



**Minutes of the 20th Annual General Meeting of
Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO)
June 23, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m.
Via Zoom Video Conferencing**

1. INTRODUCTIONS & OPENING EXERCISES

- President of Professional Geoscientists Ontario, Paul Hubley, acting as Chair of the meeting, welcomed everyone to the 20th AGM.
- He welcomed PGO registrants, Geoscientists-in-Training, Students, other members of the Geoscience Community and Guests.
- The Chair acknowledged the members of the PGO Executive Committee, Council Members, Chairs and members of our Committees and Subcommittees, Past Presidents and Staff for their time and commitment without which the organization could not exist, as well as the small subset of these individuals who were actively participating in the meeting on this day.
- These individuals included:
 - Melanie Siewert- Our Vice President and incoming President
 - Scott McLean - Our Immediate Past President
 - Mary-Anne Hildebrandt, Chair of our Diversity and Inclusion Committee
 - Pizye Nankamba, Regional Councillor for the North West Region
 - Milan Situm, Past President, Acting Chair of PGO Award of Merit Panel
 - Paul Connor, our Secretary and Chair of the Governance Committee
 - Marco Simone, our Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee
 - Eilidh Lewis, our Deputy Registrar
 - Tony Andrews, our CEO
- In the spirit of peace, friendship and respect, the Chair proceeded with PGO's Annual General Meeting, after acknowledging our location on the traditional territory of the Mississauga's of the New Credit First Nation and the traditional territories of the many indigenous groups on which professional geoscientists work and live.
- A special welcome was given to the Geoscientists-in-Training & student members who were participating in the meeting and were encouraged to be active participants in PGO as Committee members and Members of PGO's Council.
- A brief moment of silence was observed to honor Douglas Huber, who passed away in November 2021.

2. BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

a) Call to Order

- The Chair stated that according to By-law No.1A there must be an Annual General Meeting within 6 months of the end of the financial year. The notice of the Annual General Meeting is required to be given by the CEO to each Registrant of the PGO by sending the notice by mail, electronically, or through the PGO's newsletter at least 10 days before the meeting.
- Tony Andrews, CEO confirmed that the notice was sent to all Registrants on March 31st, 2022, by electronic means and through our Newsletters, followed by subsequent reminders. He also informed that he would file a signed document with the Secretary of PGO noting this.
- The Chair reviewed the procedures and eligibility for voting on motions for this virtual AGM, which would require a vote for this virtual AGM.
- Sherin Chopra was appointed as the meeting Secretary, and Pizye Nankamba, Council Member and a P.Geo. in good standing was appointed as the Scrutineer for the meeting.

3. SAFETY AND DIVERSITY MOMENT

a) Safety Moment by Milan Situm, Past President.

We must be aware of the increase in traffic and potential motor cycle collisions. Beware of motorcyclists and speed.

b) Diversity Moment by Mary-Anne Hildebrandt, Chair of the Diversity & Inclusion ad hoc Committee

Acknowledgement was provided of the National Indigenous Day and the importance of empowerment through education and continued professional development. In addition, it was noted that:

- PGO will be hosting a learning event on September 15 which focuses on growing our understanding of Truth and Reconciliation.
- PGO also partnered with Education Reconciliation to offer the 4 Seasons of Reconciliation, an Indigenous awareness online course "to its registrants, students and members of the public at a discounted rate.

4. ATTENDANCE/QUORUM – by Pizye Nankamba

- It was reported that a total 111 AGM participants were in attendance, 99 of whom were registered P.Geo.'s (Full Practicing, Limited, Temporary or Non-practicing P.Geo.'s), and therefore eligible to vote. Quorum was declared.
- 3 Proxy forms were submitted from Registrants in good standing, assigning Melanie Siewert with the right to vote on their behalf.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. The Chair called for a motion to adopt the 20th AGM agenda as presented.

Motion # 1 – Melanie Siewert moved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

Seconded by Scott McLean.

No discussions or questions.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom poll platform and carried with no objections.

6. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARATION

The President requested that anyone who had a perceived conflict of interest in taking part in the agenda, to please declare this and take the initiative to kindly exit the virtual meeting.

No conflict of interest was declared.

This item of business was declared closed.

7. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST AGM

The Chair called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 19th AGM of June 24, 2021. He informed that said minutes had been made available on June 20th 2022.

Motion # 2: Milan Situm moved that the Minutes of the 19th Annual General Meeting of June 24, 2021 be adopted as presented. Seconded by Mary-Anne Hildebrandt.

No discussions or questions.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom poll platform and carried with no objections.

8. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair declared that any business arising from the minutes, to which anyone wishes to bring before the meeting, would be deferred to later on, under General Business.

9. ANNUAL REPORT

- The Chair introduced the Annual report which provides a summary of the activities of PGO over the past 12 months. This was submitted to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines and was made available on the PGO Website at www.pgo.ca on the 21st of June 2022. Registrants, GITs and student members were notified accordingly, so that they could review the report prior to this meeting.

- The Chair then called upon Marco Simone, the Treasurer of PGO and Chair of the Finance Committee to give a brief overview of the audited, year-end financial statements for 2021. The audited financial statements, along with the Independent Auditor's Report were made available on the PGO website, as part of the Annual Report, on June 21, 2022. The 2021 financial statements were audited by Bateman MacKay LLP and were approved by Council.
- The Chair then called for a motion to accept the 2021 audited financial statements and auditor's report.

Motion #3: Milan Situm moved to approve the 2021 Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's report. Seconded by Edward McGurk.

No discussions or questions.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom poll platform and carried with no objections.

The Chair called upon Marco Simone to report on the recommendation of Council for the appointment of the auditor for this year. Marco Simone recommended the appointment of Bateman MacKay LLP as the auditor for the organization for the year end of December 31st, 2022.

Motion #4: Scott Mclean moved to appoint Bateman & Mackay LLP as PGO's auditors for 2022, at such remuneration as may be set by Council. Seconded by Melanie Siewert.

No discussions or questions.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom poll platform and carried with no objections.

10. AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The Chair called upon Paul Connor, Chair of the Governance Committee, to present proposed amendments to the By-Laws, which were approved by Council and sent to Registrants on June 12, 2022. Paul Connor summarized the proposed amendments from the documents sent to Registrants and then opened the floor to questions from participants.

Paul Connor summarized the proposed amendments to By-Laws 2,3, 9 and 10, and the addendum to the amendments for By-Laws 3. He then presented the wording of the motion to approve these amendments as follows:

Motion 5 - A: Leon Burger moved to accept proposed changes to By-Law 1A to remove *CCCESD councillor requirement in favour of a regular public appointee to Council that may be an academic or other person not a P. Geo. Seconded by Ryan Weston.

Discussion: PGO will continue to maintain strong connections with the academia by ensuring that PGO has a representative at CCCESD meetings and through PGO's outreach.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom platform and carried without

objections.

Motion 5 – B: Mary-Anne Hildebrandt moved to accept the proposed changes to By-Law 1A by repealing article VIII.1 dealing with Committees and repealing By-Laws No. 6, 9 and 10, dealing with the Registration, Complaints and Discipline Committees and replacing them with the following new By-Law No. 7 applicable to all committees. Seconded by Edward McGurk.

No discussion.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom platform and carried without objections.

Motion 5 – C: Zen Keizars moved to accept the proposed changes to By-Law 1A dealing with the removal of Councillors. Seconded by Melanie Siewert.

Discussion: A concern was expressed that Council may have too much power to remove a Councillor elected by registrants. Paul Connor clarified that this is not a stand-alone power by Council and that PGO is ultimately accountable to the Ministry of Mines.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom platform and carried without objections.

Motion 5 – D: Leon Burger moved to accept the proposed changes to By-Law 1A dealing with votes to govern. Seconded by Ryan Weston.

Discussion: This amendment was meant to address situation where should there be equality of votes, the Chair can make the casting vote.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom platform and carried without objections.

Motion 5 – E: Kristina Small moved to accept the proposed changes to By-law 1A dealing with quorum that includes quorum for Appeals Process for Decisions by the Registration Committee. Seconded by Zen Keizars.

Discussion: This amendment was made to provide flexibility on the number of people that can sit on a panel responsible for decisions in appeals process.

The motion was brought to a vote via Zoom platform and carried without objections.

11. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- The Chair provided a summary of highlights for the 12 months preceding this AGM and directed participants to further details summarized in the 2021 Annual Report which will be available on the PGO website.

12. GENERAL BUSINESS

This session comprised a general question and answer period between the participants and the PGO Executive on aspects of the operations and issues being dealt with by PGO. Participants posed questions and comments regarding:

- The position and the definition of QPs.
- Qualifications to be a QP
- Interpretation about work experience requirements to qualify as QP.

Participants were informed that if matters arise during the year, they are encouraged to contact PGO Staff or Volunteers on Council or Committees whose names they can find on the PGO website.

President Paul Hubley thanked PGO for the opportunity to contribute, which was reciprocated with thanks for his presence and work with PGO over the years.

The Chair then recognized and welcomed Yuri Kinakin, FGC the new President of Geoscientists Canada, and invited him to provide a brief update on Geoscientists Canada's activities.

13. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

The Chair recognized those who had served on PGO Council and whose terms had come to an end as of this AGM; namely:

- **Mark Goldie**
Central Regional Councillor
2019 - 2022
- **John Ryder**
Councillor-at-Large
2019 – 2022
- **Pizye Nankamba**
North West Regional Councillor
2019 – 2022
- **Robert Hearst**
Councillor-at-Large
2019 – 2022
- **Leon Burger**
Appointed Councillor-at-Large (mid-term vacancy position)

- **Siri Genik**
Non-registrant Public Appointee
(mid-term vacancy)
2021 – 2022
- **David Good, P.Geo.**
Councillor Representing Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments
2017 – 2021

The chair also recognized those who have served on Council but due to various circumstances have had to resign their position:

Patricia Lorenz
Non-Registrant Public Appointee
2020-2022

The chair extended thanks to Patricia Lorenz for the generous commitment of her time and expertise on Council

14. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PAST PRESIDENT

A special recognition and appreciation were given to the outgoing Past President: Scott Mclean, P.Geo., FGC. Over the years, he had served as:

- Past President, 2021– 2022
- President, 2020 – 2021
- Vice President, 2018 – 2019
- Past President – 2006 - 2007
- President – 2005 – 2006
- Vice President – 2004 – 2005
- North East Regional Councillor, 2003 – 2004
- Transition Councillor, 2000 – 2003

15. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS & APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL

Councillor at Large (3 positions)

1. Alicia Kimberley, P.Geo.
2. Sheila Ellen Daniel, P.Geo.
3. Michaela Kuuskman, P.Geo.

North East Regional Councillor

Laura Katz

North West Regional Councillor

Ryan Weston

16. INDUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Paul Hubley introduced Melanie Siewert, P.Geo. (Limited) as the new President of the PGO Council. The newly-inducted President gave her acceptance speech.

17. OTHER BUSINESS TO THE BENEFIT OF PGO

None to report.

18. CALL OF ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment to the official business part of the meeting was called by Melanie Siewert

Motion # 6: Melanie Siewert moved that this Annual General Meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned.

19. CLOSING REMARKS

Melanie Siewert thanked all participants and invited them to remain a little longer for the recognition of this year's PGO Award of Merit Recipient to be presented by Milan Situm and the recipients of this year's Fellow of Geoscientists Canada (FGC) Designation to be presented by Scott McLean

20. AWARDS PRESENTATION

Milan Situm announced the award winners as follows:

- The PGO Merit Award: Dr. Carolyn Eyles, P.Geo.
- The Fellowship of Geoscientists Canada:
 - Ruth Debicki, P.Geo., FGC
 - William John McGuinty, P.Geo., FGC
 - Mary-Anne Frances Hildebrandt, P.Geo., FGC
 - Aftab Ahmed Khan, P.Geo., FGC
 - Nataliya Tkach, P.Geo., P.Eng., FGC
 - James R. Evans, P.Geo., FGC
 - Paul Connor, MBA, FGC (Hon.)

21. ENDING

Melanie Siewert, the new President of PGO, provided a closing statement and thanks to participants.

SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS

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