



ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS OF ONTARIO

15TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & RECEPTION

JUNE 8, 2017 – TWENTY TORONTO STREET, TORONTO

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It was another full house for APGO at its 15th Annual General Meeting & Reception held at Twenty Toronto Street on June 8, 2017. APGO welcomed members and guests – P.Geo.'s, geoscientists-in-training, students and representatives from a number of professional associations.

APGO gratefully acknowledges TD Insurance for generously sponsoring this year's reception.



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“The year 2016 was one of progress, success and change at APGO. Progress continued on the various initiatives that were implemented under our legislative mandate and strategic plan.”

- A.R. (Tony) Lotimer, APGO President (2016 – 2017)

APGO President, A. R. (Tony) Lotimer highlighted the successes of the Association, particularly the implementation of amendments made to the Registration Regulation (O.Reg. 326/16). He also noted the steady growth of APGO’s membership despite the continuing domestic and global economic challenges.

Tony apprised the members about APGO’s 2017 – 2020 Strategic Plan that will guide the Association for the next three years. The main areas of focus are:

- (1) APGO is to be known, recognized and valued by all stakeholders as a relevant, accessible and professional regulatory body,
- (2) APGO's legal authority to enforce compliance with the Geoscientists Act is to be strengthened, and
- (3) each of APGO's activities/programs are to be current, relevant and add value to the membership.

Along with the implementation of the new strategic plan, Tony reported that the Council will continue to work closely with the government to update the Geoscience Act 2000.

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APGO Treasurer, Shelley Cuddy, P.Geo.

APGO Treasurer, Shelley Cuddy, P.Geo. reported on the financial status of the Association. She noted that the Association is in good financial health with surplus at the end of 2016.

The audited financial statements can be accessed by downloading the APGO 2016 Annual Report from www.apgo.net.



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APGO's CEO, Louis Kan highlighted to members that the Association is a strong organization and is well respected by the government. It has diverse membership with 25% internationally trained professionals as members. He also noted that GIT members are 40% female, thus trending towards closing the gender gap. The Association is also trending towards gender parity when it comes to P.Geo.s in age groups under 40.

APGO's operations and finances are managed well. The Association is on solid ground for the present and well into the future.

Moving forward, APGO will increase its footprints in the halls of government to strengthen its role in protecting the public and the integrity of the geoscience profession. It will continue to work on enhancing its professional development offerings and value added service to members.

Louis encouraged members to actively participate in the works of APGO – through involvement in Council or in a committee. He reminded members that the strength of the Association resides in cities and towns where members live and work.

“Over the coming months, I ask you to help us grow, to grow along with us and, in serving the public interest, elevate us all.”

Louis Kan, APGO's CEO



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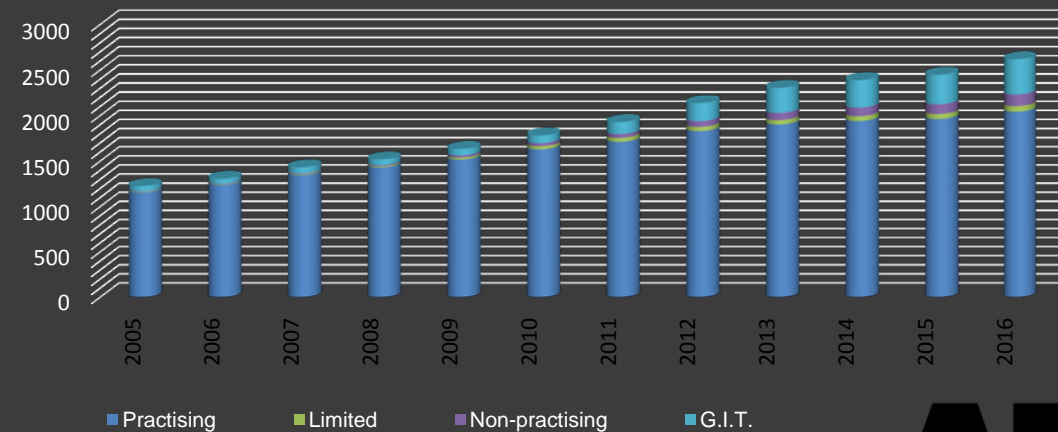


APGO Registrar, Aftab Khan, P.Geo.

APGO Registrar, Aftab Khan, P.Geo. shared the following Registration highlights:

- Steady growth in APGO membership.
- Big drop in the number of APGO members going out of practice.
- No appeal filed against Registration Committee decision in last two years.
- Enforcement & Compliance - significant source of new membership.
- Complaints & Discipline committees making timely decisions.
- Geoscience community recognizing APGO as source of help and guidance.
- New monthly Q/A section “Ask The Registrar” in APGO field notes.

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APGO staff, Yvonne Chan with APGO out-going Councillors, Mark Priddle, P.Geo. and Doug Cater, P.Geo.

APGO's work stands on the shoulders of its very committed member volunteers. Honoured at the event were three outstanding volunteers who served at APGO Council for a number of years and whose terms ended this year.

Mark W. Priddle, P.Geo.

Past President, 2016 - 2017

President, 2015 - 2016

Vice President, 2014 - 2015

Regional Councillor - South East, 2008 - 2014

Douglas F. Cater, P.Geo.

Regional Councillor – South West, 2011 - 2017

Councillor-at-Large, 2009 - 2010

Visha Sukdeo, LL.B., Barrister and Solicitor

Councillor, 2011 - 2017

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APGO thanks A.R. (Tony) Lotimer for his strong leadership and commitment to the work of the Association.



APGO President, A. R. (Tony) Lotimer, P.Geo. handed over the Rock Pick to incoming president, Christine Vaillancourt, P.Geo.



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The 2017 – 2018 APGO Councillors

From left (back) Christine Vaillancourt, P.Geo., Tafa Gomwe, P.Geo., David Leng, P.Geo., Tony Lotimer, P.Geo., Zen Keizars, P.Geo., Marco Simone, CPA, CA, former APGO councillor, Mark Priddle, P.Geo., and Wayne Caston, P.Geo.

From left (front) Francoise Campbell, P.Geo., Renee-Luce Simard, P.Geo., and Shelley Cuddy, P.Geo.

Not in the picture: Don Johnston, LL.B., Nicole Januszczak, P.Geo., Sue Carlyle, LL.B., Paul Connor, Brad Leonard, P.Geo., and Bob Linnen, P.Geo.

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MNDM Representative, Jack Parker, P.Geol.

Jack Parker, P.Geol., Director of Ontario Geological Survey Branch represented MNDM at the event. In his address to members, he noted the strong relationship between the MNDM and the APGO. He also spoke about the importance of reliable scientific data in geoscience work to ensure public confidence. This highlights the need for continuing professional development initiatives as well educating the public about geoscience and APGO's role in protecting the public.



Guest Speaker, Don Johnston, LL.B.

APGO Councillor, Don Johnston, LL.B., was the event's guest speaker. He told the story of how the Bre-X saga precipitated the birth of APGO. It was an interesting trip down memory lane, recounting the herculean efforts of a group of geoscientists to establish a self-regulatory body now known as APGO.

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The Foundation's Board of Directors and staff with the scholarship recipients – Dr. Nancy E. McInerney-Lacombe, Andrea Waldie (Manager), Dr. Neil Westoll, Kristin Hanson and Dr. Bill Pearson



2017 Scholarship Recipients: Adrian Oberland and Pamela Iraheta Muniz
2017 Past Presidents' Bursary Recipient: Roy Prashant (not in the picture)



APGO founding member, Dr. Arsalan Mohajer spoke about his early years in Canada as an internationally-trained geoscientist.

APGO Education Foundation

APGO's founding president, Bill Pearson, P.Geo., presented on the work of the APGO Education Foundation. He introduced the recipients of this year's bursaries and scholarships. He also announced the launching of Geoscienceinfo.com, a site that provides reliable information about the geology of Ontario.

To date, the foundations has two sponsored bursaries – the Past Presidents' Bursary and the Arsalan Mohajer Bursary to support internationally-trained professionals in their pursuit of a P.Geo. designation.

The Bob Hodder Memorial Scholarship has also been established and will be handed out in June 2018. This was created in memory of Dr. Bob Hodder, P.Geo., a founding director of the foundation.



2017 PHOTO CONTEST WINNER

Congratulations!
Gary DeSchutter, P.Geo.



Taken at A Lac des Iles Mine

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A big ***THANK YOU!*** to all our members and guests who came to join us at this year's event.

Thank you for your time and continuing support of the work of APGO.

We are looking forward to seeing you again at next year's 16th Annual General Meeting & Reception in June.