

**Minutes of the  
TWELFTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE  
A P G O**

**Held on June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
One King West, Toronto, Ontario**

**1. Call to Order**

The President, Andrew Cheadle, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3.30 pm. He noted that Avril Hylands was appointed Recording Secretary.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

The President, 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**

Craig Waldie, P.Geo., Scrutineer, reported that there were 60 members of the Association present at the meeting, plus 13 proxies for a total of 73. A quorum was declared.

The President then noted that there were 8 students present, 5 Geoscientists in Training and 4 guests.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Motion #1: Deborah McComb, P.Geo., moved that the Agenda be accepted. Seconded by Alan Aubut, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Introductions**

The President then introduced the following Past Presidents of APGO and asked those in attendance to stand :

**Bill Pearson  
Bill Stiebel  
John Buckle  
Scott McLean  
Maureen Jensen  
Steve Usher  
Greg Finn  
Steve Wilson  
Deborah McCombe  
Kristin Hanson  
Ian Macdonald**

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 in the past year and extended deepest sympathy on behalf of the Association and all its members.

- **Eric Prosh, P.Ge.**
- **George Coburn, P.Ge.**
- **Pierre Vincent, P.Ge.**

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

#### **7. Minutes of 2013 Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the 2013 Annual General Meeting had been made available on the website and at today's meeting. 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: Bill Pearson, P.Ge., moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 14, 2013 be adopted. Peter Diorio, P.Ge., 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**

Tony Lotimer, P.Geo., Treasurer of APGO and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2013 audited financial statements and auditors report, which had been prepared by Bateman & MacKay and approved by Council. These 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. Lotimer then introduced Mr. David White and Mr. Oscar Torres of Bateman & MacKay LLP, APGO Auditors, who were available to answer any questions.

He noted that the Finance Committee provides oversight in the annual preparation of the Budget and provides a monthly review of the financial statements. He added that the Audit Committee oversees the Audit process and signed off on the Auditors' Report. He reported that the Balance Sheet showed slight improvement over last year; Operating Revenue was up slightly over 2012 due to the increase in fees and growth in membership. The small operating surplus had been transferred to the Contingency Reserve Fund. Mr. Lotimer asked if there were any questions from the floor.

#### **10. Approval of Auditors Report/Audited 2013 Financial Statements**

There being no questions, the President asked for a motion to adopt the year end 2013 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

**Motion #3: Tony Lotimer, P.Geo., moved that the Year End 2013 Audited Financial Statements be approved. Seconded by Kristin Hanson, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.**

#### **11. Appointment of Auditors**

Tony Lotimer, 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

He advised that Council recommended the appointment of Bateman & MacKay LLP as auditors for the year 2014 at such remuneration as may be fixed from time to time by Council.

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

#### **12. By-Law Amendments for Vote**

The President reported that the Governance Committee, chaired by Dorene Weston, reviewed all 11 of APGO's by-laws this past year. Amendments were made to some of the by-laws. APGO sent all P.Geo's a copy of the proposed amendments for review prior to this AGM. Council approved these amendments at their May, 2014 meeting. It was the opinion of Council that the amendments were mostly housekeeping issues and not substantive changes. A motion will be made to approve the amended by-laws as a whole if that is the will of the membership and if that motion does not carry, the by-laws will be addressed individually.

The President called for a motion with regard to amendments to all APGO's by-laws as presented.

**Motion #5: Deborah McComb, P.Geo moved that the amendments to by-laws #1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8 be accepted as presented. Seconded by David Hunt, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.**

### **13. Geoscientists Canada**

The President invited Ollie Bonham, P.Geo. to provide an update on the activities of Geoscientists Canada (GC).

Mr. Bonham said he was very happy to be at APGO's AGM and to see the continuing good work of the association.

He attended the GC AGM last week in Regina, as did David Hunt and Gord White, where Paul Rennick was appointed President for 2014.

He gave an overview of how geoscience is regulated Canada-wide – there are 10 jurisdictions - some are self-regulated and some are combined with other entities. The numbers of licensed geoscientists continues to grow; he reviewed the distribution of full practicing P.Geo's throughout the Provinces and noted that Ontario shows steady growth. He also noted that female P.Geo's account for 37% of the total and that female G.I.T. numbers are growing.

The main focus areas of GC at this time are as follows:

- Strategic alliances in Canada and internationally
- Working on a Competency Profile
- New website
- Task group on global license professionalism
- Professional Affairs section in GC magazine
- Value proposition to CA's.

Mr. Bonham then gave special thanks to APGO for all its volunteers and the help provided in serving on national committees and the huge support it gives to GC on a national level. He conveyed greetings from the President and Board of GC.

#### **14. Recognition of Outgoing Council**

The President recognized those Councilors who have served the Association and who would be leaving Council as of this Annual General Meeting. The following were called to the stage:

**Della Berwanger** (unable to attend)

The President then gave special recognition to **Ian Macdonald, Past President**. He was presented with a token of the APGO's appreciation for his many years of service.

Presentation plaques and thanks were given to those named.

The Past President thanked the President and all members and urged them to run for election as his experience had been 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 2014 went out in the fall of 2013.

He explained that Council is populated in several ways, as outlined in APGO's legislation. Namely, individuals elected by the membership; some appointed by Council based on recommendations from the Non-member Committee (non-members represent the Public on Council); some appointed by the Lieutenant Governor of Ontario and one who is a representative of the Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments.

The following were elected to Council:

Mark Priddle, Vice President (Acclaimed)  
Alan Aubut, North West Regional Councilor (returning - Acclaimed)  
Zen Keizars, South East Regional Councilor (Acclaimed)  
Wally Rayner, Councilor at Large (Acclaimed)

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.

The President informed the meeting that a listing of APGO Council members for 2014-2015 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 indicated it had been an honour and privilege – as well as fun – to have served as President. A new Strategic Plan was developed last year, highlights of which are:

- Focus on building relationships with members and regulators.
- Outreach to students through university visits – numbers of students joining APGO rapidly increasing.
- Regular meetings being held in all regions which are becoming very popular and well attended.
- Incidental Practice Agreement concluded with B.C.

## **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 APGO's web site. Copies were also available at this meeting.

The APGO annual report contains reports from all the Officers and Committee Chairs 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, CEO, to give his report.

The CEO stated his pleasure at working with a dedicated group of Councilors, staff and members. He briefly reviewed the association's Mission and Vision statements. APGO is focused on four Strategic Priorities:

- Marketing
- Membership
- National Leadership
- Government Relations

The association is also intent on fulfilling its mandate of achieving the highest standards by its members and of identifying and taking disciplinary action where necessary to ensure the confidence of both the public and employers, thereby creating an environment where the profession can flourish.

A goal of APGO was to do more for students. He outlined the many ways that have been instituted to achieve this. The result of these actions has been a 400% increase in student

membership. Another continuing goal was Mobility and a further Agreement was signed during 2013 – namely with B.C. These agreements allow P.Geo's to work in other jurisdictions for 45 days without having to register or incur costs.

He also noted:

- APGO is the only geosciences regulator which has two signed Mobility Agreements – Quebec and British Columbia. He acknowledged Bill Pearson for being instrumental in this regard.
- APGO has assisted other Provinces who expressed interest in signing Mobility Agreements.
- Mobility is an ongoing issue with regulators across Canada and APGO is leading by example.
- In May 2014 the Ontario Government was dissolved which temporarily halted the regulatory change process – this process will resume as soon as the new Government is in place.

Other highlights:

As noted by the President, it was a priority to facilitate meeting more members face to face and many regional meetings took place in 2013 and early 2014. The average attendance was 60 and students attended all of them. Field Notes has become a weekly newsletter. Over 2400 members receive Field Notes weekly and just over 50% of them are opened.

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 expressed his appreciation for members having taken ownership of their association.

Highlights for the past year included:

- Steady increase in APGO membership
- Increasing awareness among the licensed community
- Significant growth in student membership
- Enforcement and Compliance backlog cleared
- Proactive approach towards E&C with positive results

He presented slides showing various statistics year over year.

He repeated his thanks to members for taking ownership of the association.

The President stated the past year had been very exciting and had seen considerable growth. He asked members of Council and staff to stand and receive the thanks of the members.

#### **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.

Peter Duckworth asked if a non-practicing member could continue to participate in APGO initiatives. The President responded in the affirmative and added that the association is always looking for volunteers to serve on Committees and Council.

#### **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, David Hunt, P.Geo. Upon passing the gavel, Mr. Cheadle completed his term and handed the meeting over to the President for 2014-2015. He called Mr. Hunt forward to act as Chair.

Mr Hunt thanked the outgoing President for his leadership and mentorship. He also thanked Gord White, Aftab Khan and their staff, and is looking forward to the coming year. He acknowledged all members of Council and Committees – close to 100 in all who do a lot of work and who are great to work with.

He gave a brief review of his background in exploration in Northern Ontario and noted the importance of the practice of good geoscience and the maintaining of high standards to protect the public. It is a goal of APGO to continue to provide courses etc. to ensure this continues. The work with students will continue. Mentoring our youth is key to maintaining the association's relevance. It is especially important given the demographics of our profession as older members begin to ease out of the profession. We also realize that Ontario is a big place and many members work very far away. We intend to increase regional events. Incidental Practice, especially short term practice, is very important to our members and we will continue to pursue bi-lateral deals with other Provinces. Another goal is to increase the engagement of membership with more communications on a regular basis informing everyone about what we do and why we do it.



He looks forward to working with Council, staff and members in the coming year.

The President presented a token of appreciation to the outgoing President, Andrew Cheadle, P.Geo.

#### **19. Acknowledgement of AGM Sponsors**

The President acknowledged the sponsors of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and thanked them for their generous financial support as follows;

Golder Associates – Platinum Sponsor  
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Dillon Consulting Inc. – Bronze Sponsor  
Associated Environmental Site Inspectors of Canada – Bronze Sponsor

#### **20. Close of Business meeting**

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

**Motion #8: Alan Aubut, P.Geo., moved that the 12th Annual General Meeting of the APGO be adjourned. Seconded by Brad Leonard, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.**

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 5.00 pm.