



Minutes of the 114th Meeting of Council of the
Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario
Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 333 Bay Street, 24^h Floor, Toronto

Present:

Tony Lotimer, President
Mark Priddle, Past President
Zen Keizars
David Leng
Visha Sukdeo
Don Johnston
Bob Linnen
John McBride
Bronwyn Azar
Francoise Campbell
Renee-Luce Simard

Regrets:

Shelly Cuddy, Treasurer
Christine Vaillancourt, Vice President
Doug Cater
Brad Leonard
Tafa Gomwe

By Invitation:

Andrew Boddington & Jonathan Rose, Policy Concepts
Gord White, CEO
Aftab Khan, Registrar
Avril Hylands, Recording secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The President, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

2. CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There was none.

3. WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS & PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the first Council meeting of the new Council year.

4. MEETING AGENDA

Council reviewed the proposed Agenda.

**Motion 114 - 1: Don Johnston moved to accept the Agenda as presented. Seconded by David Leng.
All in favour. Motion carried.**

5. ATTENDANCE REPORT

First report will be available for next meeting.

6. MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9TH, 2016 MEETING

Minutes of the June 9th, 2016 meeting were reviewed and amendments made.

Motion 114 - 2: Mark Priddle moved to accept the Minutes as amended. Seconded by David Leng. All in favour. Motion carried.

7. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Action Item 111 – 5: Certificate of Authorization for Provincial Ministries. Council to be ready to reach a decision at the May meeting on whether APGO should pursue the necessity for any Provincial Ministry or its employees providing professional services to the public to be in possession of a Certificate of Authorization and that all government employees who practice geoscience be registered. GW & Council. On Sept. 8 Agenda.

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Action Item 113 – 1: Orientation of New Council Members – Gord White to decide who will do this. Christine Vaillancourt volunteered to assist. GW, CV. Completed.

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8. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES OF JULY 11TH

Draft Minutes were received. It was noted that a Conference/AGM includes presentations and/or workshops prior to the AGM.

9. REGISTRATION REGULATION CONSULTATION PROCESS

The Chair announced the conclusion of the process. Amendments to the Registration Regulations began in June 2013. APGO recently signed off on the changes and after the Minister of MNDM signs, the new Regulations come into effect 45 days later. He acknowledged Ian Macdonald and Andrea Waldie for having worked through the lengthy and intense process.

10. NON-MEMBER RECRUITMENT FOR COUNCIL

Suitable candidates for the two open non-member positions not yet identified. Council was asked to search for qualified persons amongst their contacts, approach them and ascertain their interest in joining Council – experience in such areas as finance, governance, government affairs, board, strategic planning etc. are required. Council to forward suggested names to David Leng. It is Council's responsibility to fill these positions.

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The suggestion was made to announce the search in Field Notes for persons known in members' communities with the specific backgrounds.

Action Item 114-2: Non-member recruitment for Council: David Leng and Gord White to prepare an article for Field Notes asking members for suggestions for candidates. DL, GW

11. ON-LINE DIRECTORY OF GEOSCIENTISTS

The CEO proposed implementing an On-Line searchable Directory of geoscience services in Ontario – a central repository of geoscience services provided by registered professional geoscientists. Members would self-list on a strictly voluntary basis. The cost to APGO for adding this service to the web site is approximately \$6,000 (one time) which is not included in the budget. A detailed background document was reviewed.

Motion 114-3: Zen Keizars moved that the CEO work with MPower to implement the development of an on-line Directory as follows: (1) \$6,000 from the Strategic Initiatives Fund approved; (2) work required on some technical aspects identified; (2) re-name "Areas of Expertise" to "Areas of Practice" e.g.; (3) include disclaimer to protect APGO. Seconded Mark Priddle. All in favour. Motion carried.

12. CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORIZATION FOR PROVINCIAL MINISTRIES

Members had asked why Provincial Ministries were not required to have Certificates of Authorization and Council discussed the matter at the March 2016 meeting. A decision was deferred. This question has again been asked - why Ministries who perform services such as hydrogeology or geoscience do not need CsofA. The answer is that Ministry employees are deemed to be employees of the Queen and therefore it is implicit they are safeguarding the welfare of the public and the environment. It is a constitutional issue that is also faced by lawyers. Therefore C of A is not required. The Federal Government agreed that a lawyer registered anywhere in Canada be allowed to practice anywhere in Canada. Legal advice suggested that any proceedings might have an

uncertain outcome and APGO decided not to pursue. Ministries do now require new hires to be registered P.Geo's or GIT's. APGO did agree to pursue informal communications with the Provincial Government to ensure all Ministry employees who practice geoscience are individually licensed. No further action will be taken.

13. POLICY CONCEPTS

Andrew Boddington joined the meeting and introduced his new associate, Jonathan Rose. Jonathan advised that Premier Wynne had prorogued Parliament so the Fall Session would begin with a Speech from the Throne outlining plans for the next two years. This would not affect APGO's amended Regulations coming into effect. They plan to balance the budget in 2017-18 and concentrate on good jobs, infrastructure and helping people in their everyday lives. A Cabinet shuffle has been made. Minister Gravelle remains. MoE also no change. Staff changes continue in Premier's and Ministers' offices – minimal changes in MNDM; some changes at MoE.

It was learned that Minister Gravelle had signed the Revised Regulations document, which means they come into effect 45 days from Sept. 8. The Lt. Governor also has to sign but this does not affect the 45-days.

The next priority is initiating some revisions to the Geoscientists' Act. There may be an opportunity to include this in the space left in the Legislation calendar for 'miscellaneous bills'. A meeting has been scheduled for October 4th to discuss next steps with MNDM's Policy Advisory staff. Council commended Policy Concept's work for APGO.

14. REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Registration update to September 8, 2016: Full Practicing 2010; Limited 60; Non-practicing 105; GIT 338 Total 2513. Students 503.

Applications received by month: 26 new applications in August.

Certificates of Authorization: 194
7 new Cs of A to Sept. 8

PPE and Technical Exams: 27 registered for Sept; Technical: APGO 7 and APEGA 6 registered for October;

Appeals: None pending

Complaints & Discipline: 5 complaints filed in 2016 and currently being processed.
C115 – waiting for final decision from 3rd review panel of the Complaints Committee
C117, 119 – Referred to Discipline Committee. Hearing dates being finalized.
C118, 120, 121 with Complaints Committee.

Enforcement & Compliance: 522 files added in 2016. Total active files 623; 36 files closed so far in 2016.

Project to clean up APGO's data base in MPower in progress; follow up and clean up under way.

APGO physical membership archive has been reorganized and is up to date.

15. COMMITTEES

Tony Lotimer provided Doug Cater's report that 5 complaints are in the system; a couple of complaints have been referred to the Discipline Committee; both Complaints and Discipline Committees working well.

16. FINANCE REPORT

In Shelly Cuddy's absence, the CEO briefly reviewed the August financial statements. He explained the Contingency Reserve Fund and the Strategic Initiatives Fund for the benefit of new Council members.

17. ENVIRONMENTAL SCANNING

Bronwyn Azar reported things look good in the North and people are finding employment.

Bob Linnen and Bronwyn Azar reported a Federal Government and industry grant to Laurentian University for the mineral exploration program totaling \$114 million.

18. REGIONAL COUNCILLORS' AND COUNCILLORS AT LARGE REPORTS

Renee-Luce Simard, North East: Nothing to report

John McBride, North West: Thunder Bay Mining Day Walkathon very successful and a great opportunity to interact with the public. 28 Exhibitors and good for APGO.

Doug Cater, South West: Gord advised that a Regional event was scheduled for October 3rd at University of Waterloo.

Francoise Campbell, Central: Nothing to report.

Zen Keizars, South East: Next KREEM group meeting will be held soon – volunteers from Council to provide a presentation or share information through the coming year are welcome.

Christine Vaillancourt, CaL: No report.

Shelly Cuddy, CaL: No report.

David Leng, CaL: Invited by the London Mineral Society to give a presentation in October on the science of exploration – 15-75 members expected. APGO's Education Fund gained much interest after the first presentations at the AGM – meeting scheduled next week. An article in Field Notes on Mentoring last week was the top trending item. Working with Marilen to produce an article on the Mentoring Program scheduled for week after next. Has taken over Dave Hunt's role as APGO's representative to OPA – will attend their next meeting the weekend of September 22. Will attend an MNM-organized industry trip to 3 gold mining companies.

Bronwyn Azar, CaL: See Environmental Scanning.

Tafa Gomwe, CaL: No report.

19. OTHER BUSINESS

Zen Keizars headed a Task Force to develop job descriptions for Regional Councillors and Councillors at Large which have been completed. He will send to the CEO for review by the Executive Committee. Their comments and suggestions will be presented at the next Council meeting. Zen will re-send the documents to the Chair.

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20. CHECK-IN ON TODAY'S MEETING

No comments.

21. IN CAMERA

An in camera session followed.

22. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting.

Motion 114-4: Bob Linnen moved to adjourn the meeting at 2.45 p.m.

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SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS AND ACTION ITEMS

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