

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SIXTH MEETING OF THE 2011/2012 COUNCIL of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, held on JUNE 15, 2012, in the LARGE BOARDROOM, APEGBC OFFICES, BURNABY, BC.

Present

Council	Frank Denton P.Eng. FEC	- Past President (Acting Chair)
	Jeff Holm P.Eng. FEC	- President (via teleconference)
	Matt Cameron P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Emily Cheung P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Ana Fernandes CIM FCSI	- Councillor
	Donna Howes P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Harlan Kelly P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Joe Martignago BA MBA	- Councillor
	Mark Porter P.Eng./StructEng	- Councillor
	Ross Rettie P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Mike Waberski BCLS	- Councillor
	Mike Wrinch P.Eng. PhD	- Councillor
	Sheila Wynn PhD	- Councillor
Guests	Bill MacPherson AScT	- President, Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC (ASTTBC)
	Lindsay Bottomer P.Geo. FEC (Hon.)	- APEGBC Director to Geoscientists Canada
	Russ Kinghorn P.Eng. FEC	- APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada
	Margaret Li P.Eng. PhD FEC	- APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada
Staff	Derek Doyle P.Eng.	- CEO & Registrar
	Tony Chong P.Eng.	- Chief Regulatory Officer & Deputy Registrar
	Janet Sinclair FEC (Hon.)	- Chief Operating Officer
	Gill Pichler P.Eng. FEC	- Director, Registration & Admissions
	Joanne Williamson	- Council Administrator (Recorder)
Staff Attending As Required	Peter Mitchell P.Eng. FEC	- Director, Professional Practice, Standards & Development
	Megan Archibald	- Assoc. Director, Communications & Stakeholder Engagement
	Ray Filipiak P.Eng.	- Assoc. Director, Admissions
	Gilbert Larocque CD P.Eng. LLB	- Assoc. Director, Professional Practice
	Deesh Olychick	- Assoc. Director, Member Services
<u>Regrets</u>	Michael Isaacson P.Eng. PhD	- Vice President
	John Clague P.Geo. PhD	- Councillor
	Herb Hawson P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Andy Mill P.Eng./StructEng FEC	- Councillor

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Frank Denton, Past President and Acting Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 am. He advised that Councillors Harlan Kelly and Joe Martignago would act as the Membership Engagement Champion and meeting Parliamentarian, respectively. President Jeff Holm attended via teleconference link due to family commitments.

Guests: Council was advised the following guests would be welcomed over the course of the meeting: Bill MacPherson ASCT, President, Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC (ASTTBC); Margaret Li P.Eng. PhD, APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada; Russ Kinghorn P.Eng., APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada, and Lindsay Bottomer P.Geo., APEGBC Director to Geoscientists Canada.

New Councillor: Ross Rettie P.Eng. FEC read and signed the Oath of Office. Mr. Rettie was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Vic Baker P.Eng. for the remainder of Mr. Baker’s term to October 27, 2012.

Recognition and Appreciation: Margaret Li was recognized for her contributions as APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada from 2010 to 2012 and presented with a plaque of appreciation. Later in the meeting Lindsay Bottomer was similarly recognized for serving as APEGBC Director to Geoscientists Canada from 2009 to 2012. Both representatives were roundly applauded by Council for their commitment to serving the professions through their volunteer work.

CO-12-90 OPEN CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that Items 6.1 and 6.2 on the Open Consent Agenda be approved.**
CARRIED

Motions carried by approval of the above Consent Agenda motion:

6.1. MOTION that the May 4, 2012 Open Meeting minutes be approved as corrected.

6.2. APPOINTMENTS/NOMINATIONS: MOTION that Council approve the recommended appointments and reappointments to APEGBC Committees.

Individual	APEGBC Committee or Task Force	Staff Contact	Start Date	Expiry Date
A.J.D.C. (George) Melo, P.Eng.	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	15 June 2012	15 Jun 2014
W.J. (Bill) Susak, P.Eng., FEC	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	15 June 2012	15 Jun 2014
D.H. (Dave) Jackson, P.Eng., FEC	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	15 June 2012	15 Jun 2014
J.A. (Jim) O'Brien, P.Eng., FEC	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	15 June 2012	15 Jun 2014
Oliver Bonham, PGeo.	Discipline Committee	G. Thiele	26 June 2012	26 Jun 2014
Thomas Leung, PEng., StructEng.	Investigation Committee	G. Thiele	26 June 2012	26 Jun 2014
Paul Blanchard PEng FEC	Chief Scrutineer for 2012/2013 Council Election & Bylaw Vote	D. Olychick	15 Jun 2012	27 Oct 2012
Bill Gilmartin PEng FEC	Scrutineer for 2012/2013 Council Election & Bylaw Vote	D. Olychick	15 Jun 2012	27 Oct 2012
John Watson PEng FEC	Scrutineer for 2012/2013 Council Election & Bylaw Vote	D. Olychick	15 Jun 2012	27 Oct 2012
Susan Hayes PEng	Editorial Board	M. Archibald	15 Jun 2012	15 Jun 2014

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Caroline Andrewes PEng	Standing Awards Committee	M. Archibald	15 Jun 2012	15 Jun 2014
Dr Lionel Jackson PGeo	Standing Awards Committee	M. Archibald	15 Jun 2012	15 Jun 2014
James Grant PEng	Sustainability Committee	M. Archibald	15 Jun 2012	15 Jun 2013
P.A. (Primo) Cajiao, PEng	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
M.G. (Anthony) Elaraj, PEng	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
T. (Tanya) Kalamar, PEng	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
Y.W.P. (Patrick) Lam, PEng, Struct.Eng., FEC	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
R. (Ramin) Latifi-Naeini, PEng	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
K. (Kosta) Marcakis, PEng, Struct.Eng.	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
M. (Reza) Mousavi-Jarrahi, PEng	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going
J.G. (John) Wilson, NRL-PEng.	Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	15 Jun 2012	On going

Prior to considering a number of consent motions for professional practice guidelines, Council discussed the mechanisms for reviews of guidelines by subject matter experts with oversight by appropriate committees. The following motion was made:

MOTION It was moved and seconded that Items 6.3 to 6.7 on the Open Consent Agenda be approved with the understanding that they will be sent to the Professional Practice Committee for review.
CARRIED

Motions carried by approval of the above Consent Agenda motion:

6.3 APEGBC Professional Practice Guidelines - Building Enclosure Engineering Services:

MOTION that the APEGBC Council approve the as-circulated draft of the APEGBC Professional Practice Guidelines – Building Enclosure Engineering Services, pending final editorial and legal review.

6.4 APEGBC Professional Practice Guidelines – Onsite Sewerage:

MOTION that the APEGBC Council approve the as-circulated draft of the APEGBC Professional Practice Guidelines – Onsite Sewerage, pending final editorial and legal review

6.5 APEGBC Professional Practice Guidelines for Legislated Flood Assessments in a Changing Climate in BC:

MOTION that APEGBC Council approve the as-circulated draft APEGBC Professional Practice Guidelines for Legislated Flood Assessments in a Changing Climate in BC for final editorial and legal review.

6.6 APEGBC/ABC FP Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Forest Roads:

MOTION that Council approve the as-circulated draft APEGBC/ABC FP Guidelines for Professional Services in the Forest Sector – Forest Roads for final editorial and legal review.

6.7 Seismic Retrofit Guidelines for Use on All Low Rise Buildings in BC:

MOTION that Council Endorse the Seismic Retrofit Guidelines (Structural Engineering Guidelines for the Performance Based Seismic Assessment and Retrofit of BC Low Rise British Columbia School Buildings) as Applicable for use on all Low Rise Buildings in BC.

End of motions carried under approval of two Consent Agenda motions.

CO-12-91 OPEN REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that the open meeting regular agenda be approved as circulated with the removal of Item 7.6 – Alternate Dispute Resolution Bylaw, and addition of Item 8.6 – Report on Women in Engineering.**
CARRIED

CO-12-92 PRESENTATION: NORTHERN TECHNOLOGY AND ENGINEERING SOCIETY OF BC

Councillor Emily Cheung provided a presentation on the Northern Technology and Engineering Society of BC and their engagement in supporting technical and engineering education for the northern regions of British Columbia. Students who graduate from northern educational institutions are more easily recruited to work in the north and this is seen as a key element to alleviate the current shortage of a skilled workforce in the area.

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that, based on the information presented, Council supports the need for more engineers and technologists in the North, and that staff be requested to bring back to the September Council meeting a report indicating what resources might be appropriate to support such an initiative.**
CARRIED

CO-12-93 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: RESULTS OF BALLOT VOTE AND REFERRAL TO COUNCIL PLANNING SESSION

27.1% of eligible members voted in the recent member petition ballot. Results of the ballot vote were 69.85 in favour and 30.2% opposed to the request that that Council reconsider the following motion:

That Council reconsider the request to Government to enact amendments to the Engineers and Geoscientists Act, and withdraw the request for amendments that would allow Council to make changes to the Bylaws of the Association without the approval of 2/3 of the votes cast by ballot as required under the Act.

Currently 11 of 35 legislative requests approved by Council have been accepted by government and incorporated into the *Act*. The legislative request regarding allowing Council to make changes to the bylaws in the public interest without the requirement for member ratification will now return to the remaining list of 24 legislative changes for further consultation and discussion. Further discussion on all of the remaining 24 legislative changes is scheduled for the Council Planning Session in September.

- MOTION** **It was moved and seconded that Council refers discussion of requested Act amendments to the Council Planning Session.**
CARRIED
- CO-12-94 VALUE FOR MONEY REVIEW (REGISTRATION) IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (SCHEDULED WORK PLAN ITEM)
Council reviewed an action plan to address recommendations from the Value for Money independent external review of Registration Department operations. Operational recommendations were considered within the 2012/2013 budget process and a 14-point action plan developed.
- MOTION** **It was moved and seconded to endorse acceptance of the CEO Action Plan for the fourteen operational matters related to the 2012 Value for Money Review as outlined and for the submission of status reports on a semi-annual basis.**
CARRIED
- Council discussed a policy related recommendation of the Value to Money review which challenges Council to study and consider fundamentally different system of qualifying candidates for professional designation in the admissions system.
- ACTION** **Council requests the CEO to develop terms of reference for an independent task force to consider the above with potential membership and estimated costs for review at the September Council meeting.**
- CO-12-95 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE: ENGINEER-IN-TRAINING (EIT) – GEOSCIENTIST-IN-TRAINING (GIT) BYLAW
During discussion, it was agreed there would be many potential benefits to members to consider change as outlined in the motion below.
- MOTION** **It was moved and seconded that in light of Council's current Member Engagement Strategy, Council**
i.) **approve in principle the Proposed Change to Bylaw 11(c) to remove the 8 year time limit on EIT/GIT membership; and**
ii.) **refer it back to the Registration Committee to determine the method(s) for, and to obtain stakeholder input on the proposed bylaw change in accordance with the Bylaw Consultation Policy.**
CARRIED
- CO-12-96 PROFESSIONAL RENEWAL PROGRAM - YEAR 3 REPORT (SCHEDULED WORK PLAN ITEM)
- MOTION** **It was moved and seconded that Council accept the 2011/2012 Professional Renewal Progress Report and approve its publication.**
CARRIED

CO-12-97 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - BYLAW

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that Council direct staff to prepare a bylaw for Council approval to implement a mandatory Continuing Professional Development program for ratification by the membership in the Fall of 2013.**
CARRIED

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that Council approve the consultation plan for a mandatory CPD bylaw.**
CARRIED

Consultation and feedback will take place over the winter months of 2012/2013 with the bylaw coming forward in late spring of 2013 for approval by Council prior to a membership vote (2/3 of voting members required for the bylaw to be approved).

CO-12-98 ACT AMENDMENT STATUS REPORT (SCHEDULED WORK PLAN ITEM)

Eleven amendments to the Engineers and Geoscientists Act were recently approved by government and given Royal Assent. The amendments will be reviewed to determine their related implementation mechanisms such as policies, procedures, or bylaws.

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that Council approve any necessary amendments to policies relating to the enfranchisement of limited licensees and their participation in the Council election and AGM to align with legislation once the *Act* amendments are enacted.**
CARRIED

One amendment falls under the provisions in the above motion – expanded lawsuit immunity protecting APEGBC volunteers and staff as well as Council and members acting on behalf of the association for positive actions and omissions. This change comes into effect immediately.

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that Council direct staff to identify and make the necessary changes to reflect any bylaws automatically amended “by operation of law” once the *Act* amendments are enacted and bring those back to the September 2012 Council meeting for information.**
CARRIED

The four amendments under the “operation of law” provision in the above motion include: enfranchising limited licensees, inter-jurisdictional disciplinary mobility rules, delegation of registration to the registrar and requiring an investigated person to appear before the Investigation Committee.

MOTION **It was moved and seconded that Council direct staff to identify any bylaws impacted but not automatically amended “by operation of law” when the *Act* amendments are enacted and bring those back to the September 2012 Council meeting for information and possible bylaw amendments.**
CARRIED

It was noted that any bylaw changes necessary will follow the consultation process for bylaws.

MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council approves, in principle, the establishment of a Legislative Implementation Task Force, for the period 2012-2013 to oversee the research, development, consultation and bylaw formulation to implement the approved legislative amendments and other related matters.

CARRIED

CO-12-99 CANADIAN FRAMEWORK FOR LICENSURE – ENGINEERS CANADA
It was noted that the Engineers Canada CEO group incorporated all recommendations received from the APEGBC Council into the revised element presented for final endorsement.

MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council endorses the revised key considerations for Fairness in Registration Practices, an element of the Canadian Framework for Licensure, dated June 2012.

CARRIED

CO-12-100 CPD COMPLIANCE STATEMENT

MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council approve that the CPD statement of compliance be modified to "Are you in compliance with the CPD requirements as outlined in the CPD Guideline?" with the following response options:

"Yes, I have accrued ___ professional development hours."

"No."or

"Decline to Answer."

CARRIED

CO-12-101 REPORT FROM BRANCH REPRESENTATIVES MEETING
Council reviewed minutes from the April 27, 2012 Branch Representatives meeting.

MOTION It was moved and seconded that travel costs to attend the Fall Branch Representatives Meeting be subsidized for the incoming Branch Representatives Chair.

CARRIED

It was noted the above arrangement is due to a unique situation and is considered to be a one-time event and not continuing.

CO-12-102 INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS (OPEN)

- **Climate Change & Adaptation Progress Report (Scheduled Work Plan Item):** The Climate Change and Adaptation Advisory Group has formed and an inaugural meeting held in May. A second meeting is planned for June to develop work plans and discuss timelines.
- **Engineers Canada (EC) Report:** APEGBC Directors to Engineers Canada, Russ Kinghorn and Emily Cheung requested specific Council direction be provided on the following items:

- Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board (CEQB): The Engineering Competency Based Assessment Project, funded by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada will be almost complete by the end of 2012. It covers eight competencies for work experience evaluation in registration across Canada. During discussion Council indicated strong support for a national approach to the implementation and maintenance of the Competency Based Assessment.
- Raising the Profile of the Profession: Council agreed that raising the profile and promoting the profession of engineering should receive appropriate resourcing; however while it is appropriate for Engineers Canada to develop some tools that could be utilized by all Constituent Associations, the application of the tools is generally best left to the individual CAs.

It was noted that the topic of P.Tech arose at the June EC meetings. There are continuing discussions and expressions of opinion regarding the development of the P.Tech designation in BC and perceptions of how it might impact other Constituent Associations.

- **Geoscientists Canada (GC) Report**: Lindsay Bottomer, APEGBC Director to GC, provided a verbal report of the recent GC meetings and AGM. The new President is Tim Corkery P.Geo. The contract of CEO Oliver Bonham P.Geo. was renewed for three years. The GC Board approved an APEGBC request for partial cost recovery to be phased in over three years.

A report given at the June meetings by a task force on incidental practice generated considerable discussion among the GC Constituent Associations. Currently there are some agreements between individual associations regarding incidental practice, namely Ontario and Quebec. BC has recently obtained legislative authority to recognize incidental practice.

President Jeff Holm left the meeting at 1:21 pm (via teleconference).

- **Branch Engagement Report**: received.
- **President's Report**: received.
- **Women in Engineering**: Councillors Donna Howes and Sheila Wynn reported on a meeting of industry and university representatives and contacts to discuss issues of attracting and retaining women into the professions of engineering and geoscience. Council provided positive supportive comments regarding further research and developing initiatives. This issue will come back to future Council meetings.

END OF OPEN SESSION

The meeting ended at 1:35 pm.

Minutes approved as circulated at Council meeting of September 14, 2012 (CO-12-111)