



2014 Annual General Meeting and Conference

ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS OF ONTARIO

Building Strong Connections



Fostering Growth and Investing in the Future



This was a glimpse of APGO's future and APGO is serious about its future.

The mood was generally upbeat at the Grand Banking Hall of One King West Hotel. An hour before the event officially started, some APGO members were already huddled in groups deep in conversation. There were many familiar faces but so were new ones. APGO is seeing a growing number of young people participating in its events and this one was no exception. This was a glimpse of APGO's future and APGO is serious about its future.

The event showcased the many faces behind APGO's growth and the Association took this opportunity to recognize them. APGO enjoys the long standing support of its many founding members, many of whom are still actively involved in APGO's work. It also has a strong core of very committed volunteers who take active roles in statutory and ad hoc committees and outreach initiatives across the province.

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“The Mentors were all fantastic. They were helpful, personable, insightful and most importantly, very willing to answer any and all questions asked. Beyond that, they were all very open to continuing a connection via LinkedIn.”



Speed Mentoring Session for Geoscientists-in-Training and Students



Handover of ceremonial gavel by APGO President, Andrew Cheatle, P.Geo. to incoming President, David Hunt, P.Geo.

This year’s Conference and AGM offered a slightly different program that included sessions geared for soft-skill development and a fascinating talk on geology and natural disasters. The Speed Mentoring Session for GIT’s and Students proved to be a valuable learning and networking tool for future geoscientists. APGO deeply appreciates the enthusiastic response from APGO members to volunteer as mentors for this session. This model will be adapted to fit in with APGO’s regional networking events to create a more structured networking and mentoring opportunity for GITs and students across Ontario. Session on NI 43-101 was consistently well received and highly informative for members who are keeping current in this area.

The event saw the handover of the ceremonial gavel by APGO Council President, Andrew Cheatle to incoming President, David Hunt. As President, David Hunt pledged to continue working on identified priority areas of APGO – advancing professional excellence, interprovincial mobility, membership growth, and outreach to and mentoring of GITs and geoscience students.

“I look forward to the pleasure of being able to work with our Council and Staff to serve you, our members, in the coming year.” - Dave Hunt, APGO Council President

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APGO CEO, Gord White, highlighted APGO's strategic priorities and 2013 outcomes. Among APGO's successes in 2013 include:

Inter-provincial mobility agreement with APEGBC that took effect in January 2014;

Full implementation of regional networking events to increase face-to-face interaction among members and with the Association staff and Council;

400% increase in student membership; and

Meetings with key government political staff to discuss issues affecting APGO members.



Gord White, APGO CEO



Aftab Khan, P.Geo., APGO Registrar

APGO Registrar, Aftab Khan, highlighted overall membership growth by 20% as of June 2014. Growth was fuelled by increased number of student members, active work in the area of **enforcement and compliance** and APGO members taking **ownership** in encouraging individuals in the field to register as P.Geo.'s.



Oliver Bonham, P.Geo., CEO of Geoscientists Canada

APGO was also pleased to welcome Oliver Bonham, CEO of Geoscientists Canada (GC) who updated members with the work of GC and reported on the current status of geoscience licensure at the national level. Currently in development is a funded project on Competency Profile for Professional Geoscientists at Entry to Independent Practice. A consultation draft document on this project dated April 30, 2014 is posted on GC website.

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THANK YOU!

We thank all the attendees - members and non-members, speakers and mentors who took the time out of their busy schedule to join us. Each one of you brought something to the event that helped enrich each other's experience. At the end of the day, it was about nurturing relationships with diverse group of geoscience professionals who share a common goal of advancing and protecting the integrity of the geoscience profession.

We acknowledge the support of our 2014 sponsors, most of which have been consistently supporting APGO for a number of years now. Thank you for partnering with us.

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THANK YOU!

"My thanks go to the twenty volunteers who serve on APGO's Council and give much of their time to advance this profession in Ontario. Further, I recognize all our volunteers who help APGO achieve its mandate every day. We depend on your support and commitment." - Gord White, CEO



APGO welcomes Zen Keizars, P.Geo. and Wally Raynor, P.Geo. as new members of the Council. Special thanks to Ian Macdonald, P.Geo. and Della Berwanger, P.Geo. who finished their terms as APGO Council members this June 2014. They both committed years of exemplary service to APGO. Thank you for your great contribution to the Association.



Peter Diorio, Dennis Waddington and Doug Cater



Andrew Cheattle and Ian Macdonald



Mark Priddle

THANK YOU!



George Torok



Dr. Stephen Evans



Craig Waldie, P.Geo.



Jim Whyte, P.Geo.

SPEAKERS

- George Torok *How to Deliver Superior Presentations*
- Dr. Stephen Evans *Natural Disasters and Geology*
- Craig Waldie, P.Geo. *NI 43-101: Pitfalls and Practical Guidance*
- Jim Whyte, P.Geo. *NI 43-101: Pitfalls and Practical Guidance*

SPEED MENTORING SESSION - MENTORS

Facilitated by Milan Situm, P.Geo.

- David Burga, P.Geo.
- David Leng, P.Geo.
- Tommy Ma, P.Geo.
- Bill McGuinty, P.Geo.
- Daniele Spethmann, P.Geo.
- Christine Petch, P.Geo.



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Congratulations to 2014 Photo Competition Winners!



1st Place - Joanna West
Student Member, University of Toronto
Soft Serve Sediments



2nd Place - Scott Franko, P.Geo.
Red Lake Green Aurora Borealis, Ontario



3rd Place - Helene Pierard, P.Geo.
*Glacial landforms in the making:
Glacial Lagoon Jokulsarlon (Iceland)*

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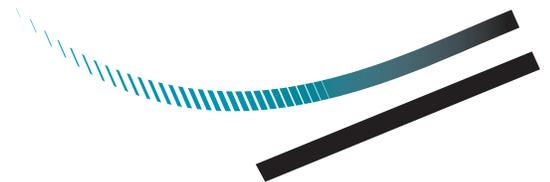
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