried.**

## **5. ATTENDANCE REPORT**

Council attendance report was noted.

## **6. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 11, 2015 MEETING**

Minutes of the June 11, 2015 meeting were reviewed and amendments made.

**Motion 107-2: Robert Linnen 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.**

Gord advised that public promotion of geoscience and the role of geoscientists is being considered by Geoscientists Canada (GC). He will follow up with Bill Pearson after their June meeting and will let Council know what was decided. **GW spoke with Bill Pearson, who is not able to address the issue until September. Ongoing.**

**Action 104 – 2:** Zen Keizars raised the question of designated donations. **Rob Gordon will bring it up with Bill Pearson.**

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

**Action Item 104 – 3:** A task force will be formed to investigate further the possibility of developing a P.Geo. Academic category and to make recommendations to the Council. Bob Linnen expressed interest to be part of the taskforce. David Hunt also volunteered to help after June 2015. Mark Priddle volunteered to contact retired professors.

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. **GW has prepared a memo for a meeting with the Task Force on Monday, July 27.**

**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. Marilen does have a list of faculty members and is now checking which of them is/is not a P.Geo. GW believes the group as a whole is now receptive to APGO.**

**Action 104 – 5:** David Hunt and Gord White will flesh-out the terms of reference for APGO Merit Award.

This will be completed over the summer. **DH and GW will work on this in August.**

**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. **Doug has sent emails to them encouraging their participation and will contact them again after today's discussion to let them know what opportunities might be available.**

**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. **Completed.**

**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 – **Will be decided today – completed.**

**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 – **Mark Priddle will send them to Tony today. It was agreed that Committee Terms of Reference be added to the website. GW will do so today.**

**Action 107 – 1: All Committees' Terms of Reference be added to the website. Gord White**

## **8. ISSUES**

(a) Councillor at Large Appointment

Following the resignation of Wally Rayner in June due to health reasons, the Governance Committee recommended that Council appoint the next candidate with the most votes from the AGM election who is willing to accept the one year appointment (ending June 2016) to complete his term. The appointed candidate may wish to run for the elected position in the 2016 Council election. Gord White agreed to make the calls today.

**Motion 107 – 3: Tony Lotimer moved to direct Gord White, based on the results of the 2015 election results, to contact first Shelly Cuddy, P.Geo, second Natalie Pietrzak, P.Geo, and third Edna Mueller-Markham, P.Geo, and offer them Council's one-year appointment to Council. The first willing candidate will be appointed Councillor at Large for one year ending June 2016. Seconded by David Hunt. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.**

(b) North West Regional Councillor Appointment

The President approached an interested member to assess his interest in taking on this role. The member indicated that, although he is interested, he is not in a position to take it on.

**Action 107 – 2: Appointment of North West Regional Councillor. David Hunt will provide a list of NW region members to Mark Priddle who will contact them to ascertain their interest in joining Council. He will work with Mark to follow up. Gord White will provide a list of NW members for Council to contact to ascertain their interest in taking up this appointment.**

(c) 2015 AGM Feedback

Gord White asked for feedback from Council following the 2015 AGM which this year did not include a Conference and consequently cost less than prior years. Approximately 110 attended. The President said he had received no negative comments. The speaker was very topical and good – many participants engaged with her during the Reception. He did note that the room was not the best. Also

he suggested maybe a half hour more be allotted to the meeting as it appeared to be a bit rushed.

Gord agreed and added that they have already put a hold on a different venue for the 2016 AGM – a room recently used for a Regional Meeting. All agreed with the previous comments.

(d) APGO Staff Update

Gord White advised Council that, due to health reasons, Renée is on a leave of absence for approximately three months. We received a good response to our posting on the Charity Village Website for a Registration Assistant. We have 2 or 3 good candidates. We are proposing a 4-month contract. If Renée is able to return sooner this can be adjusted.

(e) 2015-16 Council Members

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

(f) Certificate of Authorization On-line Renewal

In 2013, APGO received a quotation from MPower for various database upgrades. All upgrades have been carried out with the exception of the C of A on-line renewal. Gord White believes it is now time to carry out this upgrade to bring it in line with current business practices. All database upgrades were funded by the Strategic Initiatives Fund (SIF) and he asked Council to allocate the \$13,250 (representing 106 hours) required from the SIF to undertake this project in 2015.

**Motion 107 – 4: Peter Diorio moved to authorize Gord White to work on the Certificate of Authorization On-Line Renewal at a cost of \$13,250 plus HST, to be charged to the Strategic Initiatives Fund. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Motion carried unanimously.**

## 9. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Aftab Khan reported the following:

**Registration Update:** Full Practicing 1955 (1951 at the end of 2014); Temp. 1; Limited 55; Non-practicing 93; GIT 305 (it was noted all government jobs and many companies require GIT designation for new hires); Students 743; Total at July 23, 2015 3,152.

**Applications Received by Month:** Total received in July – 19. Practicing 9; GIT 8; Temporary 1; Change of Designation 1.

**Cs of A and New Members:** July current #198; 25 new members added in June; Practicing 11; Limited 2; GIT 8; Cs of A 4.

**PPE and Technical Exams:** PPE 27 registered; 27 took the exam on July 20. Results awaited. 5 registered for October exam. 2 APGO and 1 APEGA registered for technical exam.

**Appeals Update:** One appeal which went for judicial review may come back for hearing.

**Complaints & Discipline:** One Complaint sent to Discipline Committee – hearing to take place September 2015 – one Council member required for that hearing panel. Two new complaints were received in March 2015 – both were resolved.

**Enforcement & Compliance:** 284 active files.

## **10. ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING**

It was noted that the economy remains on the downturn.

## **11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Tony Lotimer reported that the former Chair of the Environmental Sub-Committee, Ed Rodrigues, recently passed away. A new Chair has been appointed, Ron Ormson (Director with the City of Waterloo). We are working with him and expect a first meeting in early Fall. Other Committees requiring new Chairs are the Executive Committee (to replace Dorene Weston) and Finance Committee (to replace Tony Lotimer).

## **12. TREASURER'S REPORT**

Gord White reported on the June Financial Statements, pending the appointment of a new Treasurer. He reported on a few items of interest and overall finances are in line with the 2015 budget. This is expected to continue through the end of the year.

## **13. REGIONAL COUNCILLORS' AND COUNCILLORS AT LARGE REPORTS**

### Ben Berger, North East

In Ben's absence, Gord White reported that the recent Regional Meeting in Timmins attracted approx. 25 people, all of whom stayed the entire evening. Following the presentation, they answered questions for some 90 minutes. The GIT's in particular are a very active group and asked for an education component to the meeting as well as networking time. They were very engaged, asked challenging questions and definitely want Regional Meetings to continue. Overall, they are very positive with what APGO does.

### David Hunt, North West

Industry still very slow.

### Doug Cater, South West

Will do regular University visits in early Fall. Ministry's Mining Act Advisory Committee met in June. Next meeting possibly in August. Nothing new but they are looking for ways to regenerate the economy.

### Peter Diorio, Central

First of the University presentations is set and the rest being worked on.

### Zen Keizars, South East

Gemboree coming up – looking for volunteers to attend APGO booth. Generally a very worthwhile event. If anyone from Council can assist, please let him know.

## **14. OTHER BUSINESS**

- (i) Finance – Tony Lotimer advised that he had discussed with Peter Diorio the possibility of taking on the Treasurer's role. Peter Diorio said that he was willing to move into that role, subject to Council

being aware that he has no experience in the area. Tony nominated Peter Diorio as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee and assured Peter and Council of his continuing support. Council agreed to the appointment and the President thanked him for accepting and added that he too will give him every support.

- (ii) Peter Diorio mentioned that he had recently become aware of a need to identify APGO members on the website by identifying their specialty and/or their geographic area and asked if this could be investigated.

**Action 107 – 3: Possibility of adding a Search tab (by Specialty and/or Geographic area) to the website. Gord White to check cost and report back.**

Zen Keizars noted that personal email addresses are shown on the bio pages on the Council page of the website and that this could potentially lead to spam. He believes it is a good idea to have the contact information but it could be done more securely.

**Action 107 – 4: Re email addresses of Council on Website – check and change to a more secure format to eliminate unwanted Spam. Gord White.**

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

It was noted that there was occasional difficulty in hearing some participants. Gord White said that for any future telephone Council meetings he will use the computer audio system rather than telephones.

## **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 107-5:**



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President