



**Minutes of the  
FOURTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
Held on June 1, 2006  
At the Regency C, Mezzanine Level  
Holiday Inn on King, Toronto, Ontario**

**1. Call to Order**

APGO's President, Scott McLean, P.Geo., called the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario (APGO) to order at 1:10 p.m. and noted that David King had been appointed recording secretary for the meeting.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

President McLean called for verification that the Notice of Meeting had been mailed in accordance with By-Law No. 1. Executive Director Norm Williams, P.Eng., declared the notices had been sent to all members of record on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2006, not less than 10 days before the meeting.

**3. Attendance Report**

Councillor Wayne Caston, P.Geo. (appointed scrutineer) reported that there were 30 members of the Association present at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Steve Wilson, P. Geo., seconded by Councillor George Wahl, P.Geo., that the Agenda of the AGM of June 1, 2006 be accepted. The motion carried.

**4. Welcome, Introduction and Acknowledgements**

The President introduced himself and welcomed all attendees, including three graduate students in attendance. He then acknowledged special guests: Dr. Walter Bilanski, P.Eng., PEO's president-elect, Michael Bourassa of Fasken Martineau, DuMoulin, LLP., APGO's legal counsel, Bill Buck, OLS, registrar, Ontario Land Surveyors, Mark Cameron, CA, Clarkson Rouble LLP, APGO's auditors, Ontario Association of Agrologists' registrar and deputy registrar Carole Tyler, P. Ag., and Jonathan Chambers, P. Ag., Tony Jennings, RPF, Executive Director and Registrar, Ontario Professional Forester's Association, APGO's Past Presidents Bill Stiebel, P.Geo., and Dr. Bill Pearson, P.Geo., and APGO's former executive director/registrar and current CCPG chief executive officer Oliver Bonham, P. Geo. President McLean expressed appreciation to the former executive director/registrar for his contribution during the past year, and invited him to extend greetings on behalf of CCPG.

**5. In Memoriam**

On behalf of APGO, the President extended his deepest sympathy to the family of the late Bernie Schnieders and heartfelt thanks for his contributions over the years. He acknowledged the Canadian soldiers who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in Afghanistan and asked the assembly to stand for a moment of silence in recognition of their service on the country's behalf.

**6. Adoption of Minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting**

Minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting were circulated to all members ahead of the meeting, and the President asked if there were any errors or omissions.

Hearing none, it was moved by Councillor Steve Usher, P.Geo., and seconded by Councillor Neil Westoll, P.Geo., that the minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting be adopted. The motion carried.

**7. Matter(s) Arising From the Minutes**

With no matter(s) brought forward, the President moved to the next item.

**8. Presentation of the 2005 Audited Financial Statements**

Copies of the Audited Financial Statements and Auditor's Report were distributed to members as part of the 2005 Annual Report. Councillor Westoll, as treasurer, presented the statements, and advised of APGO's sound fiscal position. Treasurer Westoll pointed out "Item 8" in the notes to the financial statements. This note outlines the Association's "Contingency Fund." One of the members observed that the contingency fund amount needs to be clearly identified. He treasurer thanked the member for his observation and promised that the request would be addressed for posterity.

With no further questions, the president continued to the next business item.

**9. Approval of Auditors' Report / Audited 2005 Financial Statements**

At the president's request, it was moved by Councillor/Treasurer Westoll, and seconded by Councillor Wahl, that the 2005 Auditor's Report/Audited Financial Statements be approved. The motion carried.

**10. Appointment of Auditors for 2006**

Treasurer Westoll addressed the appointment of the 2006 Auditors, noting Council's recommendation to continue to retain Clarkson Rouble, LLP, as auditors for 2007.

President McLean called for a motion, and it was moved by Treasurer Westoll, and seconded by Councillor Caston, that the accounting firm, Clarkson Rouble LLP be retained as APGO's auditors for the year 2007. The motion carried.

**11. Announcement of 2006 Election Results**

The president noted that the 2005-2006 Nomination Committee was chaired by Past President John Buckle, P. Geo. He advised that in accordance with By-Law 8, the *Call for Nominations* went out in fall 2005 for election for councillors to fill three vacancies on the 2005 Council in 2006, and also for nominations for vice president. The attendees were told that nominations were received for two individuals for Regional Councillor for Southwestern Ontario, five individuals for two councillor-at-large positions, and one individual for Vice President. Steve Usher, P.Geo., was acclaimed Vice-President. An election was held for the remaining three positions. Ian Macdonald, P.Geo., was elected Regional Councillor for Southwestern Ontario. Christine Vaillancourt, P.Geo., and Andrew Cheattle, P.Geo. were elected to the two councillor-at-large positions.

**12. Announcement of New Appointments to the Council for 2006-07**

President McLean stated that in accordance with By-Law 7, Council had appointed one non-member councillor (Karen Ford, MBA) upon the recommendation of the Non-members Committee. The attendees learned that Council is awaiting appointment by the Ontario government of three Lieutenant Governor-in-Council appointees which will include two APGO members and one non-member. And that in accordance with By-Law 8, Council had appointed a representative (Dr. Keith Benn, P. Geo.) from the Council of University Departments of Geoscience in Ontario (CUDGO).

The president identified the new councillors by their names and welcomed them to the Council.

### **13. Outgoing President's Report**

The President reiterated that APGO is fiscally sound, with proper regulatory processes in place as well as policies and procedures. There was reasonable growth reported at the end of 2005 with 1235 members, including 1155 full practising members. He noted a growth of almost 100 members in a year, adding that mobility was a key focus for enhancement and change over the last year. He added that recent CCPG meetings have been extremely progressive, with goals for a nationally standardized registration application form to be administered by each jurisdiction. On this issue, President McLean concluded that knowledge requirements show minor differences in each jurisdiction, challenging mobility.

President McLean reported that AGPO has made great steps with workshops and outreach at universities this past year. A sub-committee around CUDCO led by Councillor Bob Hodder, P.Geo., assisted with mentorship and the development of a strong working relationship with CUDGO. APGO supported five workshops and has been invited to provide outreach at Kuwait University at no cost to APGO.

The President reminded the members that June 10<sup>th</sup> was the deadline for submission of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) declaration forms to be eligible to carry credits forward to 2006. The President acknowledged Wendy Diaz, P.Geo., and the committee that created an impressive 10 issues of the *Field Notes* newsletter over the year. He asked that members submit at least one news article per year.

The President welcomed Executive Director and Registrar Norm Williams, P.Eng., and mentioned that Dr. Williams brings a wealth of experience to the position, and thanked APGO and its members for their co-operation his presidential tenure. He welcomed Maureen Jensen, P.Geo., as incoming President, and assured members a dynamic council was in place to serve them.

The President asked the assembly if there were any questions on the committees' reports presented in the Annual Report. With no questions, he thanked those who assisted with the Annual Report and asked for its approval.

It was moved by Councillor Kristin Hanson, P.Geo., and seconded by Councillor Wahl, that the 2005-2006 Annual Report be approved. The motion carried.

Councillor Caston offered a correction that the submission deadline for CPD declaration forms was in fact June 30<sup>th</sup>, and not June 10<sup>th</sup> as previously mentioned.

With no further business to bring before the Annual General Meeting, President McLean called for a motion to adjourn the business portion of the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Westoll, that the Fourth Annual General Meeting of the APGO be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

### **14. Presentation of Appreciation to Outgoing Members of the Council**

After a coffee break, President Scott McLean reconvened the assembly at 2:30 p.m. welcomed everyone back and congratulated member L. Tim Lotimer, P.Geo., for his AWWA/OWWA George Warren Fuller Award, and advised that it is the first time the award was granted to a geoscientist.

President McLean recognized and highlighted the achievements and contributions of the outgoing councillors Ken Peterson, CMC, Westoll, Caston and Hodder, who were present, thanked them on behalf of the Council with the presentation to each of a plaque. Each outgoing councillor thanked the APGO Council and members. Finally, the president recognized and thanked outgoing councillors Chris Davis, Lisa Holzman and June Hannah, who were unable to be present. Maureen Jensen thanked the Council and the members on behalf of outgoing Councillor Hannah.

**15. Presentation of Appreciation to Past Presidents John Buckle, P.Geo., and William (Bill) H. Stiebel, P. Geo.**

President Scott McLean recognized and thanked Past Presidents Buckle (who was unable to be present) and Stiebel for their outstanding contributions to APGO. Accepting his plaque, Past President Stiebel thanked Council and the members.

**16. Installation of 2006-07 President and Council**

The outgoing president McLean passed the gavel to the new president, Maureen Jensen, P.Geo. Ms. Jensen introduced herself, and thanked the outgoing president for his contributions. She mentioned the importance of APGO in the national arena and introduced all members for the new Council. President Jensen then outlined her areas of focus for 2006-07: outreach and awareness, regulatory responsibilities, a move towards a national syllabus, and member-related concerns such as insurance.

**17. Presentation**

Norm Williams, P.Eng., APGO's Executive Director and Registrar spoke to the assembly on "Self-Regulation: Its Operation in the Public Policy Realm." Dr. Williams pointed out the uniqueness of the concept of *self-regulation* to Canada and emphasized that it is a privilege and not a right, requiring self-regulatory bodies to govern their members and their practice in the public interest. His presentation covered the make up of governing councils, consisting of elected and appointed councillors, charged with the overall responsibility.

**18. Keynote Address**

President Jensen introduced Christine Kaszycki, an Assistant Deputy Minister with the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, who is trained in geoscience. In her keynote address Dr. Kaszycki traced the development and history of APGO and pointed out the importance of geoscience and geoscientists in the government strategy in developing the far north.

**19. Closing Remarks**

President Jensen concluded the formal proceedings with closing remarks, and invited attendees to attend a reception.

Norm Williams, Ph.D., P.Eng  
Executive Director and Registrar

September 30, 2006