

**Minutes of the  
SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
of the**



**Held on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
at The National Club, 303 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario**

**1. Call to Order**

The President called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and noted that Avril Hylands had been 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 Executive Director declared the notices had been sent to all members of record on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2008. 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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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 45 members of the Association present at the meeting, plus proxies, for a total of 118. A quorum was declared.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Motion #1: Milan Situm moved that the Agenda be accepted. Seconded by Chris Kimmerly. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. Welcome and Introductions**

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting. He introduced the following distinguished guests and identified those who would be speaking:

The Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development & Mines, Ontario – Keynote Speaker.

Tony Jennings, Executive Director & Registrar, Ontario Professional Foresters Association

Wilson West, Policy Advisor, Office of the Fairness Commissioner

Tim Douglas, Global Experience Ontario, Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration, Ontario

David Thomson, Executive Director, Ontario Association Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists

Bill Pearson, P.Geo., Pearson Geological Ltd.

Hamid Mumin, P.Eng., P.Geo., Past President, Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists – speaker

J. David Adams, P.Eng., President, Professional Engineers of Ontario – speaker

Bernie Ennis, P.Eng., Professional Engineers of Ontario.

Kent Campbell, President, Association of Ontario Land Surveyors – speaker

John McCance, President, Southern Ontario Prospectors Association – speaker

Earl Morwood, Executive Director, Ontario Ground Water Association – speaker

Speakers then made brief remarks reviewing their own organization's current focus and priorities, as well as those areas of common interest. They acknowledged the work of APGO and encouraged APGO to continue in a leadership role.

The Hon. Michael Gravelle, Minister of Northern Development & Mines joined the meeting at a later time and made his remarks following the business section of the meeting.

The President then introduced all Geoscientists-in-Training and Student members present and acknowledged their role as the future of the organization. They were encouraged to introduce themselves to as many members as possible.

### **3. In Memoriam**

The President identified the passing of members last year and extended condolences to their families:

Paul R. Brown, P.Geo. (member since 2002)

Paul M. Gertzbein, P.Geo. (member since May 2007)

John A. Goodwin, P.Geo. (member since 2002)

The President also acknowledged the Canadian Forces personnel working in various parts of the world.

A moment of silence was observed.

#### **4. Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting had been made available on the website. The President called for any errors or omissions. None were forthcoming. The President then called for a motion that the Minutes be adopted as presented.

**Motion #2: Debbie McCombe moved that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be adopted. Bill Pearson seconded. Carried unanimously.**

#### **5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

A member asked if Council is currently considering an adjustment in the fee schedule in light of the growing membership. The President responded that the question is considered each year. There is no move to change the fee schedule at this time. Membership is now at 1,507.

#### **6. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements.**

Kristin Hanson presented the 2007 audited financial statements and auditors report, which had been approved by Council and made available to all members as part of the Annual Report. She introduced Mr. David White of Duffy & Associates, LLP, the APGO auditors. Councilor Hanson reviewed the overall financial statements as being in line with budget and similar to the previous year. A significant contribution was made to the contingency fund this year and Council passed a motion in 2008 to commit to this being fully funded by the end of 2009. The amount will be the equivalent of approximately 50% of total operating costs for one year, to be determined annually. APGO has been informed that the Association will be audited under the Fair Access to the Regulated Professions Act (FARP). Council has therefore set aside \$50,000 to cover the audit, legal fees in connection with a mutual recognition agreement with Quebec and minor overruns associated with the new web site.

The President then called for a motion to receive the 2007 Audited Financial Statements.

**Motion #3: Greg Finn moved that the year end 2007 Audited Financial Statements be received. Maureen Jensen seconded. Carried unanimously.**

#### **7. Appointment of Auditor**

Councilor Hanson, Treasurer of APGO and Chair of the Audit & Compensation Committee reported that Council recommended the appointment of Duffy & Associates LLP as Auditors for the coming year at such remuneration as may be fixed from time to time by Council.

**Motion #4: Stephen Wilson moved that Duffy & Associates LLP be appointed auditors of APGO for the ensuing year and that Council be authorized to fix the remuneration of the auditors. Seconded by Richard Schmidt. Carried unanimously.**

## **8. Recognition of Outgoing Councilors**

The President recognized outgoing Councilors Chris Roney, P.Eng., who had been in attendance earlier in the day and who had been presented with a plaque; and Kevin Kivi, P.Geo., who was not in attendance. They were both thanked in their absence for their significant contribution to APGO.

## **9. Recognition of Outgoing Past President**

The President introduced Past President Maureen Jensen and acknowledged her great contribution to the organization. She was presented with a commemorative plaque and thanked Council and members for their support and assistance over the years. She encouraged all members to become involved in APGO. She praised APGO's Council members and Executive Director for their leadership.

## **10. Announcement of 2008 Election Results**

The President advised that in accordance with By-law #8, the call for nominations to fill four positions went out in the fall of 2007. Five nominations were received:

Stephen Wilson for Vice President  
Kristin Hanson for Councilor-at-Large  
Mark Priddle for Southeast Ontario Regional Councilor  
Abraham Drost for Northwest Ontario Regional Councilor  
Rohan Miller for Northwest Ontario Regional Councilor

The appointment by acclamation was announced for Stephen Wilson, Kristin Hanson, and Mark Priddle.

The appointment by election was announced for Abraham Drost.

All were asked to stand and be recognized.

## **11. Announcement of new Appointments to Council**

In addition to the election, two other Council appointment positions were available and the President announced that Council appointed, under recommendation from the Non-member Committee, two Non-Member (Public) Appointees in accordance with By-law #8(23), as follows:

Donald Johnston, Public Non-Member  
Karen Ford, Public Non-Member by Reappointment

The President introduced the Public Non-Member Councilors and acknowledged their strong contribution by bringing many different skills and viewpoints to the organization. Their time and commitment to APGO is greatly appreciated.

## **12. President's Report**

The President mentioned the growth of the organization over its short history and gave a brief report on the six issues he had focused on over the past year.

Environmental Geoscience Committee: Under the leadership of Mary Jane Conboy, this Committee now has new members and is reviewing and commenting on various issues concerning environmental geoscience.

Website: Andrea Waldie will comment on this in the Executive Director's report.

Continuing Professional Development: Well over 80% responded and filed. Emphasized that filing a CPD declaration is a membership requirement.

Mentoring: Under the leadership of Nell van Walsum and Andrew Cheadle, student outreach is a priority. Contacts have been established in most universities and the remainder will be visited this fall. The program is aimed at both students and faculty, with particular emphasis on registration of faculty members and immediately bringing in students as G.I.T.'s upon graduation.

Mobility: Ontario has been a leader in this area. APGO continues to work with geoscience regulators in other jurisdictions on the Inter-Association Mobility Agreement. Canadian Geoscience Standards Board Knowledge Requirements were approved at the CCPG Annual Meeting, which now provides uniform entry level knowledge requirements across Canada.

Strategic Plan: The new Strategic Plan was developed in April 2008 and three clear areas of focus were apparent: Governance, Enforcement & Compliance and Communications. The Mission and Vision statements were reviewed and revised to guide the Associations current and future goals.

The President thanked everyone for a year of significant accomplishments; the membership, the Executive Committee, Council, the Past President, Maureen Jensen and Greg Finn, the incoming President, along with the Executive Director and APGO staff.

## **13. Executive Director/Registrar Report**

The President stated that Section 34 of the Act directs that each year the Association provide a report to the Minister on the activities of APGO. This report was prepared by the

Association and presented to the Minister. The colour original is posted on the APGO website and members were encouraged to visit the site and review the document.

The APGO Annual Report contains reports from all of the officers and committees of APGO. As many of the officers and committee chairs and members were present, the President called on APGO members to ask any questions they might have concerning those reports. He thanked Andrea Waldie and APGO staff for their work in this area.

The President then introduced the ED/R to present her report.

Andrea Waldie welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

At the end of May 2008, there were 1,389 full practising members; 12 temporary; 10 limited; 12 non-practising; 60 G.I.T.; 24 students; for a total of 1,507. The organization continues to gain international recognition and respect. She commented that we all have a responsibility to ensure that all geoscientists working in Ontario become registered.

Highlights of 2008 include work with the Fairness Commissioner under the Fair Access to the Regulated Professions Act; ongoing revisions to Ontario Regulation 903 and Brownfields Regulation 153/04 through APGO Committees with particular thanks to Mary Jane Conboy and Ed Rodrigues; continuing work with the Professional Access and Integration Enhancement Program for the internationally trained and managed by the Toronto Region Conservation Authority; and the continuing work towards mobility.

The ED/R thanked all APGO volunteers – Councilors, Committee members and all volunteers who contributed to the work of APGO in 2007.

The ED/R then introduced and reviewed the new web site, which has been designed with enhanced features, more functionality for members and to present a more professional image of APGO.

#### **14. Issues Forum**

The President stated that this was now the time for members to voice any requests or issues they might have for Council or the Executive to consider in the coming year.

Maury Mortizavi asked that a special request be made of the incoming President and Council concerning the strains on Canada's resources and the complex problems of sustainability and how the organization can make a guideline of sustainability part of a geoscientist's practice. The Professional Engineers have developed some guidelines. He believed that it was time to become pro-active and somehow integrate this into APGO's Code of Ethics.

The President agreed to bring this matter before Council.

Irmie Pawlowski stated she had been involved with mentorships and internships outside Canada and would like this explored.

The President agreed to bring this before Council.

The President urged members with issues or questions to contact Council or Executive at any time.

## **15. Other Business**

There was none.

## **16. Induction of New President**

The President advised that APGO's tradition in inducting the new President is to "Pass the Rock Pick". President Usher then concluded his term of office and introduced his successor, Dr. Greg Finn, Ph.D., P.Geo., and formally passed on the "hammer".

Dr. Finn then became the Chair of the meeting.

President Finn thanked the outgoing President for his service and acknowledged that Steve Usher was one of the original councilors and that he has served continuously for the past eight years. Mr. Usher was presented with a gift of appreciation.

Although it is traditional for the new President to speak at this time, Dr. Finn stated that he would put his thoughts into the next edition of Field Notes which would come out shortly.

## **17. Close of Business Meeting**

The President called for a motion to close the meeting.

**Motion #5: Kristin Hanson moved that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the APGO be adjourned. Carried unanimously.**

## **LIST OF MOTIONS**

- Motion #1:** Moved by Milan Situm and seconded by Chris Kimmerly that the Agenda be accepted. Carried unanimously.
- Motion #2:** Moved by Debbie McCombe and seconded by Bill Pearson that the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 be adopted. Carried unanimously.
- Motion #3:** Moved by Greg Finn and seconded by Maureen Jensen that the year end 2007 Audited Financial Statements be received. Carried unanimously.
- Motion #4:** Moved by Stephen Wilson and seconded by Richard Schmidt that Duffy & Associates LLP be appointed auditors of APGO for the ensuing year and that Council be authorized to fix the remuneration of the auditors. Carried unanimously.
- Motion #5:** Moved by Kristin Hanson that the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of APGO be adjourned.