



**APPROVED**

**89TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Dr. Gordon Williams, P.Geol., Chair**  
**Fairmont Palliser, Crystal Ballroom**  
**Calgary, Alberta**  
**Saturday, April 25, 2009**

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## **MINUTES**

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### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 8:38 a.m. President Gordon Williams, P.Geol., chaired the meeting. Agenda Item 22.4, New Business, was moved to Item 19.3.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting, and announced that the AGM was connected to the Branches by webcasting.

### **2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM**

One hundred and twenty-six professional members registered to complete the quorum requirements stated in Bylaw 16(3), and approximately 171 people were in attendance.

It was announced that, as required by Bylaw 16(2), notice of the meeting was published in the January edition of *The PEGG* thus fulfilling the 90 day notification period to the membership. Parliamentarian for the meeting was Barry Massing, LLB, legal counsel, and the meeting was conducted in accordance with the Robert's Rules of Order as per Bylaw 20-1.

### **3. RULES FOR THE MEETING**

The rules for the meeting were reviewed.

### **4. INTRODUCTION OF HEAD TABLE**

The platform participants were introduced as follows:

President	Gordon Williams, P.Geol.
President Elect	Jim Beckett, P.Eng.
Past President	John McLeod, P.Eng.
Vice President	Jim Smith, P.Eng.
Executive Director	Neil Windsor, P.Eng.

Legal Counsel            Barry Massing, LLB

**5. INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

The introduction of several special visitors and guests were made.

**6. GREETINGS FROM GOVERNMENT**

Honorable Hector Goudreau, Minister responsible for Employment and Immigration, brought greetings on behalf of government.

**7. PAYMENT OF RESPECT TO MEMBERS DECEASED SINCE THE 2008 ANNUAL MEETING**

A moment of silence for deceased members was observed.

**8. ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS**

The President announced the results of the election, as reported by the Ballot Counting Committee, as follows:

President:	Mr. Jim Beckett, P.Eng.
President-Elect	Ms. Kim Farwell, P.Eng.
Vice-President	Mr. Dick Walters, P.Eng.
Councillors	Dr. Ken Porteous, P.Eng.
	Mr. John Hogg, P.Geol.
	Karen Henry, P.Eng.
	Colin Yeo, P.Geol.

**9. OBJECTION TO ELECTION RESULTS**

As there were no objections to the election results, the President advised that, pursuant to Section 10(3) of the Bylaws, the ballots and tally sheets would be destroyed.

**10. MINUTES OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

***MOVED BY SHAWN MORRISON AND SECONDED BY RON HINDS***

***THAT the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.***

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***

**11. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**12. AUDITOR'S REPORT**

*MOVED BY SHAWN MORRISON AND SECONDED BY CHRYS DMYTRUK*

*THAT the Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2008 be approved as published.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**13. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2009**

*MOVED BY DICK WALTERS AND SECONDED BY KIM FARWELL*

*That Kingston Ross Pasnak, LLP, be appointed as auditor for 2009.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**14. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Gordon Williams, P.Geol., presented the President's report for the 2008/09 term as published in the Annual Report.

**15. ANNUAL REPORTS OF BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND BRANCHES**

*MOVED BY ALLIN FOLINSBEE AND SECONDED BY RON HINDS*

*THAT the annual reports of the Association and Branches be approved as presented.*

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**16. GREETINGS FROM ENGINEERS CANADA**

Dick Fletcher, FEC, P.Eng, President of Engineers Canada, brought greetings, and highlighted Engineers Canada activities.

**17. GREETINGS FROM THE CANADIAN COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS**

Dr. Ian McIlreath, P.Geol., Director of CCPG, brought greetings from CCPG, and highlighted CCPG activities.

**18. GREETINGS FROM THE ASSOCIATION OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONALS OF ALBERTA (ASET)**

Dave Merralls, R.E.T., R.P.T., Vice President of ASET, brought greetings.

**19. NEW BUSINESS**

**19.1 Act Amendments Re: Professional Geoscientist (P.Geo.) Implementation**

Dave Rumboldt, Chair of the Act Regulations and Bylaw Committee, gave an overview of the recommended changes to the act (attached).

The Ballot question during last year's election in part read, "Should the two designations, Professional Geologist and Professional Geophysicist, be replaced with the single designation, Professional Geoscientist?"

***MOVED BY DARRELL DANYLUK AND SECONDED BY SHAWN MORRISON***

***That APEGGA approve the amendments to the Engineering, Geological and Geophysical Professions Act and its accompanying regulations as proposed - to implement the professional geoscientist designation and recommend them to the Minister of Employment & Immigration.***

**CARRIED WITH TWO OPPOSED**

In response to a question from Peter Forrest, P.Eng., concerning the overall voting percentage of less than 10% with 75% of those in favour of the proposed measure, and asking why Council would proceed with the action when there was insufficient voting response to warrant it, the Executive Director replied that on a mail-in vote the Act requires a minimum response of 10% from the membership, which is why the vote last year could not be considered valid in moving forward on the issue. However, the fact that a high percentage of those who voted were in favour of the motion, made it clear to Council that this was the will of membership. The fact that the minimum 10% response was not met was the reason why the motion was being brought before the Annual General Meeting for members to vote on, in accordance with Legislation.

In response to a further question asking why engineers would be asked to vote on a motion that affects the Geoscientists, the Executive Director responded that all members of the Association are welcomed and entitled to vote on any motion.

In response to a concern from Steve McLean, P.Eng., of PEGNL, asking if APEGGA would continue to protect the use of the terms Geologist and Geophysicist in the Act, the President responded in the affirmative.

In response to a question from Alice Payne, P.Geol., in regards to an item on page 7 that has the reduced requirement of two professional geoscientists sitting on Council replacing the previous requirement of two professional geologists and one geophysicist, the President responded that geoscientists presently represent about ten percent of the total membership of APEGGA, and it was not appropriate to have three stipulated geoscientists, but only two stipulated engineers, as members of Council. For this reason it was decided to make the minimum representation on Council the same for geoscientists and engineers.

### **19.2 APEGGA/ASET Regulation Amendments Re: Professional Licensees and RET's**

**MOVED BY JOHN HOGG AND SECONDED BY DAN MOTYKA**

*That APEGGA approve the changes to the General Regulations contained herein, to fulfill the necessary changes to fully implement the APEGGA/ASET Memorandum of Understanding, and recommend to the minister of Employment & Immigration their incorporation into the General Regulation.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

In response to a question from Peter Forrest, P.Eng., regarding the change in name from APEGGA to APEGA, the President responded that legislative changes must first occur before a name could be implemented, thus the name APEGGA will continue to be used in the interim.

### **19.3 Other New Business**

There was no other new business.

## **20. APPOINTMENT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2009/2010**

The recommended composition of the 2009/10 Nominating Committee was presented, and further recommendations requested from the floor. There were no additions or deletions from the floor.

**MOVED BY RON HINDS AND SECONDED BY DICK WALTERS**

*THAT the recommendation for composition of the 2009/10 Nominating Committee be approved as presented.*

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**21. DATES FOR THE 2010, 2011, 2012 AND 2013 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

*MOVED BY ALLIN FOLINSBEE AND SECONDED BY ALICE PAYNE*

*THAT the following dates and locations be approved for future Annual General Meetings:*

<i>2010</i>	<i>April 17 Edmonton</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>April 16 Calgary</i>
<i>2012</i>	<i>April 21 Edmonton</i>
<i>2013</i>	<i>April 20 Calgary</i>

*CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY*

**22. ISSUES FORUM**

**22.1 AIT Presentation**

The Executive Director gave a presentation on the Agreement on Internal Trade.

In response to a comment from Hugh Powell, P.Eng., who pointed out that the public is not being protected if work can be done on Alberta projects by those who are outside of Alberta, and not required to adhere to Alberta standards, the Executive Director replied that work designed in Ontario for construction in Alberta does not require an Alberta professional to sign it. We cannot regulate the practise of the profession outside of Alberta, however certain codes such as the Building Code and the Occupational Health and Safety Code will require an Alberta professional to sign off on the construction, so there are other Acts that protect us even when the design is done outside of Alberta. Council is still concerned that this does not protect the professions in all areas, and it is an area that Council intends to bring forward for discussion with the government in the very near future. The Executive Director concluded that the world has become a global marketplace, and organizations have to change, and make regulatory changes as necessary in order to respond to that.

Andy Gilliland, P.Eng., and a Past President of APEGGA, commented that use of the term “public well-being” was more encompassing than the narrower term of “health and safety” which is often used, and that professionals need to think of the bigger picture of serving the public’s overall well being which can include economic issues as well.

In response to Mr. Gilliland's concern regarding Quebec signing a collaborative agreement with France to allow French professionals to practice in Quebec without any question regarding their qualifications, and how Alberta would respond to an engineer from France who may have obtained a licence from Quebec, and then want to practice in Alberta, and how Alberta would go about ensuring that professional has the right credentials, the Executive Director replied that we currently have a mutual recognition agreement with France through Engineers Canada, and, as Provincial Associations we have to put our minds to standardizing requirements and processes across Canada so that we have full confidence that all have equivalent standards.

In response to a concern regarding applicants who are not granted a license in one province, and so apply in another province and get licensed there, and would then be able to work anywhere in Canada with the mobility agreement in place, the Executive Director replied that the standards across Canada are very equivalent, so Alberta can feel confident in accepting professionals from other provinces and territories in Canada.

In response to a question regarding enforcement of penalties under the Trade, Investment, and Labour Mobility Agreement, the Director of Professional Practice, Ray Chopiuk, P.Eng., replied that APEGGA does not have the authority or responsibility to enforce TILMA requirements. Enforcement of TILMA, and any resulting penalties, would fall to the government to enforce as it saw fit.

## **22.2 U.S. Mobility Presentation**

The Executive Director gave a presentation on national and international mobility.

## **22.3 NCEES Western Zone Meeting – Banff, May 28 – 30**

The Executive Director gave an outline of the Western Zone Meeting of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying to be held in Banff, Alberta from May 28 – 30, 2009.

In response to a question from Peter Forrest, P.Eng., asking if APEGGA has a strategy in response to the current economic crisis, and how it may affect efforts towards mobility, the Executive Director responded that mobility initiatives are a top priority of Council, and hopes that the upcoming meeting of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying in Banff will help to move mobility initiatives with the United States forward. As

to the economic conditions, the Executive Director added that some sectors are being affected more adversely than others, and Council continues to examine the issue on an ongoing basis, to be cognizant of the effect of the recession on members, but, to date, no areas have been found where action could be taken.

**22.4 Other Business**

Moved to item 19.3

**23. INDUCTION OF PRESIDENT**

Dr. Gordon Williams, P.Geol., the outgoing President, introduced the incoming President, Jim Beckett, P.Eng., who read and declared the Oath of Office of the President. President Beckett gave a speech that mentioned the challenging economic times, and his commitment to the association. The incoming President expressed gratitude to family, thanked Council, staff and volunteers for their efforts, and welcomed new members of Council. Members were encouraged to give feedback at any time, and assured that input from them would be welcomed.

**22. ADJOURNMENT**

***MOVED BY LINDA VAN GASTEL AND SECONDED BY IAN MCILREATH***

***THAT the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 a.m.***

***CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY***