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Re: APGO 2015 Annual Membership Renewal

On behalf of the APGO's Council, I thank you for your continuing support of our Association and for ensuring that the geoscience profession remains important to you, Ontario and Ontarians. This letter is part of your notice regarding APGO's 2016 membership renewal.

APGO's role as Regulator is to identify and register qualified geoscientists, to promote the profession and ensure continuing professional development of its members. Our role also requires us to manage complaints, and where necessary, to discipline members. Collectively, these activities serve to maintain the credibility of the profession.

As has been the case since 2013, this past year has been difficult for many APGO members as the commodity markets are suffering and access to capital has been difficult. While APGO registered a significant number of new P.Geo.'s in 2015, much of this gain was offset by members leaving the profession or switching to non-practising as a result of the very poor prospects in mineral exploration. This is a world-wide phenomenon and one APGO hopes will begin to abate soon.

Some Accomplishments during the past year:

1. Membership

APGO has seen positive growth in our membership categories. APGO is encouraged by the increased number of Geoscientists in Training. The student total tends to replenish itself between September and December when APGO visits the universities in Ontario.

Membership Class	Oct-2014	Oct-2015
Full P.Geo.	1954	1989
Temporary P.Geo.	0	2
Limited P.Geo.	51	56
Non-Practising P.Geo.	76	94
GIT	296	324
Student	687	522
Total	3064	2987

2. Incidental Practice Agreement with APEGBC

Since January 1, 2014, APGO has had an agreement with APEGBC that permits Ontario P.Geos to freely work in British Columbia, and vice-versa, for up to 45 days in a calendar year without having to register with or pay the host province (some conditions apply). This initiative is part of APGO's goal to improve inter-provincial mobility for its membership.

3. New Regulations for Registration

As has been reported, APGO is working with the Province of Ontario and the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines to update the regulations that govern the process of registering Professional Geoscientists in Ontario.

4. Regional Networking and CPD

APGO brings together its members at regional networking meetings. So far in 2015 APGO has held regional meetings in Toronto, Ottawa, Timmins, and Thunder Bay and we are looking forward to an upcoming meeting in London, Sudbury, and Waterloo. Over 400 members have attended regional meetings so far and APGO encourages more to attend going forward. Continuous professional development is offered at all regional meetings. Feedback from members who attend these meetings has been very positive.

On behalf of the Council of the APGO, I thank you for your commitment to your profession. Our 2014-2016 strategic plan is focused on strengthening the relationship between our members and the association and raising the profile of the APGO with other stakeholder groups. We are working hard to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,



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