



Minutes of the 117th Meeting of Council of the
Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario
Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 333 Bay Street, 24^h Floor, Toronto

Present:

Tony Lotimer, President
Christine Vaillancourt, Vice President
Mark Priddle, Past President
Shelly Cuddy, Treasurer
Zen Keizars
David Leng
Don Johnston
Bob Linnen
John McBride
Françoise Campbell
Renée-Luce Simard
Brad Leonard

Regrets:

Doug Cater
Visha Sukdeo
Tafa Gomwe
Bronwyn Azar

By Invitation:

Oliver Bonham, Geoscientists Canada
Jeff O'Keefe, Geoscientists Canada
Andrew Boddington & Jonathan Rose, Policy Concepts
Louis Kan, CEO
Aftab Khan, Registrar
Marilen Miguel, Staff
Avril Hylands, Recording secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 9.02 a.m.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS & PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced Louis Kan, the new CEO, who thanked APGO, the staff and Gord White for the welcome. He is aware of the mandate and vision of APGO and looked forward to working with everyone. The Chair also introduced Oliver Bonham, President of Geoscientists Canada (GC) and Jeff O'Keefe, incoming President of GC.

4. MEETING AGENDA

Council reviewed the proposed Agenda.

**Motion 117-1: David Leng moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by Mark Priddle.
All in favour. Motion carried.**

5. ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Attendance Record was noted.

6. MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10TH, 2017 MEETING

Minutes of the January 10, 2017 meeting were reviewed and amendments made.

Motion 117-2: Christine Vaillancourt moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Motion carried.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action Item 112 – 1: Council to convene a Task Force to produce a document describing the role of Councillor, to be ready for review by new Council in September. Zen Keizars, Christine Vaillancourt, Mark Priddle and David Leng volunteered to participate along with the Governance Committee. Mark will email the volunteers and Chair of the Governance Committee to arrange a discussion prior to June AGM. Two drafts completed – will be ready in September – Zen Keizars. On Sept. 8 Agenda under Other Business. On November 10 Agenda – Ongoing – requires review and endorsement by Council. On March 9, 2017 Agenda.

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Action Item 115-5: Committees: Council was asked to review the list of vacancies on various Committees and to contact Christine Vaillancourt if willing to volunteer. Council members. Ongoing. One position filled. Completed.

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Action 116-5: Councillor Job Description document: On March 9, 2017 Agenda.

8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 22ND, 2017

Draft Minutes were received.

9. ACT MODERNIZATION UPDATE

The Chair reported some progress made - Richard Steinecke prepared the first draft with some proposed wording changes. A Working Group was set up which includes Ian Macdonald, Mark Priddle and Tony Lotimer and a teleconference meeting held. A second revision being prepared and when received it will be circulated to Council. He noted that Acronyms and Terms will be defined and included as will a definition of the practice of geoscience e.g. the term 'geologist'. Council was asked to send the Chair any suggestions they may have for inclusion.

Ollie Bonham observed that APEGA is also working on definition changes related to their Act. The Chair confirmed APGO is considering information available from GC.

10. LT. GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL AND PUBLIC NON-MEMBER APPOINTEES UPDATE

David Leng reported that two suitable candidates for Public Non-Member appointment to Council have been identified by APGO. A teleconference call is scheduled with the two individuals. David Leng, Visha Sudkeo and Louis Kan will participate in the call on behalf of APGO. LGIC appointments are still with the Ministry for a decision and APGO is in regular contact with the Ministry about the LGIC vacancies on Council.

11. MEETING WITH ORDRE DES GEOLOGUES DU QUEBEC (OGQ)

Tony Lotimer reported that he and Louis Kan met with Alain Liard (CEO) and Robert Wares (President) of OGQ during the recent PDAC conference. The discussion included the complaints process at OGQ/APGO and professional practice, particularly with respect to work in the mines and mineral exploration practice area. NI43-101 was discussed and OGQ felt that more was needed to improve quality in the mines and mineral exploration practice area. Alan Liard suggested that OGQ and APGO collaborate in producing a practice guideline for geosciences in the mines and mineral exploration industry. It was suggested that a working group from Council review the issue and report back to Council at a later date.

Oliver Bonham (GC) encouraged APGO to talk to other jurisdictions (e.g. APEGBC) about the issue. It was agreed that it would be appropriate for others to be involved if the initiative goes ahead. It was emphasized that any documents produced would be a Guideline, not a Standard. It was also noted that the Geology Subcommittee should be informed about the issue.

Action Item 117-1: A working group from APGO will review the issue and the need for collaboration with OGQ regarding professional practice in the mines and mineral exploration practice area. Christine Vaillancourt, David Leng and Don Johnston agreed to participate in the Working Group.

12. COMMUNICATION WITH PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO

The Chair informed Council that APGO was contacted by a Council member of PEO who asked if APGO would be interested in opening a channel of communication with a view to collaboration. Mark Priddle informed Council that APGO received an invitation from PEO to attend their April 22, 2017 AGM, which will be accepted. Zen Keizars held a joint meeting in Ottawa with the current and incoming Presidents of PEO along with APGO's Regional Councillor. He also works with other PEO Chapters. He will keep Council informed of future examples of cooperation.

13. POLICY CONCEPTS - GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Jonathan Rose updated Council on activities at Queen's Park. The Federal Budget is due March 22nd and is expected to focus on skills training and infrastructure. The Provincial budget is expected prior to month end.

MNDM Minister Gravelle has taken a temporary leave of absence for health reasons. Municipal Affairs Minister, Mauro, has been appointed in the interim. APGO's key focus is the PGA update and Policy Concepts continues to support this initiative. APGO has a strong relationship with the MNDM and conversations with the Policy Branch and Ministry Staff continue. The Ministry awaiting APGO's proposed amendments and it is hoped to get them included in an upcoming Omnibus Bill. The MOECC is forming an external panel to consult on the Water File which is expected to be in place soon. It recognized APGO's expertise in this area.

14. 2017 COUNCIL ELECTION

There are 3 openings this year: South West Region Councillor, South East Region Councillor and Vice President.

The AGM is June 8, 2017.

Notice and nomination forms to be sent out next week.

15. 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will include remarks from a Government official, the AGM, Keynote Speaker and Reception. The CEO asked for suggestions for Keynote Speaker.

16. OSPE – MCIIT CURRICULUM PROJECT

APGO has been approached to join a \$3.5 million project by the Ministry of Training and Immigration to fund 11 new bridge-training projects. OSPE wants to produce a 30-hour course to help foreign-trained professionals seeking work in Ontario in the Climate Change field. OSPE wants to partner with APGO and OACETT to put the course together. APGO would be recognized for its contribution and timing is March to September 2017. Emphasis on ideas re jobs, competencies and more cultural than technical. They would like a Case Study from APGO and Louis Kan asked for any input from Council. It was suggested that Louis Kan contact Don Ford TRCA as a first step.

17. GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA UPDATE

Mark Priddle gave a brief update on some areas of focus at GC, including:

- GIT Booklet ready for release
- Working on a Geoscience for Society booklet
- Ending the financial year in a solid position
- Still working on the certification mark
- AGM will be in Yellowknife, June 2017

Ollie Bonham introduced Jeff O'Keefe as the Incoming President, who has been in communication with local members to make sure GC receives their feedback.

Ollie then gave the following update:

- QP Short Course for Students – it was suggested this be used in the upcoming Fall University presentations
- GIT booklet
- Geoscience for Society – the role of geoscience in the service of society – ongoing
- GKE Review – geoscience knowledge and experience requirements
- Statement of Ethics – a guidance document – under review
- Certification Mark – application submitted and rejected; appeal being prepared

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It was noted that the RFG 2018 Conference (Resources for Future Generations) is scheduled for June 16-21 in Vancouver. It is an international conference in the planning stage – they are looking for proposals for sessions, etc.

18. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Year end Membership 2016:

Full 2036; Limited 60; Non-Practising 106; GIT 369; TOTAL 2576. Students 589

Year end Non-members 2016:

Resigned 26; Retired (Lifetime membership) 3; Changed to Non-Practising 20; Dues Relief 65; Deceased 0; Reinstatements 24; TOTAL Non-members 66

Registration Update March 2017:

Full 2017; Limited 61; Non-Practising 128; GIT 373; TOTAL 2579. Students 679

Applications received by month – to Feb. 2017:

Practising 8; GIT 5; CofA 2; Change of Designation 5; Reinstatements 8; TOTAL 28

CofA at March 7, 2017 - 202

New Members in February 2017:

Full 5; Limited 1; GIT 1; CofA 2

PPE Exam Results:

January 2017 – 21 Registered; 20 wrote; 17 passed

Next PPE Exam:

April 2017 – 28 registered

Technical:

APGO – April – 4 registered; APEGA April 5 registered

Enforcement & Compliance Status at March 2017:

Total active files at December 2016	545
Added in 2016	2
Files closed in 2016	204
Files closed in 2017	43
Total files to date	1832
Became members	34 (18%)
TOTAL ACTIVE FILES	504

Appeals in 2016 and 2017 to date – zero

Complaints & Discipline – March 2017 – zero

Other Activities:

- Data base clean up in MPower in progress
- C of A data base being reorganized
- Office of Fairness Commissioner (OFC) – annual report submitted March 1, 2017
- Attending APGO Networking events at University of Waterloo and Western University
- Attended Internationally Education Professional (IEP) Conference at a panelist on Engineering & Geoscience session
- APGO presence at PDAC very busy and successful.

Action Item 117-4: APGO Student Membership: Ollie Bonham noted the impressive number of student memberships and asked this be brought to next GC meeting for national attention. Mark Priddle, Louis Kan.

19. TREASURER'S REPORT

2017 Budget: Amendments to the original Budget were explained. Overall, there was no change to the net income.

Motion 117-3: Mark Priddle moved to approve the amended 2017 Budget. Seconded by Brad Leonard. All in favour. Motion carried.

February 2017 financials were presented and a brief review given of the P&L.

20. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Christine Vaillancourt read Doug Cater's Complaints Committee report, as follows:

Two complaints were received and being assessed for course of action. No formal Committee meetings held.

On Feb. 14, 2017, a teleconference was held with MOECC and APGO to discuss an integrated MOECC-APGO Complaints Process, Modernization and Excess Soil Management. Attendees were:

APGO

Ron Ormson, Chair, Environmental Geoscience Committee
Doug Cater, Southwest Regional Council & Chair, Complaints Committee

MOECC

Chris Lompart, Manager, Land Use Policy
Marcel Parent, Assistant Director, Central Region
Dean Therrien, Senior Program Advisor, Modernization of Approvals

APGO's Complaints Review process was reviewed. Dean Therrien contacted Milan Situm, P.Geo, former Chair of the Complaints Committee.

Professional Practice: Meeting scheduled for week of March 13.

Discipline: No report.

Geomorphology Subcommittee: Draft Terms of Reference for the Subcommittee were reviewed and amendments made.

Motion 117-4: Mark Priddle moved to accept the Geomorphology Subcommittee Terms of Reference as amended. Seconded by Brad Leonard. All in favour. Motion carried.

Christine Vaillancourt will review all Committee and Subcommittee Terms of Reference and bring to Council any suggested updates.

Audit Committee: First meeting held in early March – Dennis Waddington (Chair), Louis Kan, John McBride, Marcia and Brad Leonard. Auditors to send in financial statements by March 31.

Role Description – Regional Councillor and Councillor-at-Large: Zen Keizars circulated the latest version and minor changes were suggested. He asked Council to approve the document if they were generally satisfied with its content.

Motion 117-5: David Leng moved to approve in principle, but subject to administrative changes by the Committee, the Role Description – Regional Councillor and Councillor-at-Large document presented March 9, 2017. Seconded by Renée-Luce Simard. All in favour. Motion carried.

21. FINANCIAL REPORTING

The question of Outreach Expenditures arose and it was asked if a separate line item on the Financial Statements could be added to make it easy to keep track, and all agreed.

Action Item 117-5: Financial Statements – (1) add a line item “Outreach Expenditures” when setting up 2018 Budget. (2) Louis Kan to report these expenditures Quarterly to Council in 2017. Shelly Cuddy, Louis Kan.

22. ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

Brad Leonard commented on the recent Prospectors’ Convention which was much better this year than many previous, which bodes well for mineral exploration.

Renée Luce Simard reported the appointment of a new ADM at the MNMD Mining & Minerals Division, effective March 20 – Christine Kaszycki – one of many new people appointed.

23. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR AND COUNCILLOR- AT-LARGE REPORTS

Renee-Luce Simard, North East & Bronwyn Azar, CaL: February event in Sudbury – close to 40 attended. Dr Ford from the Snow Lab in Sudbury was the Speaker. Organized by Bronwyn Azar. Next event being planned for Timmins in April or May. Geological Survey is working on putting together a Geoscience Policy for better integration amongst Ministries – this will have to go through the Legislature. Jack Parker is leading the initiative. More information to follow.

Shelly Cuddy, Councillor-at-Large: Attended an Open House hosted by OGS in Guelph – a joint conference supported by Geological Survey Canada and Conservation Ontario – very well attended. Some good presentations from OGS.

Françoise Campbell, Central: Presentation for McMaster being prepared with Marilen for the end of April. Marilen supplied a spreadsheet giving the location of all members in the Central area which was much appreciated.

John McBride, North West: Student presentation with Aftab Khan at Lakehead November 28. Lake Superior Geology meeting in Wawa in May 2017 – pre-planning field trips, speakers etc.

Doug Cater, South West: A social mixer at the University of Waterloo was held Jan. 25 – Speakers Jean Richardson, C, Chem. And Bob Davie, P.Geo. Topic “A Wildlife Photography Expedition to the Canadian High Arctic: A Geologist’s Perspective”. Event very well attended and a very interesting topic. A social mixer at University of Western Ontario held Feb. 9 – Dr Bob Linnen also attended. Speaker: Dr Peter Lightfoot on “Nickel Sulfide Ore Deposits and Impact Melts: Origin of the Sudbury Igneous Complex”. Well attended with approximately 50 registered.

David Leng, CaL: Both Waterloo and Western events very well attended. McMaster has an Alumni meeting in March – he has been invited to speak about APGO. On March 10 the Canada Geological Society (members are lay members of the public) holding a Science and Exploration exhibition in Woodstock.

John McBride, Northwest: Thunder Bay MPP, Gravelle, stepped down temporarily and Minister Bill Moreau has taken over. Next month, Lake Superior Gemboree in Wawa with Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota participating. NW Regional meeting will be held April 3 during the NWPA Symposium. Feedback from PDAC meeting indicates grass roots exploration now taking place.

Christine Vaillancourt: Quebec/OGQ stepping up their Enforcement & Compliance – recently finding many big exploration companies for non-compliance. Situation being monitored.

Tafa Gomwe, CaL: No report.

Ollie Bonham noted an event in May in Kingston organized by Geological Survey of Canada. GC is a sponsor.

Zen Keizars, Southeast: Two Regional meetings held – one in Peterborough, one in Ottawa. Speaker at both was Bill Mercer, Chair of the Health & Safety Committee for PDAC. Well received. Couple of meetings coming up – Tafa running a Regional in April, mining focused; and March 14 a KREEM meeting in Peterborough – speaker an MNM geologist on Southern Ontario's industrial minerals.

24. OTHER BUSINESS

Health & Safety: It was noted that PDAC runs Courses and has a manual. The MNRF had a significant incident in 2017 and has recently released extensive guidelines for dealing with bears. Renée-Luce noted that OGS too has an extensive section on Health & Safety. It appears the role and obligations of professional geoscientists, whether a lead person or not, extends to the health and safety of other employees. Mark Priddle will raise the issue at the next GC meeting - where in the Codes, Regulations, etc. in each Province does it call on the QP and/or the P. Geo to do something in the case of health and safety incidents – especially legal liability.

Council agreed to add a permanent Agenda item for a Safety Minute related to the profession to raise awareness of Health & Safety – a sensitive and timely issue.

Action Item 117-6: It was agreed to add `Safety Minute` as a permanent item on the Agenda, following Conflict of Interest; The item to be profession related to raise awareness of Health & Safety. One person to take the Minute at each Council meeting, beginning with Françoise Campbell at the next meeting. Louis Kan.

25. IN CAMERA

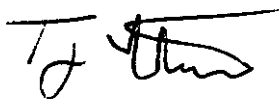
A brief in camera session followed.

26. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Next Meeting: May 11, 2017



President

SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

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