

Professional Geoscientists Ontario

Minutes of the 131st Meeting of the Council

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 333 Bay Street, 24th Floor, Toronto

Present

Milan Situm, Chair
Scott McLean
David Good
Mark Goldie
Tafa Gomwe
John Ryder
Melanie Siewert
Zen Keizars
Robert Hearst
Roger Phillips
Carole Gilbert
Don Johnston
Paul Connor
Susan Carlyle
Marco Simone
David Leng

Paul Hubley
Don Johnston

Regrets:

Nicole Januszczak

Staff

Tony Andrews, CEO
Aftab Khan, Registrar
Marilen Miguel

By invitation:

Jonathan Rose, Policy Concepts
Mark Priddle, Geoscientists Canada (via
conference call)
Roger Woeller, Enforcement and
Compliance Committee (via conference call)

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. WELCOME TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

All members were thanked for their attendance, new members were introduced.

3. SAFETY MINUTE

David Good provided the safety tip. He reminded everyone to ensure that the tail lights are on not just at night times but on days when visibility is poor.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was amended to include the following additions:

- Communication Committee (Zen Keizars)
- Review of By-Laws (Milan Situm)
- E&C Committee Report (Roger Woeller)

Motion 131 - 1: Robert Hearst moved to accept the agenda as amended. Seconded by Marco Simone. Motion carried.

6. ATTENDANCE RECORD

The attendance record was noted.

7. MINUTES FROM MAY 16, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING

Council members reviewed the May 16, 2019 Council meeting minutes. Edits were made.

Motion 131 – 2: Susan Carlyle moved to accepts the minutes as amended. Seconded by David Leng.

8. POLICY CONCEPTS UPDATE

Jonathan Rose of Policy Concepts provided an overview of the current political climate in Ontario and an update on PGO's meetings with political staff, including PGO's presentations on proposed PGA amendments.

Jonathan Rose left the meeting at 9:57 am.

9. MATTERS ARISING FROM MAY 16, 2019 MINUTES

Review of proposed amendments to a number of by-laws has been deferred to the next Council meeting.

10. CEO REPORT

Tony Andrews, CEO, provided an update on the following areas:

a) Administration and Operations

- HR Systems and Resources – PGO hired a professional geoscientist as a full-time Assistant Registrar. Eilidh Lewis, P.Geo. was introduced to Council.
- Rebranding – Work is ongoing to update content of various sections of the website ensuring emphasis on the regulatory role of PGO.
- Strategic Planning Framework – Consisted of the work that came out of the strategic planning session and the feedback compiled from the questionnaire circulated to strategic planning participants.
- Council Vacancies – Worked with the Governance Committee to address the following vacancies in Council: North West Regional Councillor, Lieutenant General-in-Council (LGIC) Member Appointee and Non-member appointee.
- Introducing improvements to the Registration Process
- Travel and Expense Policy - Draft document has been reviewed and edits were put forward by Council members.
- Council Portal – PGO will be using Boardable as Council Portal platform.

b) Engaging Government

- Actively working with Policy Concepts to keep the momentum at the government relations front to push for PGA amendments. PGO representatives have met with policy advisors at MENDM and political staff at the Premier's Office. Policy advisors are seeking input from various stakeholders to revitalize and sustain Ontario's mining sector.

Action 131 – 1: Tony to seek advise from PGO's Counsel on the appropriate role of PGO in government's initiative to consult with stakeholders on revitalizing the mining sector.

c) Regulatory Matters

- British Columbia Securities Commission (BCSC) is seeking to establish an information sharing agreement with PGO similar to what PGO has with Ontario Securities Commission (OSC). BCSC will be sending a draft agreement for PGO review.
- Mobility Agreements – The Executive Committee, with the assistance of PGO staff and Mark Priddle, reviewed the current mobility agreement between PGO and EGBC and concluded that the agreement should be renewed without change; that is, on the same terms as outlined in 2018 agreement.

d) Other

- Outreach to PEO – Tony met with the CEO of PEO. Another meeting was setup between the PGO'S Professional Practice Committee Chair and the PEO's Professional Practice Staff Advisory to establish connection and explore opportunities for sharing of information and guidelines common to both geoscientists and engineers.

- Annual Conference strategy – CEO will engage with the chairs of Professional Practice Committee and its subcommittee to discuss the viability of having an annual conference.

Responding to the question – What is the PGO’S Role as a regulatory body with respect to climate change? A decision was made to organize a focus group to discuss the matter further and return to Council with recommendations. Paul Connor volunteered to chair the focus group.

Action Item 131-2: Paul Connor to organize and chair a focus group to discuss the role of PGO and climate change and make recommendations to Council

11. GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA

Mark Priddle provided the latest update on the work of Geoscientists Canada (GC).

- Status of GC’s Implementation Plan Renewal 2019 - Each constituent association’s (CA) ranking of GC’s priorities is due on September 30, 2019.
- GC’s QP Short Course continues to be offered by CAs in their respective jurisdiction.
- GC’s Professional Practice Committee is working on consolidating professional practice guidelines adapted for geoscientists. They will be made available as resources for CAs to adopt for their own use.
- Work on Admission Support Tool (AST) Phase II is progressing smoothly.
- Geoscientists Canada booklet will be reprinted.

12. ENFORCEMENT AND COMPLIANCE (E&C) COMMITTEE

Roger Woeller, E&C Chair, provide an update on the newly reconstituted E & C Committee.

- Recruitment of members is ongoing and membership structure will be established.
- Purpose of the committee will be re-defined.
- Roger will report back to Council on the progress being made in the new year.

13. REGISTRAR’S REPORT

Aftab Khan, Registrar provided update on PGO’s registration. The report includes:

- Membership’s statistics as of September, 2019.

Membership Class	September 2018	September 2019
Full P.Geo.	2169	2228
Limited P.Geo.	67	74
Non-Practising P.Geo.	142	156
Geoscientist-in-Training	461	526
TOTAL	2839	2984
Student	491	721
C of A Holders	207	211

- Monthly statistics of applications received and new members
- Update on results of PPE and technical exams
- Numbers of university students enrolled in Earth Sciences program across Ontario as per Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments (CCCESD) latest statistics - <https://cccesd.acadiau.ca/>
- Earth Science program enrolment and graduating trends
- Registrar's participation in national committees and PGO's government relations activities

14. TREASURER'S REPORT

Marco Simone, Treasurer, presented to Council the PGO's Financial Statement as of August 31, 2019.

15. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Governance Committee - Paul Connor is the new chair of the Governance Committee.

- Nominee for Non-member position, Carole Gilbert, was presented to Council.

Motion 131- 3: Robert Hearst moved to appoint Carole Gilbert for the position of Non-member at Council. Seconded by Melanie Siewert. Carried.

- Notice of resignation from North West Councillor, Lesley Weston was accepted. Candidate with the second highest vote during Council election in the North West will be appointed to take over the position.

Action Item 131 – 3: Paul Connor to contact the candidate who has the second highest votes in North West region to fill the position of North West Regional Councillor.

- Susan Carlyle reminded Council that the PGO by-laws require a review to address some gaps and ambiguities

Motion 131-4: Susan Carlyle moved to identify three law firms for PGO to approach to review and recommend amendments to the by-laws.

Motion 131 – 5: Paul Connor moved to defer the motion put forward by Susan Carlyle in order to provide time to confer with the Governance Committee on this matter. Seconded by Zen Keizars. Carried.

Action 131 – 4: Susan Carlyle to obtain quotes from three law-firms for review of PGO by-laws.

Professional Practice Committee (PPC) – Chair, Paul Hubley indicated that the committee is currently reviewing the existing guidelines posted on the website. The Geophysics Subcommittee had updated the geophysics guideline and is now available online.

16. BUSINESS

- PGO's Orientation Manual – Prior to the meeting, Council received a copy of the revised Manual for review and comments. No feedback has been received to date.
- PGO's Travel and Expense Policy – Council reviewed the document and identified the issue concerning recreational drugs in hospitality events as needing to be addressed

Motion 131 - 6: David Leng moved that the matter of recreational drugs, in the context of the Travel and Expense Policy, be addressed at the next meeting. Seconded by Paul Hubley. Carried.

17. REGIONAL COUNCILLORS AND COUNCILLOR-AT-LARGE REPORTS

- **North West (Tafa Gomwe):** Porcupine Prospectors and Developers Association is hosting the Northeastern Ontario Mines & Minerals Symposium in Timmins on October 1-2, 2019.
- **South East (Paul Hubley):** Work on outreach to geoscience students in the region is ongoing.
- **South West (David Leng):** Planning for outreach to geoscience students in the region is underway as well as that for the GC's QP Short course to be offered to universities. To date, David Leng conducted the short course at Lakehead University and Western University.
- **North West:** No update
- **Central (Mark Goldie):** Outreach to University of Toronto Mississauga is scheduled on September 24. Mark Goldie is teaming up with David Leng and Eilidh Lewis, Assistant Registrar to do his first information session.

18. COMMUNICATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Zen Keizars proposed to establish a Communication's Committee responsible for establishing policies and guidelines on PGO's communication.

Motion 131 - 7: Susan Carlyle moved to create a Communications Committee as a subcommittee of Governance Committee. Seconded by John Ryder. Carried.

- David Good, David Leng, John Ryder, Zen Keizars, Tafa Gomwe and Milan Situm volunteered to be members of the Communications Committee. Chair to be determined.


19. IN-CAMERA SESSION

- There were no items to be addressed at this time.

20. ADJOURNMENT

Motion 131 – 8: Susan Carlyle moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by John Ryder.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

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President's Signature

Summary of Motions and Actions

MOTIONS

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Motion 131 – 2: Susan Carlyle moved to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded by David Leng.

Motion 131- 3: Robert Hearst moved to appoint Carole Gilbert for the position of Non-member at Council. Seconded by Melanie Siewert. Carried.

Motion 131 - 4: Susan Carlyle moved that PGO retain a law firm to review and recommend amendments to the by-laws.

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ACTION ITEMS

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