



**Minutes of the
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE
A P G O
Held June 9, 2016
20 Toronto Street, Toronto, Ontario**

1. Call to Order

The President, Mark Priddle, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3.30 pm. He noted that Avril Hylands was appointed Recording Secretary. At 5p.m., guest speaker, Richard Steinecke will advise on “How to Avoid Being Disciplined or Sued”.

2. Notice of Meeting

The President called for verification that the Notice of Meeting was 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.

4. Adoption of Agenda

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

Motion #1: Zen Keizars, P.Geo., moved that the Agenda be adopted. Seconded by Ben Berger, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

5. Introductions

The President recognized the Past Presidents of APGO and asked those in attendance to stand:

Bill Pearson
Bill Stiebel
John Buckle
Scott McLean
Maureen Jensen
Steven Usher
Greg Finn
Steve Wilson
Deborah McCombe
Kristin Hanson
Ian Macdonald
Andrew Cheatle
David Hunt

The President thanked all guests for attending. He introduced the Geoscientists in Training and students 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 during the Reception.

6. David de Launay, Deputy Minister, Northern Development & Mines

The President introduced and welcomed David de Launay who, as Deputy Minister is focused on developing innovation in the mining sector as well as supporting the exploration sector; addressing infrastructure needs in northern Ontario; helping to implement the government's approach to Indigenous people; and addressing economic growth throughout the North. He has also served in the Ministries of Aboriginal Affairs, Natural Resources and the Cabinet Office.

Mr. de Launay complimented APGO on the good turnout of members which spoke well of the association and noted the number of young people present. He said the Minister was unable to attend because today was the last day of the House and meetings were taking place which will bring changes to the mining and exploration industries. In his work in Natural Resources he came to understand the work of science. Now he knows how it is used in a much broader range.

He noted the relationship with APGO in that 2016 is the 125th anniversary of the Ontario Geological Survey, which shows the importance of the sector and long history of its development; the long (since 2012) and collaborative effort to amend the Registration Regulations aimed at protecting both the public and investors. We will now be able to finalize the changes following release to the public and having received and addressed their comments.

Mr. de Launay wished everyone well and looked forward to sitting in on the rest of the meeting.

7. In Memoriam

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

- **Sean Louis Salvatori, P.Geo**
- **Eric Laurence Hoffman, P.Geo.**

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 2015 Annual General Meeting

Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting were 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: David Leng, P.Geo., moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 12, 2015 be adopted. David Hunt, 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

Peter Diorio, P.Geo., Treasurer of APGO and Chair of the Finance Committee, presented the 2015 audited financial statements and auditors report, which were prepared by Bateman MacKay LLP 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.

He noted the drop in Revenues in 2015 and that Operations expenses had been cut to compensate. There had been no legal challenges in the past year. A donation of \$22,500 was made to the Education Foundation by way of administrative support. Year end surplus was \$125,000, which was moved to the Contingency Reserve Fund (\$100,000) and to the Strategic Initiatives Fund (\$25,000). He gave a brief explanation of both Funds, which are detailed in Notes 7 & 8 of the Audited Financial Statements. He added that despite the downturn in the sector, APGO's finances remained sound.

A question came from the floor – Page 6 of the Financial Report – changes in non-cash working capital – short term investments were down approximately \$400,000. Mr. Diorio explained that, at the time the audit was carried out, the short term investments were in cash as opposed to other instruments.

10. Approval of Auditors Report/Audited 2014 Financial Statements

There being no further questions, the President asked for a motion to adopt the year end 2015 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

Motion #3: Shelly Cuddy, P.Geo., moved that the Year End 2015 Audited Financial Statements be approved. Seconded by Brad Leonard, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

11. Appointment of Auditors

Peter Diorio, 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 2016 at such remuneration as may be fixed from time to time by Council.

Motion #4: Rob Gordon, P.Eng. 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 John Ryder, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

12. By-Law Amendments for Vote

The President introduced Dorene Weston, Chair of the Governance Committee, who recommended the following changes to By-laws #7 & 8:

By-law #7 Item 17(c) – to clarify the term of non-members on Council (6 years) – “recruit and recommend non-member appointment to Council for up to two consecutive three-year terms”

By-law #8 – to reduce the number of seconders for nomination from 10 to 5 (seconders can be Practicing, Temporary or Limited members).

The President called for a motion with regard to the amendments to By-laws #7 & 8

Motion #5: John Ryder, P.Geo moved that the amendments to By-laws #7 & 8 be accepted as presented. Seconded by David Leng, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

13. Recognition of Outgoing Council

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

Peter Diorio, P.Geo., Treasurer & Regional Councillor Central
John Gartner, P.Geo., Councillor
Rustam Juma, Councillor
Ben Berger, P.Geo., Regional Councillor North East
Robert Morrison, P.Geo., Councillor at Large
Dorene Weston, Councillor, Chair of Governance Committee
Robert Gordon, P.Eng., Councillor, Chair of Audit Committee

Presentation plaques and thanks were given to those named.

The President then gave special recognition to **David Hunt, P.Geo., Past President** who was presented with a token of the APGO's appreciation for his many years of service.

David Hunt, P.Geo.
Past President, 2015-2016
President, 2014-2015
Vice President 2013-2014
Regional Councillor North West, 2010-2013

14. Fellowship of Geoscientists Canada Awards

The President announced and made presentations to the following recipients:

Dorene Weston, Councillor and Governance Committee Chair
Donald Johnston, Councillor
Richard Jackson, P.Geo.
Rob Gordon, P.Eng., Councillor and Audit Committee Chair
Ken Howard, P.Geo.
Nick Eyles, P.Geo.
Milan Situm, P.Geo.

15. Announcement of 2015 Election Results & Appointments to Council

The President advised that in accordance with By-Law #8, the call for nominations to fill the positions coming open on Council in 2016 went out in the fall of 2015.

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); 3 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:

Christine Vaillancourt, Vice President
Renee-Luce Simard, North Eastern Regional Councillor
John McBride, North Western Regional Councillor
Francoise Campbell, Central Ontario Regional Councillor
Tafa Gomwe, Shelly Cuddy and Bronwyn Azar, Councillors at Large - Elected

The President congratulated those elected and 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 2016-2017 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 thanked Council and staff and the Past President for their help and support. He highlighted the following from the past year:

- Despite the difficult past year in the mining and resource areas, the association remained in good financial condition.
- Professionalism of members – there had been relatively few complaints and there was solid professional development
- Registration Regulations very close to finalization
- Mentoring Program run by Marilen Miguel was a great success with positive feedback
- At a recent Geoscience Canada meeting, they rolled out a QP Workshop intended for 3rd or 4th year students, GIT and Practitioners
- Professional Practice and Ethics are very important particularly with mentoring. There is a portal on the website where a complaint can be made anonymously.
- More members came forward to volunteer as a result of the Outreach program at Regional Meetings.

All positions were filled on next year's Council. The association also benefits from volunteers who join its Committees. APGO is still working hard to achieve full mobility. Last year APGO re-signed its agreement with B.C. and remains in discussion for other bi-lateral agreements.

The President extended special thanks and acknowledgement to Gord White and Marilen Miguel; to Ian Macdonald and Andrea Waldie who continue to manage the Registration Regulation changes process; and to his wife, Kathy.

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 made available on APGO's web site.

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 Councillors, staff and members. He reviewed APGO's Vision and Mission Statements and outlined its strategic goals:

- to achieve a stronger leadership role – through Regional Meetings, continuing information sessions at 11 Ontario Universities, social media, mentoring opportunities etc.
- to foster stronger relationships and partnerships – with other Provincial regulators; with key stakeholder groups; networking between members and stakeholders; APGO joined the MNDM Minister's Mining and Advisory Committee; etc.
- to proactively influence regulations – Ian Macdonald and Andrea Waldie's continuing work on Registration Regulations; etc.
- To strengthen APGO as a governing body – through annual governance training with Council members; development of a governance policy manual; annual council performance reviews; etc.

Overall, APGO is a healthy and stable organization and continued to reach out and communicate with members and develop good relationships with allied organizations.

16. Registrar's Report

Aftab Khan presented highlights of the past year:

- Steady increase in APGO membership
- Proactive approach towards Enforcement & Compliance
- E&C a significant source of new membership

- Increasing ownership among geosciences community
- Increased social media membership

Registration totaled 2448 in 2016 vs. 2389 in 2015. A graph showed membership growth since 2005. Another showed members moving out of practice, which is steadily increasing.

He then showed status of E& C files, which now total 558 active (i.e. practicing but not yet registered all of whom are being actively pursued). He asked that any member who knows of an unregistered practitioner report this on the web site.

17. APGO Award of Merit Recipients

David Hunt announced that the inaugural APGO Awards of Merit would be awarded to three recipients. He explained that the Award of Merit recognizes geoscientists who have been members of APGO for at least ten years and who have (a) made a significant contribution to the geosciences knowledge base, (b) made a significant contribution to the fields of mineral exploration and development, environmental geoscience or geophysics and (c) contributed significantly to public service and protection of the public, and whose actions and accomplishments reflect positively on the geoscience profession.

Individuals were nominated by their peers. Nominees were then judged by a 3-member review panel which consisted of Kristin Hanson, Tony Lotimer and David Hunt, who chose the recipients. Mr. Hunt thanked the panel and all members of the geoscience community who made nominations.

The 2015 recipients were Terry Carter P.Geo., Nick Eyles P.Geo. and Mohan Srivastava P.Geo.

18. APGO Education Fund

Bill Pearson announced the formation of the Education Fund during the past year and that the first awards would now be made. The mission of the Fund is to provide financial and other support to further greater understanding of geoscience by the public and to support individuals who study and support the practice of geoscience. He thanked all donors for their generosity in supporting the EF.

The EF awards scholarships to students who are on track to take their 4th year and the first recipients were:

- Matthew DeGasperi – 3rd yr. B.Sc. Geology student at Western
- Erin Gibbons – 3rd yr. B.Sc. student in the McMaster Co-op program in Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Elaine Lu – 3rd yr. B.Sc. student in Earth Science and Geology at University of Toronto

The Bursary Program supports immigrants who are internationally trained in geoscience. The first \$5,000 award was made to Dr. Aida Biati, Ph.D Environmental Sciences from the Islam Azad University in Iran. They are planning a second award in the Fall of 2016.

Mr. Pearson stated he was very optimistic about the future of APGO and believes the more that students are supported the better for all.

19. Issues

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

A member asked if APGO was involved in international reporting standards for mineral resources and mineral reserves. Deborah McCombe, P.Geo responded that she is one of two Canadian representatives on the Committee for Mineral Reserves International Reporting Standards (CRIRSCO). To be a member of this group, a country must develop a Code for the public reporting of Exploration Results, Mineral Resources and Mineral Reserves and qualified persons who are members of a professional association. In Canada, we have the CIM Definition Standards which are incorporated in NI43-101 and each province and territory has professional associations of geoscientists or engineers such as APGO. Therefore Canada (APGO) is involved in CRIRSCO and its international efforts to harmonize public reporting of exploration results, mineral resources and mineral reserves

Referring to the Financial Statements, a member requested clarification of the \$22,500 donation to the Education Fund. The President reiterated that no cash changed hands – the donation was the value of administrative support only (i.e. accounting and bookkeeping services).

A G.I.T. member, Jamal, who works in Mineral Exploration has formed a group of persons with this common interest and invited anyone else in the room who was interested in joining to contact him during the Reception.

20. 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.

21. 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, A. Tony Lotimer, P.Geo. Upon passing the gavel, Mr. Priddle completed his term and handed the meeting over to the new President for 2016-2017. He called Mr. Lotimer forward to act as Chair.

Mr. Lotimer thanked the outgoing President for his past service and that it had been a pleasure to work with such a good leader. He then presented a token of appreciation to the Past President. He said it was an honour and a privilege to serve for the coming year and that his goal was to see that good things continue to happen.

21. Acknowledgement of AGM Sponsors

The President acknowledged TD Insurance Meloche Monnex for sponsoring the evening Reception.

20. Close of Business meeting

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

Motion #6: Rob Gordon, P.Eng., moved that the 14th Annual General Meeting of the APGO be adjourned. Seconded by Milan Situm, P.Geo. Motion carried unanimously.

The President declared the meeting adjourned at 4.50 pm.



A.R. (Tony) Lotimer, P.Geo.
President