



Minutes of the 119th Meeting of Council of the
Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario
Thursday, June 8, 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
Don Johnston
David Leng
Bob Linnen
Françoise Campbell
Renée-Luce Simard
Brad Leonard
Marco Simone
Tafa Gomwe
Wayne Caston

Paul Connor

Regrets:

John McBride
Doug Cater
Visha Sukdeo
Bronwyn Azar

By Invitation:

Louis Kan, CEO
Aftab Khan, Registrar
Nathaniel Howell, Staff
Avril Hylands, Recording secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 9.00 a.m.

2. SAFETY MINUTE

Louis Kan reminded everyone to not drink and drive.

3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None.

4. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS & PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and said how much he had enjoyed his term as President and working with both Council and staff. He announced that Mark Priddle, Past President, was appointed President-Elect of Geoscientists Canada and congratulations were given; he will become President in 2018-19.

5. MEETING AGENDA

Council reviewed the proposed Agenda.

Motion 119-1: Mark Priddle moved to accept the Agenda with a minor change. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Motion carried.

6. ATTENDANCE REPORT

The Attendance Record was noted.

7. MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2017 MEETING

Minutes of the May 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed and amendments made.

Motion 119-2: Shelly Cuddy moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Seconded by Don Johnston. All in favour. Motion carried.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

This item was deferred to the September 2017 meeting.

9. ACT MODERNIZATION UPDATE

Proposed wording of Amendments to the Professional Geoscientists Act was distributed to Council following review by Counsel and Don Johnston. Louis Kan will move forward in line with Policy Concepts' proposed course of action. Best outcome would be that the Amendments can be included in an Omnibus Bill due to be presented in September. The next opportunity would be to include it in next year's Budget. The wording is consistent with other Provinces and is non-contentious.

Action Item 119-1: Professional Geoscientists Act Amendments – Consider including 'Environmental Geoscientist' in a future draft of the Amendments. Louis Kan.

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

Brad Leonard's appointment as Lt. Governor-in-Council Member was confirmed. The two remaining positions are pending approval by the Lt. Governor.

Mark Priddle introduced and welcomed Paul Connor, incoming Lt. Governor-in-Council Non-Member Appointee.

11. GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA

Mark Priddle attended the GC Board Meeting and AGM in Yellowknife June 3 & 4. Highlights follow:

- GIT booklets being distributed to all Universities in Canada that offer Geoscience programs. He asked that these be included as handouts for all the APGO Fall University presentations.
- Resources for Future Generations International Conference in Vancouver (June 2018) – focus will be on minerals, plus earth, energy and water. 3500 estimated to attend.

- Health and Safety issues – presentations from PDAC. GC will poll all CA's to find out what obligations apply to P.Geo's, which varies by Province. Information gathered will be distributed to CA's.
- Ongoing discussions re Mobility: Background being prepared on Mobility and Incidental Practice with input from CA's.
- GC's CEO, Oliver Bonham's (former CEO of APGO) term ends next year and CA's were asked to assist in the search for his replacement.
- With his move to President of GC in 2018, Mark asked that a younger member of Council consider becoming his replacement as APGO's representative at GC.

Tony Lotimer attended the GC AGM as President of APGO and reported that the current President, Jeff O'Keefe (PEGNL), (who recently attended an APGO Council meeting) noted APGO's concern about Professional Practice Guidelines. GC approved the need for such Guidelines to be established. APGO also requested that Mobility and IP be re-visited and GC agreed to move this forward in a positive way. APGO appreciates that GC hears its concerns.

The issue of Canada and Europe Mobility was raised, which was also of interest to members of other organizations in attendance, including those from the U.S.

12. BY-LAWS AMENDMENTS

In view of the many changes under review, it was agreed that all APGO's By-laws be reviewed over the next few months. A list of proposed changes will be prepared and presented to members for approval at the 2018 AGM.

13. SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH APGO EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Louis Kan met with Bill Pearson, who will update the EF financials so that a review of the Services Agreement can begin.

David Leng added that an important goal of the Foundation is to promote a broader understanding of geoscience to the public at large. At the AGM, Bill Pearson will report on milestones achieved in the last two years and what is coming next, followed by the presentation of Bursaries.

14. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

A Registration Committee meeting was held two weeks ago. 62 people were reviewed. Fifty were added as G.I.T's. Complaint C122 was dismissed. A full report will be made at AGM.

15. TREASURER'S REPORT

- May financial statements were distributed
- Draft Expense Policy was distributed – APGO is in line with present standards and it is an important and useful document for Council members.

Action Item 119-2: Draft Expense Policy – If anyone has comments, please send to all Council members. Council Members.

- Finance Committee Terms of Reference. Minor changes were made and distributed to Council in May.

Action Item 119-3: Finance Committee Terms of Reference. Add an item to September 2017 Agenda for Council to approve the minor changes to this document.

- Reserve Fund Policy – input was received from members of Council on both the Contingency Reserve Fund and the Strategic Initiatives Fund. It was also proposed that an Unrestricted Operating Fund be established.

Motion 119-3: Shelly Cuddy moved to approve the proposed Reserve Fund Policy and Investment Policy. Seconded by Mark Priddle. All in favour. Motion carried.

Motion 119-4: Shelly Cuddy moved to approve the creation of an Unrestricted Operating Fund. Seconded by Robert Linnen. All in favour. Motion carried.

16. MODERNIZATION OF BROWNFIELDS SERVICE DELIVERY ENHANCEMENTS UPDATE

Louis Kan reached out to Government to set up a Round Table hosted by the various Government Departments concerned to bring interested parties together. It will be publicized and take place in early Fall. Bill Edams is working on a one-day workshop dealing with the writing of reports. The Environmental Subcommittee is consulting with Government on how best to move forward.

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

All Committees contacted to update Terms of Reference.

Complaints Committee: Doug Cater reported C122 completed; C123 nearing completion; C124 3-person panel convened and material reviewed May 23, 2017; C125 final report expected shortly.

Discipline Committee: Brad Leonard (1) Added an item to Other Business; (2) reported they had tried to hold a training session for Panel participants at the same time as the AGM but time constraints prevented this. The framework is being developed for possible creation in the Fall of a webinar on the roles and responsibilities of the Committee and the APGO. The webinar would be made available to Council and any interested APGO members; (3) Both Complaints and Discipline Committees work well and in a timely manner.

18. ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

Christine Vaillancourt reported that companies have been completing the process of applying for drilling permits, have received permits to begin work, but have not been allowed to proceed by First Nations. Brad Leonard will bring this up at the next Minister's Advisory Meeting.

Tafa Gomwe reported some primary exploration taking place giving work to G.I.T's. Junior companies struggling to obtain financial support.

Tony Lotimer said that BC could not find enough students. Robert Linnen had also received requests for contact with students looking for work. Mid-tier professionals report still hard to find work.

19. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR AND COUNCILLOR- AT-LARGE REPORTS

Renée-Luce Simard, North-East: Successful event held in Timmins, hosted and organized by Bronwyn Azar; approx. 30 attended. Speaker's topic: "The Oldest Water in the World". We have now teamed up with the Timmins Geological Group.

Shelly Cuddy, Councillor-at-Large: Nothing to report.

Françoise Campbell, Central: Nothing to report.

John McBride, North West: No report.

Doug Cater, South West: No report.

David Leng, CaL: Attended the Lake Superior Geologists (LSG) Annual Conference in Wawa. They hold meetings throughout Canada and the U.S. Approx. 200 attended field tours throughout the N.W. Spoke to students about APGO Mentoring Program. Graduating students reported they had no difficulty finding positions. Next year the meeting will be held in Michigan.

Tafa Gomwe, CaL: Huntsville event put on hold. Networking event planned for Wawa or Sault Ste. Marie – will include a field trip to Elliot Lake.

Zen Keizars, Southeast: Nothing to report.

Christine Vaillancourt: Nothing to Report.

Paul Hubley: No report.

20. OTHER BUSINESS

Brad Leonard said a member had asked the Discipline Committee if a judgment against a member's name could be removed from the website at some point in time. This question would depend on the Constitution of the Association.

Action Item 119-4: Discipline judgments appearing on APGO website. Brad Leonard to ask Richard Steinecke, APGO Counsel, for his professional opinion as to whether there is a time limit when a Discipline judgment against a member's name could be removed from the website. Brad Leonard.

21. COMMENTS ON TODAY'S MEETING

Council members thanked Tony Lotimer for his time in office.

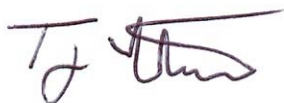
22. IN CAMERA

No session held

23. ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion 119-5: Tafa Gomwe moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 a.m. Seconded by David Leng.

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President

SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

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ACTION ITEMS

Action Item 115-2: Finance Committee to consider adopting a Reserve Fund Policy to formalize APGO's Investment policy and handling of funds. Ongoing. On May 11, 2017 Agenda.

Action Item 115-4: Annual Work Plan: Christine Vaillancourt has begun work with Dorene Weston to formalize the annual work plan. Gord White will also be contacted. Will be included in the January Planning Meeting. CV, GW. On January 10th Agenda. Ongoing.

Action 116-1: Council to convene a Subcommittee to review and discuss the inclusion of the word "Natural Environment" as contained in the opening statement of the Ends/Mission Policy – Agenda of March 9, 2017. Ongoing.

Action 116-2: Refer the Discussion on Document Authentication to the Professional Practice Committee. Based on the Recommendation received, a response to the Ministry of Environment & Climate Change to be sent by Aftab Khan. Ongoing.

Action 116-3: The Governance Committee will discuss and recommend how to move forward re the issue of Non-Practising and Retired Members. Ongoing.

Action 116-4: Aftab Khan to hold a discussion on the Earth Science Program at York University at the next Registration Committee meeting. York teaches Geoscience but does not have a Geoscience Department. Aftab will re-check and report back to Council. Aftab will report at June 8th meeting.

Action 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.

Action 117-2: QP Short Course – APGO to reach out and introduce this course to the University community and determine the level of interest. Given sufficient interest, APGO to work collaboratively with Universities to deliver a course that will be consistent for all institutions. Louis Kan.

Action Item 117-3: 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. Ongoing.

Action Item 118-1: re: Brownfields Service Delivery/MoA Roundtable. Louis Kan to contact Professional Practice Committee to formulate a questionnaire. Marilen Miguel to move forward with planning and implementation of professional development courses. Louis Kan to contact Ron Ormson for information on recommended courses. Collect data on reasons reports were asked to be resubmitted for technical and/or administrative reasons. Louis Kan, Marilen Miguel.

Action Item 118-2: Quorum for Council Meetings: Working with legal counsel, prepare the wording of a new By-law to set the number for quorum at Council Meetings; this By-law to be tabled for approval by members at the 2017 AGM. Louis Kan.

Action Item 118-3: APGO Services Agreement with APGO Education Foundation: Council authorized Louis Kan to initiate an update of the current agreement.

Action Item 118-4: Outreach activities: guidelines/policies to be developed to track expenditures for each event so that a budget can be put in place for future years. Shelly Cuddy, Christine Vaillancourt, Zen Keizars, Louis Kan.

Action Item 118-5: At the June Council meeting, discuss establishing an unrestricted Operating Fund or re-name the Strategic Initiative Fund. Add item to Agenda. Louis Kan.

Action Item 118-6: Proposed Investment Policy – Council to send any comments to Shelly Cuddy. Members of Council.

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