



Minutes of the 18th Annual General Meeting of Professional Geoscientists Ontario (PGO) June 30, 2020 at 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Via Zoom Video Conferencing

1. INTRODUCTIONS

- Council President Milan Situm chaired and welcomed everyone to the 18th AGM and thanked those who participated in the PGO 2020 Inaugural Symposium.
- He acknowledged PGO's Past Presidents, Executive Committee, Council Members, Chairs, members of the Committee and Staff present at the meeting
- Geoscientists-in-Training (GITs) and students present were welcomed.
- A moment of silence was observed to honour those who have passed away. Members of the Canadian forces serving on behalf of Canada and around the world were acknowledged
- He welcomed Dave Smith, the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Energy, Northern Development and Mines (MENDM) and Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Indigenous Affairs to say a few words on behalf of the Ministry.

2. OPENING EXERCISES

a) Call to Order

- The Chair stated that according to By-law No 1 that there must be an annual general meeting within 6 months of the end of the financial year. The notice of the AGM meeting is required to be given by the CEO to each licensee of the association by sending the notice by mail or through the PGO's newsletter at least 10 days before the meeting.
- Tony Andrews, CEO confirmed that the notice was sent electronically to all licensees and registrants of PGO on March 21st, 2020, through our Newsletters and subsequent reminders. He informed that he would file a report to the Secretary of PGO documenting this.
- Milan described the procedure and eligibility for voting on motions that require a vote for this virtual AGM

- Ami Mogaji was appointed as the meeting Secretary and Mary-Anne Hildebrandt, P.Geo. was appointed as the Scrutineer for the meeting.

b) Safety Minute by Scott McLean, P.Geo.

Covid-19 has affected the way we do things and our everyday lives. A few things to remember;

- ✓ Follow the simple rules to keep yourself and everyone safe- washing of hands, wearing a mask and social distance
- ✓ Be mindful of the risks and don't let your guard down

c) Attendance/ Quorum – by Mary-Anne Hildebrandt

- Attendance report for the meeting was given by the scrutineer, Mary-Anne Hildebrandt P.Geo.
- 188 registered for the online event. Actual number in attendance totalled 122 including 100 Full Practising; 5 P.Geo.'s (Limited); 5 P.Geo.'s (Non-practising); 3 Geoscientists-in-Training (GITs); 2 students; 2 Non-members; 5 staff

d) Approval of agenda

The agenda was reviewed. Milan Situm called for a motion to adopt the 18th AGM agenda as presented.

Motion # 1 – Paul Hubley moved that the agenda be accepted as presented which was seconded by Zen Keizars.

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

e) Conflict of interest/ discussion

The president called for anyone with a conflict of interest to items on the agenda to present themselves by a show of hands or type in the chat box. There were none. This item of business was declared closed.

f) Adoption of the minutes of the last AGM

Milan Situm called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the 18th AGM in 2019. He informed that the minutes had been made available to the registrants beforehand.

Motion # 2: Scott McLean moved that the Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of June 14, 2019 be accepted as presented which was seconded by Melanie Siewert.

The motion carried with no objections.

g) Business arising from the Minutes

Motion #3: Zen Keizars moved that any business arising from the minutes be addressed under General Business which was seconded by Scott McLean.

The Motion carried with no objections.

3. GENERAL REPORTS

a. CEO's Report

Tony Andrews provided a brief summary and financial report for the 12 months preceding this AGM and directed participants to further details summarized in the 2019 Annual Report available on the PGO website.

b. Presentation of Proposed Amendments to PGO By-laws by Paul Connor, Chair of the Governance Committee

- The existing By-laws were reviewed with the assistance of expert legal advice provided by a law firm specializing in the governance of non-profit organizations and associations, and the support of members of the Governance Committee and PGO Council.
- The objectives were to consolidate operational elements under a single by-law, now known as By-law #1A, and the correction of any minor gaps or deficiencies in the current set of By-laws, including any inconsistencies in the language or definitions.
- The proposed By-law amendments were circulated on May 29, 2020, to all licensees, in compliance with the 30-day minimum requirement prior to the AGM, as set out in the By-laws.
- The changes included the creation of By-Law #1A, replacing the existing By-law 1; amendments to By-laws #5 and #8, and retiring by-law #7 and #11 (which are now out of date).

Motion #4: Zen Keizars moved that the proposed amendments to the By-laws be accepted as presented, which was seconded by Scott McLean.

Following a question-and-answer period, Paul Connor called for a vote on the Motion, which was carried by more than two-thirds of the licensees present, as required by the By-laws.

c. President's Report

- Milan Situm provided a summary of highlights for the 12 months preceding this AGM and directed participants to further details summarized in the 2019 Annual Report available on the PGO website.

d. Financial Report by Treasurer

- Marco Simone presented the 2019 audited financial statements along with the auditor's independent report, made available on PGO's website on June 22nd, 2020.
- The 2019 financial statements were audited by Bateman Mackay LLP and were approved by Council.
- Milan Situm called for a motion to accept the 2019 audited financial statements and auditor's report.

Motion #5: Paul Hubley moved that the 2019 audited financial statements and auditor's report be accepted, which was seconded by Scott McLean.

The Motion carried without objection.

- Marco Simone completed the proceedings by recommending that the members re-appoint Bateman Mackay LLP as PGO's auditor for 2020.

Motion # 6: Zen Keizars moved that Bateman MacKay LLP be appointed as PGO's auditors for 2020, which was seconded by Melanie Siewert.

The Motion carried with no objections.

4. GENERAL BUSINESS

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

- The status of mobility agreements with other self-regulatory bodies across the country
- The mobility agreement with Quebec
- Diversity and Inclusion initiatives by PGO
- Current ratio of male to female registered professional geoscientists and GITs
- Whether or not PGO can promote individual specializations when requested
- Whether or not geomorphologists can be registered by PGO
- How PGO interacts with the securities commissions

Participants were informed that all unanswered questions will be responded to directly by e-mail and to contact their Regional Councillors for any matter arising from the meeting.

5. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

Outgoing Council members were recognized. Namely:

- Susan A. Carlyle, Non-Member Public Appointee 2017-2020.
- Nicole Januszczak, P.Geo., Lieutenant Governor in Council Member Appointee 2017-2020

6. RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING PAST PRESIDENT

A special recognition and appreciation were given to the outgoing Past President, Zen Keizars, P.Geo. 2019-2020

7. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS & APPOINTMENTS TO COUNCIL

Those renewing their terms;

- David Leng, P.Ge. - Regional Councillor, South West Region
- Paul Connor - Lieutenant Governor in Council Non-Member Appointee
- Marco Simone- Non-member Public Appointee

Election results and other appointments to Council;

- Paul Hubley, P.Ge. - Vice President
- Bryan Brassington, P.Ge. - Regional Councillor, South East Region
- Roger Woeller, P.Ge. - Lieutenant Governor in Council Member Appointee

8. INDUCTION OF THE NEW PRESIDENT

Milan Situm passed on the mantle to Scott McClean, P.Ge. The newly-inducted president gave his acceptance speech.

9. CLOSING EXERCISES

a) Adjournment

Motion # 7: Milan Situm, P.Ge. moved that the formal part of the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried and the meeting adjourned.

b) Closing Remarks

Scott McClean gave a brief closing remarks, which included a call for volunteers.

SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS

Motion # 1 – Paul Hubley moved to accept the agenda as presented. Seconded by Zen Keizars Motion carried unanimously.

Motion # 2 - Motion to adopt the Minutes of the 17th Annual General Meeting of June 14, 2019 as presented was made by Scott McLean. Seconded by Melanie Siewert. Motion was brought to a vote, carried and adopted.

Motion #3 - Zen Keizars moved the motion to move business arising from the minutes to be addressed under General Business. Scott McLean seconded the motion. Motion was brought to a vote by raise of hands- 70 attendees raised their hands. Motion declared carried.

Motion # 4 – Motion was called by Paul Connor to accept the changes to the by-laws as presented in the document. Zen Keizars moved the motion and seconded by Scott McLean.

Motion # 5: Paul Hubley moved the motion to accept the 2019 audited financial statements. Seconded by Scott McLean. Motion was brought to a vote and carried unanimously.

Motion # 6: A motion was moved by Zen Keizars to appoint Bateman MacKay LLP as PGO’s auditor for 2020. Seconded by Melanie Siewert. Motion was brought to a vote and carried with 99% in favor.

Motion # 7: Milan Situm, P.Geo. moved to adjourn the meeting.

AWARDS PRESENTATIONS

1. 2020 PGO AWARD OF MERIT

- Stephen Holysh, P.Geo. 2020 Award of Merit Recipient

2. FELLOW OF GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA (FGC)

- Ron Ormson, P.Geo. - 2020 Recipient of Fellow Geoscientists Canada (FGC) Designation
- Zen Keizars, P.Geo. - 2020 Recipient of Fellow Geoscientists Canada (FGC) Designation

3. 2020 PGO PHOTO CONTEST OF THE YEAR

- Alex Maenza, GIT- 2020 Photo Contest Winner for a close-up image of garnet