



Minutes of the 121<sup>st</sup> Meeting of Council of the Association  
of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario  
Thursday, November 9, 2017 at 333 Bay Street, 24<sup>th</sup> Floor, Toronto

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**Present:**

Christine Vaillancourt, President  
Zen Keizars, Vice-President  
Shelly Cuddy, Treasurer  
Françoise Campbell  
Marco Simone  
Tafa Gomwe  
Wayne Caston  
Bronwyn Azar  
John McBride  
Sue Carlyle

**Via Teleconference**

Bob Linnen  
Brad Leonard  
Renée-Luce Simard

**Regrets:**

Tony Lotimer, Past President  
Paul Connor  
Paul Hubley  
Don Johnston  
Nicole Januszczak

**By Invitation:**

Louis Kan, CEO  
Marilen Miguel, Staff  
Aftab Khan, Registrar  
Nathaniel Howell, Staff

## **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The President, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 9.02 a.m.

## **2. SAFETY MINUTE**

Louis Kan reminded everyone to get a flu shot.

## **3. CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

None.

## **4. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS & PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

The Chair, Christine Vaillancourt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **5. MEETING AGENDA**

Council reviewed the proposed Agenda.

Motion 121-1: Shelly Cuddy moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by John McBride. All in favour. Motion carried.

## **6. ATTENDANCE REPORT**

The Attendance Record was noted.

## **7. MINUTES OF THE September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017 MEETING**

Minutes of the September 14, 2017 meeting were reviewed and amendments made.

Motion 121-2: Zen Keizars moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Motion carried.

## 8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

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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. **Completed.**

Action Item 118-1: re: Brownfields Service Delivery/MoA Roundtable. Louis Kan to formulate a Professional Development Survey after practice data is collected as part of 2018 fee renewal process. Marilen Miguel to move forward with planning and implementation of professional development courses. **Completed.**

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 2018 AGM. Louis Kan. Ongoing.

Action Item 120-1: “No use of Recreational Marijuana” should be included in the expense policy. **Completed.**

Action Item 120-2: Remove “500 Kilometers” from the phrase under travel expenses. **Completed.**

Action Item 120-3: A draft Proposal on the establishment of APGO University Chapters should be brought before the Council for review at the next meeting. Ongoing

## 9. ISSUES

### CEO UPDATE

Louis Kan provided the Council with Operational and Projects Update as at October 31, 2017.

Action item 121 - 1: Louis will develop draft KPIs for Council to review at the January 2018 meeting.

### Act Modernization

CEO met with:

1. Ted Arnott, Environment Critic, PC Party;
2. Norm Miller, Mining Critic, PC Party;
3. Mike Mantha, Mining Critic, NDP Party;
4. Cathie Smith, Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO);
5. Ann Belanger, PDAC.

Louis Kan discussed the proposed “less prescriptive” title-protection amendment drafted by APGO’s legal counsel. While this wording incorporates input from the Ministry and would be more discretionary in its application, it may present increased challenges in future legal enforcement proceedings.

### Bylaw Update

- APGO in-house IT support developed a central repository for proposed bylaws amendments.
- Proposed amendments will be sent to legal counsel for review and present to council in early 2018 for inclusion in the 2018 AGM notice package to facilitate members’ voting.

### Professional Development

- Marilen Miguel reported that the MOECC’s training session on the ABCs of Preparing Conceptual Site Models (CSM) was a full-house event. Both the Ministry staff and APGO members welcomed the opportunity to have a forum to clarify MOECC expectations around Record Site Condition and Risk Assessment submissions.
- MOECC’s positive experience with the CSM event, led to another collaboration with the Ministry to deliver a training session on Modified Generic Risk Assessment (MGRA) tool in January 2018. It will expose attendees to all of the tool’s features, how to use them, and how QPs can support their team to prepare high quality MGRA submissions.
- APGO’s two-day workshop on Record Site Condition held in October 2018 was also very well received. The workshop will be offered again in the early part of 2018.

### APGO’S Online Registration and Paperless System

- Nate Howell reported on the status of APGO’s online registration. December 2017 was the target month for the soft launch.
- Budget for the paperless office system was presented to the Council based on the quotes provided by prospective vendors

Motion 121 – 3: Shelly Cuddy moved to approve the budget presented for the office paperless to be incorporated in the 2018 Budget. Seconded by Tafa Gomwe. All in favor. Motion Carried

### **Corporate Sponsorship**

Staff presented the issue about corporate sponsorship. APGO will be drafting policy on this matter.

Action item 121-2: APGO to draft a policy on corporate sponsorship for review and approval by Council.

### **Policy Concepts Update**

Jonathan Rose and Andrew Boddington provided an update about the current political climate at provincial level. Policy Concepts is actively continuing its lobbying work including setting up meetings on behalf of APGO.

### **Approval of APGO Council Orientation Manual**

Council reviewed the updated APGO Council Orientation Manual.

Motion 121-4: Bronwyn Azar moved to approve the updated APGO Council Orientation Manual subject to minor editorial revisions. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Carried.

### **Retired Membership**

Aftab Khan reported on the issue about Retired membership. He highlighted that there is no “retired” category in the current regulation. The registrar is seeking guidance from Council on how APGO should handle this particular category to make it distinct from Non-practising category.

Action 121-3: Louis Kan will seek legal counsel on this matter and will report back to Council.

### **Geoscientists Canada (GC) Update**

Mark Priddle, GC’s President Elect reported on the latest updates about Geoscience Canada.

- Search process for the CEO position is ongoing. Current CEO is retiring in spring 2018.
- GC’s strategic plan to be updated in consultation with constituent associations (CAs).
- Qualified Person (QP) Short Course have been presented around to country and is well received by students, faculty as well as some P.Geo.’s.
- Mark stated that he attended the CCCESD meeting. However, there were evidence of resistance to professors registering. He noted that dialogue would be continuing.
- EFG and CETA – GC is leading the dialogue on the issues of professional mobility for geoscientists, now that CETA has been signed.
- Mobility – Some CA presidents had requested history on this issue; summary has been prepared and will be made available to them.
- Quebec will be invited as an observer to the next GC’s AGM, but not at the CEOs’ meeting.
- G4S document will be finalized soon, with the aim to roll it out at RFG 2018.
- RFG 2018 is big deal for Canada; expecting 3000 attendees; GC is part of the organizing committee.

## 10. REGISTRARS REPORT

Aftab Khan reported on the following activities and highlights this Fall.

- Participation in various events including, but not limited to, APGO outreach to various universities, Ontario Fairness Commissioner's (OFC) presentation at Ontario Regulator for Access Consortium (ORAC), APEGA'S PPE Exam Committee meeting, and the Canadian Geoscience Standards Council (CGSC) meeting.
- **Number of C of A's to date    212**
- **Registration statistics as to date**

Membership Class	At November 10, 2016	At November 3, 2017
Full P.Geo.	2026	2106
Temporary P.Geo	-	4
Limited P.Geo.	60	65
Non-Practising P.Geo.	105	126
Geoscientist-in-Training	360	429
<b>Total</b>	<b>2551</b>	<b>2730</b>
Student	521	570

- **Applications received as of October 31, 2017 - 17**
  - Practising                      4 (preliminary number)
  - GIT                                6 (preliminary number)
  - Change of Designation       7
  - Total                            17**
- **PPE Exam – 39 Registered**
- **Complaints & Discipline**
  - 8 complaints
  - 4 of which have been closed
  - 1 referred to discipline
  - 1 pending hearing

## 11. TREASURER'S REPORT

- **Financial Statements as of October 31, 2017**

Shelly Cuddy, Treasurer, reported on the APGO Financial Statements and 2018 Budget as of October 31, 2017. APGO's actual financials are on track vis-à-vis the 2017 Budget.

- **2018 Budget**

2018 budget was reviewed. In light of APGO's work on Act's amendments, it was recommended that the amount allocated for Legal Fees be increased from \$40,000 to \$70,000.

Motion 121-5: Shelly Cuddy moved to approve the 2018 Budget that includes the aforementioned increase in the amount allocated to legal fees. Seconded by Wayne Caston. All in favour. Carried.

## 12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nothing new to report.

## 13. REGIONAL COUNCILLOR AND COUNCILLOR- AT-LARGE REPORTS

Renée-Luce Simard, North-East: Nothing to Report.

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

Françoise Campbell, Central: Francoise, along with the APGO Registrar, conducted an information session at University of Toronto Scarborough Campus. Francoise also noted that the same was done at U of T's Mississauga campus by Roger Phillips.

Francoise also reported that she will be hosting a networking event in Toronto on November 30, 2017.

John McBride, North West: John reported that registration for APGO's two-day course on geochemistry in Thunder Bay exceeded the target number.

David Leng, South West: David Leng reported on the recently concluded APGO networking event held at Western University. He also reported on the outreach he has done to date at University of Waterloo and McMaster University on behalf of Francoise. More outreach to take place at University of Windsor and University of Guelph.

Tafa Gomwe, CaL: Tafa will be hosting an APGO networking event in Sudbury on November 29, 2017. Dr. Pablo Sobron, Research Scientist from SETI Institute was invited as the guest speaker. This event is in partnership with Sudbury Geological Discussion Group (SGDG).

Bronwyn Azar, CaL: Nothing to report.

Wayne Caston, CaL: Wayne talk about an 'induction ceremony' for incoming students at the U. of Waterloo' School of Planning. He brought forward to the table if this same ceremony can also be considered as a possibility for geoscience students to encourage them to become part of APGO.

Christine Vaillancourt: Nothing to Report.

Paul Hubley: Nothing to Report

Zen Keizars, Vice President: Zen shared with the group about the recent activities of Kawartha Region Earth Science, Engineering and Metallurgy (KREEM) Network. KREEM 's latest event featured guest speaker, Veronica DiCecco who presented on "The Tales of the Royal Ontario Museum Mineralogy Lab.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

## **14. COMMENTS ON TODAY'S MEETING**

No Comments Received

## **15. IN CAMERA**

No In-Camera Session was held.

## **16. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion 121 - 5: Sue Carlyle moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Carried.



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President



## **SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS**

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