

Fellow members:



Well, my term as president is nearly up, with only a few weeks until our AGM (June 9). As you are aware, we held nominations for Council over the past couple of months. There were seven positions open and I am pleased to say that all seven were filled. I would like to welcome the following new members to Council:

- **Vice President:** Christine Vaillancourt
- **Councillor-at-Large (3 positions):** Tafa Gomwe, Shelly Cuddy, Bronwyn Azar
- **Central Ontario Region:** Francoise Campbell
- **North East Region:** Renee-Luce Simard
- **North West Region:** John McBride

It is noted that Christine Vaillancourt is presently on Council as a Councillor-at-Large, but sought the Vice President role for the coming year. Similarly, Shelly Cuddy and John McBride are presently on Council by appointment, and will stay on as acclaimed members in their same positions. The Council is very much looking forward to having Tafa, Bronwyn, Francoise and Renee-Luce join this year. I would like to note the wonderful diversity on the upcoming Council in terms of gender, skill set, disciplines and backgrounds that seems to reflect well the membership of the Association.

The comment period for the proposed Regulation changes closed recently and a number of comments were received. The Ministry of Northern Development and Mines is reviewing these comments and will get back to the Association if there are any that need to be addressed. Thanks to Ian MacDonald, P.Geol. and Andrea Waldie, P.Geol. who did the bulk of the work on these changes. There were also other members and staff who committed time to this as well. As I look back on the past eight years, I can say that I have grown personally and professionally during my time on Council. One of the most rewarding aspects was/is being able to work more closely with the wonderful APGO staff at the office in Toronto as well as working with the dozens of Councillors who have sat around the table with me during this time. Similarly, I would like to thank the many hardworking folks on APGO committees who toil behind the scenes as volunteers to fulfill our mandate to protect the public. I would like to encourage you all to consider running for Council in the future.

Hoping to see some of you at the AGM in Toronto on June 9. I am looking forward to a presentation by Richard Steinecke entitled "How to Avoid Being Disciplined and Sued" during our meeting as well as the reception following the business portion of the AGM. If you can't make it to our AGM, I trust that you will be able to join us at one of the Regional Gatherings that will again be held throughout the Province in the coming year.

Regards,

Mark Priddle, P.Geol.
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