

**Minutes of the
ELEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
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**Held on June 14th, 2013
One King West, Toronto, Ontario**

1. Call to Order

The President called the meeting to order at 3.30 pm and noted that Avril Hylands had been appointed Recording Secretary.

2. Notice of Meeting

The President, Ian Macdonald, called for verification that the Notice of Meeting had been mailed in accordance with By-Law #1. The CEO declared the notice had been sent to all members of record. A signed statement to that effect was tabled.

The President stated that according to By-Law #1 of the Association, there must be an Annual General Meeting of the Association within six months of the APGO's financial year end, December 31st. On matters that require a vote, it is permitted under the By-Law to recognize a show of hands by members at this Annual General Meeting as representative of the wishes of the membership in general.

3. Attendance Report

Andrea Waldie, P.Ge., Scrutineer, reported that there were 55 members of the Association present at the meeting, plus 17 proxies for a total of 72. A quorum was declared.

The President then noted that there were 6 students present, 7 Geoscientists in Training and 4 guests.

4. Adoption of Agenda

The President then called for a motion to accept the Agenda.

Motion #1: Richard Schmidt, P.Ge., moved that the Agenda be accepted. Seconded by Irmie Pawlowski, P.Ge. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Welcome and Introductions

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. He then introduced Greg Vogelsang, the new President of Geoscientists Canada and asked him to address the meeting.

Mr. Vogelsang spoke on behalf of the Board and Directors of Geoscientists Canada and indicated this was his first meeting after assuming his role earlier this month. He noted that APGO is one of the largest CA's in Canada and it is important its members give him their input and concerns.

He spoke about the CGSB's focus on the Admission Support Tools Project, funded by Human Resources & Skills Canada, which, over the next two to three years will develop a full competency program and when completed will produce a complete body of knowledge.

He noted that GC is behind the new work being undertaken by UGS which is addressing professionalism on a global basis.

He mentioned the recent GAC/MAC conference and its outreach to the broader sciences community, which concluded with a session specifically for students covering courses required and he emphasized the importance of this.

The recent GC AGM covered many issues, including the continuing work on the Admissions Support Tools Project, new By-laws, development of a new Strategic Plan and the importance of hearing from CA's with their input.

He announced that Deborah McCombe, P.Geol, was the 2013 GC Award winner for Services to the Profession.

Mr. Vogelsang thanked APGO for their invitation to speak.

The President noted that the Minister of Northern Development & Mines, the Hon. Michael Gravelle, had been invited to the meeting but was unable to attend. He had, however, sent a letter and the CEO, Gord White, was invited to read it.

The Minister sent greetings to APGO and its members and re-affirmed the strong relationship between the Ministry and APGO. He acknowledged APGO's contribution to exploration and mining activities, particularly APGO's concern with sustaining of communities. He went on to say that the previous amendments to the Act which were requested had been completed and that we are now working closely together to put into place the new proposed changes. He recognized the importance of APGO in its endeavours to protect and preserve our natural environment.

The President then introduced the following Past Presidents of APGO who were in attendance:

Bill Pearson
Steve Wilson
Deborah McCombe
Kristin Hanson

The President thanked all guests for attending.

The President introduced the Geoscientists in Training and students in attendance and gave them a particularly warm welcome as they represent the future of APGO. He invited them to stand and be recognized and encouraged them to meet as many practicing members as possible.

6. In Memorium

The President identified the following members who passed away and extended deepest sympathy on behalf of the Association and all its members.

- **Dr. Prokopios Sivenas**
- **Mr. Mihail Rusu**
- **Dr. Robert Kenneth Germundson**

The President then acknowledged members of the Canadian Forces serving in various parts of the world. A moment of silence was observed.

7. Minutes of 2012 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2012 Annual General Meeting had been made available on the website. The President called for any errors or omissions. There being none, the President called for a motion that the Minutes be adopted as presented.

Motion #2: Andrea Waldie, P.Geo., moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 14, 2012 be adopted. Della Berwanger, P.Geo., seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Matters Arising from the Minutes

The President asked if there was any business arising from the previous Minutes. There was none.

9. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements

Chris Kimmerly, P.Geo., Treasurer of APGO and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2012 audited financial statements and auditors report, which had been prepared by Bateman & MacKay and approved by Council were made available to all members on the website as part of the Annual Report. He added that copies were available at the back of the room. Mr. Kimmerly then introduced Mr. David White and Mr. Oscar Torres of Bateman & MacKay, APGO Auditors, who were available to answer any questions. Mr. Kimmerly briefly reviewed the financial statements. He noted that the recent Divisional Court Challenge had been funded by the

Contingency Reserve Fund. The Strategic Initiatives Fund is used to fund initiatives arising out of the Strategic Plan and details of the use of these funds is shown in the financial statements.

He noted that expenses continue to rise, including legal services and challenges and consequently the Finance Committee and Council agreed to increase the annual fees for 2013 by 5%. He also noted that the organization is in good financial shape and has the necessary funds to carry out its mandate. He again invited questions.

10. Approval of Auditors Report/Audited 2012 Financial Statements

There being no questions, the President asked for a motion to adopt the year end 2012 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Motion #3: Alan Aubut, P.Geo., moved that the Year End 2012 Audited Financial Statements be approved. Seconded by Tony Lotimer, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Appointment of Auditors

Chris Kimmerly, P.Geo, Treasurer of APGO and Chair of the Finance Committee, reported on the selection of auditors and the recommendation of Council for appointment of the auditors

Mr Kimmerly advised that Council recommended the appointment of Bateman & MacKay as auditors for the year 2013 at such remuneration as may be fixed from time to time by Council.

Motion #4: Mark Priddle, P.Geo., moved that Bateman & MacKay be appointed Auditors of APGO for the ensuing year and that Council be authorized to fix the remuneration of the Auditors. Seconded by Della Berwanger, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

12. By-Law Amendment for Vote

The President advised that changes had been recommended to By-law No. 8 – Elections. The amended Section 27 now reads: The executive director shall deliver electronically or by mail to each practicing, temporary and limited member a ballot with the names of the nominees not less than twenty-eight (28) days before the date of the close of ballots. He noted the number of days had been changed from 45 to 28, as most ballots were now sent and received electronically and less time was therefore required.

The President called for a motion with regard to Section 27 of By-law No. 8

Motion #5: Alan Aubut, P.Geo moved that the amendment to Section 27 of By-Law 8 be accepted as written. Seconded by Bill McGuinty, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Recognition of Outgoing Councilors

The President recognized those Councilors who have served the Association and who would be leaving the Council as of this Annual General Meeting.

Kristin Hanson

Richard Schmidt

Frank Colozza (not present)

Amy Stephenson

Chris Kimmerly

Presentation plaques and thanks were given to those named.

The President then gave special recognition to the outgoing Past President, Kristin Hanson. He presented her with a plaque and tokens of appreciation.

The Past President thanked the President and all members and urged them to run for election as the experience was extremely rewarding.

14. Announcement of 2013 Election Results & Appointments to Council

The President advised that in accordance with By-Law #8, the call for nominations to fill the four positions coming open on Council in 2013 went out in the fall of 2012. The following were elected to Council by the membership:

David Hunt for Vice President (acclaimed)

Bill Berger for North East Regional Councilor - elected

Robert Morrison for Councilor at Large - elected

The President thanked everyone for participating in the APGO nomination and election process. He encouraged every member to become involved in the various Committees and on Council.

In addition to the election of members, Council appoints non-members to Council, based on recommendations from the Non-member Committee. Non-member Councilors represent the Public on Council. The President welcomed **Dorene Weston** as the Non-member appointee.

The Lieutenant Governor of Ontario will appoint three new members to our Council. Approximately 40 members responded to our request and we are currently waiting for the final decision of the Lieutenant Governor and the Cabinet of Ontario to approve the following appointments:

2 Lieutenant Governor APGO Member Appointments

1 Lieutenant Governor Non-Member Appointment.

The President informed the meeting that a listing of APGO Council members for 2013-2014 is on the back of this meeting's Agenda and encouraged all members to contact any member of Council to share feedback, ask questions, etc.

15. President's Report

The President, Ian Macdonald, said how much he had enjoyed his years on Council and, in particular, the past year as President. He added that it had been his thought that a two-year term for the President might be considered, which would give the person time to learn the job and then to give his experience to it. He gave a brief history of APGO since its inception in 2000.

He believes the organization is increasing its responsibility as a regulatory body and the #1 priority is the regulatory changes APGO must have to carry out its mandate. We are working closely with the Ministry and are cautiously optimistic that we will be granted the changes.

We have approved a final draft of the Mobility Agreement. Not all Provinces are in favour of an agreement, but this is something our members want. Thanks to Bill Pearson who has given a great deal of time over the past two years to producing this document.

Alan Aubut is our new representative at Geoscientists Canada.

There has been a change in our top staff position – Andrea Waldie stepped down and Gord White has come on board and brings a new perspective as a non-P.Geo and from his background as CEO and ED of various organizations.

The President thanked everyone for coming to the AGM and the staff for their continuing efforts.

16. Chief Executive Officer's Report

The President stated that Section 34 of the Act directs that each year the Association provide a report to the Minister of Northern Development & Mines on the activities of the APGO. This report was prepared by the Association and delivered to the Minister and was made available on the web site. Copies were made available at this meeting.

The APGO annual report contains reports from all the Officers and Committees of APGO. The President encouraged members to ask questions about these reports either after the meeting or during the issues forum.

The President thanked the staff for their hard work in preparing this report.

He then invited Gord White to give his report.

Mr. White said he was very happy to be here at his first meeting. He is focused on Strategic Planning, the goals and results of which are reviewed at every Council meeting. He reviewed both the Mission and Vision statements of APGO.

There are four Strategic priorities – Marketing, Membership, National Leadership and Government Relations. He then reviewed each in detail giving both goals and achievements in each area.

He thanked the President, Council members and staff for their support.

The President invited Aftab Khan to give his Registrar's Report

17. Registrar's Report

Mr. Khan reported a steady increase in APGO membership and increasing awareness of APGO in the geosciences community in general. There has been significant growth in Student membership. The backlog of Enforcement & Compliance issues has been cleared. We now have a proactive approach towards illegal geoscience practice in Ontario with promising results. Membership growth forecast in 2013 is 2500. Complaints Committee backlog has been cleared. Discipline Committee completed its first case earlier this year; a second case scheduled to be heard in the near future.

He presented a slide showing the breakdown of members by domain – Geology, Environment, Geophysics and Others.

18. Issues Forum

The President invited members to raise any questions or concerns they would like to have considered by Council in the coming year.

The meeting was opened to any questions or comments by members on any other matters.

There were none.

18. Other Business

The President asked if there was any other business to come before the business section of the meeting. There being none, the business section of the meeting was closed.

19. Induction of the New President

APGO's tradition in inducting the new President is to "Pass the Rock Pick". The President stated that as he now is at the end of his term, it gave him great pleasure to pass on the "APGO

Hammer" to his successor, Andrew Cheadle, P.Geog. Upon passing the gavel, Mr. Macdonald completed his term and handed the meeting over to the President for 2013-2014. He called Mr. Cheadle forward to act as Chair.

Mr. Cheadle thanked the outgoing President. He said that many good words had been said and heard today by the most competent and qualified professionals. We take great pride in our profession and are all committed to protecting the public. He said it is an honour and a privilege to serve APGO. His thanks go to Gord White, Aftab Khan their staff, Council and members and he is looking forward to the coming year.

He stated he has a particular interest in mentoring students and encouraged all members present to assist students wherever possible so that the organization continues to grow.

The President presented a token of appreciation to the outgoing President, Ian Macdonald, P.Geog.

20. Close of Business meeting

The President called for a motion to formally adjourn the business meeting.

Motion #8: Peter Diorio, P.Geog., moved that the 11th Annual General Meeting of the APGO be adjourned. Seconded by Mark Priddle, P.Geog. Motion carried unanimously.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 4.30 pm.