

Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario  
Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 20 Toronto Street, Toronto

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**1. Call to Order**

The President, Christine Vaillancourt, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 pm. She reminded us of emergency exits.

Rhonda Sussman was recognized as Minute-Taker.

**2. Notice of Meeting**

The President called for verification that the Notice of Meeting was mailed in accordance with By-Law #1. The Interim CEO, Roger Woeller, declared that the notice had been sent to all members of record. A signed statement to that effect was tabled.

The President stated that 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**

Andrea Waldie, Scrutineer, reported that there were 56 plus members of the Association present at the meeting. Also present were a number of students and Geoscientists-In-Training. There were 10 guests and no proxies. As such, quorum was achieved.

**4. Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Motion #1: Bronwyn Azar moved that the Agenda be adopted. Seconded by David Good. Motion carried unanimously.**

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## **5. Welcome and Introductions**

The President recognized the Past Presidents of APGO and asked those in attendance to stand:

Tony Lotimer  
Bill Pearson  
Scott McLean  
Maureen Jensen  
Greg Finn  
Kristin Hanson  
Ian Macdonald  
Mark Priddle

The President thanked the guests for attending. She recognized the Geoscientists-In-Training and students as those who represent the future of AGPO. She invited them to stand and be recognized and encouraged them to meet as many practicing members as possible during the Reception.

## **6. In Memoriam**

During the past year, APGO received notice of the passing of four members. The President extended the Association's deepest sympathy to their families.

The President then acknowledged members of the Canadian Forces serving in Canada and other parts of the world.

A moment of silence was observed.

## **7. Greetings from David de Launay, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Northern Development and Mines**

Mr. de Launay remarked that the Ministry is in caretaker mode until a new Cabinet is sworn in. There will be no new initiatives until then. In a couple of weeks, it will be clear who the new Minister will be, but regardless of government change, the Ministry will continue to support and collaborate with APGO.

## **8. Adoption of the Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting**

Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting were made available on the website ([www.apgo.net](http://www.apgo.net)) and in hard copies at today's meeting. The President called for any errors or omissions. There being none, the President called for a motion that the minutes be adopted as presented.

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**Motion #2: Shelly Cuddy moved that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of June 2017 be adopted. Seconded by Mark Priddle. Motion carried unanimously.**

**9. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**10. Presentation of the Audited Financial Statements**

Shelly Cuddy presented the 2017 audited financial statements and auditors' report, which were prepared by Bateman MacKay and approved by Council. These were made available to all members on the website as part of the Annual Report and hard copies were available as well.

Ms. Cuddy reported that APGO's balance sheet is strong. There will be a new line for Professional Development courses and the plan is for the Association to break even on these. Expenses were slightly higher this year because of staff wage increases and the addition of a bookkeeper. Overall, the Association is in good health and has a net surplus.

**11. Approval of Auditors' Report/Audited 2017 Financial Statements**

There being no questions, the President asked for a motion to adopt the 2017 Financial Statements as presented.

**Motion #3: Zen Keizars moved to approve the 2017 Financial Statements. Seconded by Brad Leonard. Motion carried unanimously.**

**12. Appointment of Auditors for 2018**

Shelly Cuddy recommended retaining Bateman MacKay as auditors.

**Motion #4: Brad Leonard moved that Bateman MacKay be retained as APGO auditors for 2018 and that Council be approved to determine the fee. Seconded by Neil Westoll. Motion carried unanimously.**

**13. Award of Merit**

This award is given to Geoscientists who made significant contributions to the field and are nominated by members-at-large. This year's winner is Peter Gray, P.Geo., for his involvement in youth education, especially water resource education. He was one of the founders of the Children's Groundwater Festival which involves about 60,000 children a year.

Mr. Gray thanked the Association for the award and encouraged young people to get involved in Geoscience.

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#### **14. Recognition of Outgoing Council**

The President recognized those Councillors who have served the Association and who would be leaving as of this Annual General Meeting. The following could not attend today:

**Robert Linnen (2013-2017)**

**Wayne Caston (2017-2018)**

The President then gave a plaque to **Tony Lotimer, Past President** in appreciation of his years of service.

#### **15. Election Results and Lieutenant Governor Council Appointments for 2018-2019**

**Milan Situm**, Vice-President (acclaimed)

**Roger Phillips**, Councillor-at-Large

**David Good**, CUDGO Representative

**Brad Leonard**, Lieutenant Governor in Council Member Appointee

**Nicole Januszczak**, Lieutenant Governor in Council Member Appointee

The full list of 2018-2019 APGO Council members can be found on the back of the 2018 Annual General Meeting Agenda.

#### **16. Christine Vaillancourt, President's Report**

- It has been a hard year since CEO Louis Kan stepped down. Roger Woeller is serving as Interim CEO until another can be chosen.
- APGO has been strengthening partnerships with different Ontario Ministries and working with other levels of government to amend relevant legislation such as the Mining and Aggregates Acts. The Association will continue to advocate by working with the new MPPs in the government and the Opposition.
- APGO is improving Professional Development, in 2017 offering 19 workshops with 21 speakers and 800 participants. The Association has also increased student outreach and networking opportunities.
- The annual report to the Minister of Northern Development and Mines is now available online.
- As always, members are encouraged to reach out to the Council and to take part in APGO committees.

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## 17. Roger Woeller, Interim CEO's Report

The CEO noted that his work and the work of staff is guided by APGO's dual mandate: 1) To protect the public by regulating geoscientists in Ontario; 2) Advancing professional practice.

He then called upon **Marilen Miguel**, Director of Stakeholder Relations, who reported that:

- APGO is fortunate to have active and committed volunteers and can always use more.
- Roundtable sessions on QP reports and submissions will continue.
- A membership survey will take place this summer.
- Learning, networking, and outreach will continue, as well as cultivating and sustaining partnerships.

The CEO then called upon **Nathaniel Howell** of Operations to provide an update:

- APGO is moving towards a paperless office through a document management system which will improve document organization, location, and retrieval as well as save money.
- The Public Register went live May 1, providing the public with additional access to information about Association members such as registration status.
- The employee health plan has been renewed and offers increased benefits at a reduced cost.

The CEO thanked staff, committee volunteers, APGO Council, and the general membership.

## 18. Registrar's Report

Registrar **Aftab Khan** presented some 2017-2018 highlights:

- There has been a steady growth in membership, from 2,620 in 2017 to 2,779 in 2018.
- There is a good balance between junior and senior members.
- 20% of the members are being audited for Continuous Professional Development and the results will be presented next year.
- No appeals have been filed in the last three years.
- There are nine complaints open, with two sent to the Discipline Committee.

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## 19. Issues Forum

**Members of our audience were welcomed to bring any information to the benefit of those attending forward:**

A new group was brought forward, Women in Geoscience, and all are welcome (regardless of gender) to join.

**Q:** Can membership fees be waived for one year since the Association is in a strong financial position?

**A:** This is not under discussion right now. The money may be needed for future legal fees.

**Q:** Is there an update on Geoscience Canada mobility?

**A:** This is still under discussion. There is some resistance from smaller associations.

**Q:** How many members are not Ontario residents?

**A:** About 300.

**Q:** Does APGO intend to establish life membership status for retired members?

**A:** This is being worked on. There are legal implications (e.g. age discrimination) and our current policies and procedures need to be clarified.

## 20. APGO Education Foundation

Bill Pearson gave an update on the activities of the Foundation:

- The Foundation took in \$86,000 in donations, grants, and donated services.
- Awarded two \$5,000 scholarships to outstanding students in geoscience.
- Awarded two \$5,000 bursaries to internationally-trained geoscientists.
- Donated \$5,300 to the Miller Museum of Geology at Queen's University.
- Established a Memo of Understanding with the charitable organization, Mining Matters.
- Established the Dr. Robert Hodder Memorial Scholarship.

The 2018 APGO Education Foundation Scholarships were awarded to Derek Leung of Laurentian University and Joachim de Fourestier of Carleton University.

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**21. Other Business**

None.

**22. Induction of New President**

Zen Keizars was inducted as the new President.

**23. Acknowledgement of AGM and Conference Sponsors**

TD Insurance and Manulife were thanked for their sponsorship.

**24. Close of Business Meeting**

**Motion #5: Lorne Burden moved to adjourn the meeting.**

**25. Winner of 2018 Photo Competition**

The winner of the competition was Dr. Laurence Wilson Curtis.

**MEETING ADJOURNED at 5:45 PM**

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## **SUMMARY LIST OF MOTIONS**

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