



## MINUTES\* OF THE 98<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ENGINEERS AND GEOLOGISTS BRITISH COLUMBIA

*\*Minutes are presented as a draft, until approved at the following AGM*

The meeting was held at the Whistler Conference Centre in Whistler, BC, on Saturday, October 21, 2017. After establishing that quorum of members was present, Chair, President Bob Stewart, P.Eng., convened the meeting at 8:31 AM. The Chair acknowledged the unceded shared traditional territories of the Squamish and Lil'wat Nations, on which the meeting was being held. The Chair noted that the legal and notification requirements for the meeting had been met and the meeting duly constituted.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

A video message from the Premier, John Horgan, was played. The Premier thanked members for their contributions to the people of BC and provided good wishes for a successful meeting.

### INTRODUCTION OF 2016/2017 COUNCIL

The Chair introduced the 2016/2017 members of Council to those assembled, and reviewed Council's role and responsibilities under Engineers and Geoscientists BC's primary mandate of public protection.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of Engineers and Geoscientists of BC be approved.

**CARRIED**

### INTRODUCTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Eli Mina, registered parliamentarian, was introduced as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF MEETING RULES

Immediate Past President Dr. Michael Wrinch, P.Eng. FEC, FGC (Hon.), introduced the meeting rules and reviewed proposed changes to the rules related to the deadline to submit motions, and procedures for allowing urgent motions to be submitted.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the 2017 Annual General Meeting rules be approved.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the Annual General Meeting rules from the previous year be approved.

**CARRIED**

### **WELCOME TO VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS**

President Stewart introduced and recognized the dedicated volunteers and contributors who give their valuable time and expertise to enhance the guidance and standards that are available to members, and which maintain our commitment to excellence. Volunteers serve as branch and division executives, on committees, task forces, and joint practice boards and as directors to provincial and national associations. President Stewart also thanked the past presidents of the association, deans of educational institutions, student representatives to Engineers and Geoscientists BC and officials of other associations in British Columbia, Canada and the United States.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 97<sup>TH</sup> (2016) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Chair advised that the minutes of the 2016 AGM were made available at the registration desk for this meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 97<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (2016) of Engineers and Geoscientists of BC be approved as printed.

**CARRIED**

### **RESULTS OF THE 2017/2018 COUNCIL ELECTION**

John Watson, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), Chief Scrutineer, explained the process followed to receive and count both electronic ballots and paper ballots for the 2017/2018 Council election. Mr. Watson stated that he and fellow scrutineers, Kathleen Kompauer, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.) and Ken Williams, P.Eng., FEC, were satisfied that the election was conducted in a confidential, fair and impartial manner.

This year 17.4% of eligible voting members participated. 4,564 votes were cast online and 11 paper ballots were returned.

The council election results were announced as follows:

**President:** Caroline Andrewes, P.Eng., CMA, CPA

**Vice President:** Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., FEC

**Councillors elected to a two-year term:** Lianna Mah, P.Eng., FEC, Jeremy Vincent, P.Geo., Tim Watson, P.Eng., Dr. Catherine Hickson, P.Geo., FGC, Doug Barry, P.Eng.

**Councillor elected to a one-year term:** Dr. Nimal Rajapakse, P.Eng.

## **DESTRUCTION OF COUNCIL ELECTION BALLOTS**

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the electronic and paper ballots for the council election and bylaw vote be destroyed at the end of three months.

**CARRIED**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair directed the assembly's attention to the 2016/2017 Annual Report, which included reports from the President, the Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, and Engineers and Geoscientists BC's financial statements. The report was distributed electronically. Printed copies were sent out on request and made available at the AGM registration desk.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Stewart, reported on Engineers and Geoscientists BC's highlights and accomplishments during 2016/2017.

The Chair opened the floor for questions regarding his report. There were no questions.

## **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND REGISTRAR'S REPORT**

Ann English, P.Eng., Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, briefed the assembly on major operational activities of the past year.

The Chair opened the floor for questions regarding the Chief Executive Officer's report.

Ernest Portfors, P.Eng., FEC requested an update on the progress of the association's investigation into the Mount Polley tailings pond breach. Ann English noted that the investigation was complex, involving huge volumes of information, and was ongoing. She stated that details could not be disclosed due to the confidential nature of the investigation process.

Dr. Bob Ito, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.) asked about the association's new brand, and whether the new name would affect our stature as a profession. The Chair noted that members would continue to use their designations, and that the new brand is intended to help the public gain a better understanding of who we are and what we do.

Monica Varga asked about registration statistics, whether registrations were increasing, and the split between internationally trained and BC-trained registrants. Gillian Pichler, P.Eng., Director, Registration, replied that she could provide exact numbers following the meeting, but could advise that the split between international and Canadian applicants was about 50-50.

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL**

John Turner, P.Ag. (Ret), presented the report of the public representatives to Council as published in the 2017 Annual Report.

President Stewart opened the floor for questions for Councillor Turner regarding the Public Representatives Report. There were no questions.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The Chair called upon Councillor Ken Laloge, CPA, CA, TEP, Chair of the Audit Committee, to explain the auditing process and to present the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, as provided in the Annual Report.

There were no questions regarding the audited financial statements for 2016/2017.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, as the association's auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, be approved.

**CARRIED**

### **GREETINGS FROM ENGINEERS CANADA AND GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA**

Russ Kinghorn, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), President of Engineers Canada, brought greetings to the assembly along with a report on Engineers Canada activities.

Jeff O'Keefe, P.Geo., President of Geoscientists Canada, brought greetings to the assembly along with a report on Geoscientists Canada activities.

### **ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

President, Bob Stewart, P.Eng., acknowledged members of the association who had passed away over the last year. A moment of respectful silence was observed.

### **PRESENTATION ON CORPORATE PRACTICE**

Mike Currie, P.Eng., Chair of the Advisory Task Force on Corporate Practice, provided a summary of the first phase of the task force's work, and next steps.

Marg Latham, P.Eng. asked about what impacts corporate practice could have on a situation like Mount Polley, and whether it would enable more efficient investigation efforts. Ann English noted that she did feel it would enable the association to be more effective in its investigations. Mike Currie added that the task force had considered this issue, and felt that in order to be an effective regulator, the association needs to be able to investigate when an individual or organization falls below standards.

At this point in the meeting a refreshment break was taken for 20 minutes.

### **GREETINGS FROM MLA RALPH SULTAN**

Ralph Sultan, P.Eng., MLA for West Vancouver-Capilano, brought greetings to the AGM.

## MEMBER MOTIONS

President Stewart reminded the members present that motions from the floor are for Council consideration. Motions received from members were as follows:

**MOTION 1:** That Council consider publishing the salary ranges, as referenced in the "APEGBC Staff Compensation Policy," for all positions that have a "reference salary" greater than \$75,000.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 2:** That Council consider publishing in the financial reports the total compensation (salaries plus benefits) for all staff who receive over \$100,000 per annum, as well as their reimbursed expenses.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 3:** That Council consider rescinding the "New Procedure for Submitting 2017 AGM motions" as detailed on the association website. Note my letter detailing objections to these procedures has been submitted for the September/October edition of *Innovation*.

**WITHDRAWN**

**MOTION 4:** That Council consider taking the necessary policy and procedural steps to develop a timely plan of action that achieves the objectives under:

- Engineers Canada's policy of 30 by 30 which is aimed at enhancing women's engagement in the engineering profession; and
- Engineers and Geoscientists BC's Human Rights and Diversity Guidelines which are aimed at improving inclusivity and respect in engineering and geoscience work places.

The plan of action may include but not be limited to:

1. Appointment of a special committee
2. Approval of designated line-budget item;
3. Targeting of major public/private employers of professional engineers/geoscientists in a public awareness program of the need and possible benefits of the action plan.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 5:** That Council consider:

1. Establishing a task force in collaboration with the assembly of BC First Nations to review the recommendations contained within the Truth and Reconciliation Committee (TRC) report with the intent of determining how Engineers and Geoscientists BC can help to facilitate the recommendations within the mandate of the *Act* as well as within the context of the Code of Ethics.
2. Develop guidelines for members to ensure that professional conduct and professional services performed and delivered by members are consistent with the recommendations of the TRC report and/or help to facilitate the intent of the recommendations.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 6:** That Council give consideration to creating a task force to prepare a guidance document for the provincial government to establish tolerable levels of landslide risk with respect to residential development within BC.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 7:** That Council consider advocating to have the *Act* changed to allow Members-in-Training to vote.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 8:** That Council consider developing an award for organizations who support diversity and promote recruitment and advancement of women in engineering and geoscience.

This motion supports the 30 by 30 initiative.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 9:** That Council consider reading the names of the deceased members at the AGM.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 10:** That Council consider adopting the rules for presenting motions used this year for next year's AGM. This will provide clarity to the motions.

**WITHDRAWN**

#### **INDUCTION OF 2017/2018 PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL**

President Stewart introduced Caroline Andrewes, P.Eng., CMA, CPA, as incoming president for the 2017/2018 Council year. Ms. Andrewes read the President's Oath of Office and then introduced the 2017/2018 Council. She advised that members of Council would be signing their oaths of office following the meeting.

President Andrewes presented the Gold Foil Life Member disc to Past President Stewart with sincere thanks for his efforts over the past year.

#### **2018 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND 99<sup>TH</sup> AGM**

The Chair announced that the 2018 Annual Conference and 99<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held in Vancouver, BC, October 18–20, 2018.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:47 AM.