



## MINUTES OF THE 99<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

The meeting was held at the Vancouver Conference Centre East in Vancouver, BC, on Saturday, October 20, 2018. After establishing that quorum of members was present, Chair, President Caroline Andrewes, P.Eng., CMA, CPA convened the meeting at 8:33 am. The Chair noted the ancestral, traditional and unceded Aboriginal territories of the Coast Salish peoples, and in particular the Squamish, Musqueam and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations People. The Chair noted that the legal and notification requirements for the meeting had been met and the meeting duly constituted.

The Chair also informed members of the emergency exits in the building and went over the material they received from the registration desk (agenda packages, voting cards).

Vice President Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., led the membership with the singing of O Canada.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Greetings from the Premier, John Horgan, were read. The Premier thanked members for their contributions to the people of British Columbia and provided good wishes for a successful meeting.

The Chair also thanked Ralph Sultan for joining us at our meeting and 2018 Conference.

### INTRODUCTION OF 2017/2018 COUNCIL

The Chair introduced the 2017/2018 members of Council to those assembled and provided an overview of Council's role and responsibilities under Engineers and Geoscientists BC's primary mandate of protection of the public.

### APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the 99<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**

The Parliamentarian reviewed the meeting rules and voting procedures.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the 2018 Annual General Meeting rules be approved.

**CARRIED**

## **WELCOME TO VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS**

The Chair 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 Andrewes 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 98TH (2017) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The Chair advised that the minutes of the 2017 AGM were made available at the registration desk for this meeting.

**MOTION:** It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 98<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (2017) of Engineers and Geoscientists of BC be approved as printed.

**CARRIED**

## **RESULTS OF THE 2018/2019 COUNCIL ELECTION AND BYLAW VOTE**

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 2018/2019 Council election and bylaw amendment vote. Mr. Watson stated that he and fellow scrutineers, John Clague, P.Geo., FGC, FEC (Hon.) and Ken Williams, P.Eng., FEC, were satisfied that both the election and bylaw amendment vote were conducted in a confidential, fair and impartial manner.

This year 18.0% of eligible voting members participated. 4,933 votes were cast online, and 10 paper ballots were returned.

The council election results were announced as follows:

President: Dr. Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng.

Vice President: Harlan Kelly, P.Eng.

Councillors elected to a two-year term: Antigone Dixon-Warren, P.Geo., Susan MacDougall, P.Eng., Brock Nanson, P.Eng., Kevin Turner, P.Eng., FEC, (Hon.), Larry Spence, P.Eng.

John Watson, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), announced the Bylaw Amendment Vote results.

Bylaws require two-thirds approval of voting members to pass. The results are as follows:

Bylaw 10 (c): Non-Practicing Member – passes

Bylaw 10 (c.1): Life Membership or Licensure – passes

Bylaw 10 (c.2): Honorary Life Membership or Licensure – passes

Bylaw 10 (d): Honorary Membership - passes

There were no questions.

#### **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 2017/2018 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**

The Chair reported on Engineers and Geoscientists BC's highlights and accomplishments during 2017/2018.

The Chair opened the floor for questions regarding her 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 and Registrar's report. There were no questions.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL

Suky Cheema, CPA, CA, Government Appointee, presented the report of the public representatives to Council as published in the Annual Report.

The Chair opened the floor for questions regarding the Public Representatives Report. There were no questions.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair called upon Suky Cheema, CPA, CA, Chair of the Audit Committee, to explain the auditing process and to present the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, as provided in the Annual Report.

There were no questions regarding the audited financial statements for 2017/2018.

**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, 2019, be approved.

**CARRIED**

## GREETINGS FROM ENGINEERS CANADA AND GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA

Annette Bergeron, P.Eng., FEC, President of Engineers Canada, brought greetings to the assembly along with a report on Engineers Canada activities.

Garth Kirkham, P.Geo., FGC, (Hon.) Engineers and Geoscientists BC's representative to Geoscientists Canada, brought greetings to the assembly along with a report on Geoscientists Canada's activities.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

The Chair acknowledged members of the association who had passed away over the last year. A moment of respectful silence was observed.

## PRESENTATION ON PROFESSIONAL RELIANCE

Vice-President Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., presented on Professional Reliance and reported on the work the association has conducted to date. The Chair opened the floor for questions.

Questions relating to how additional qualifications support public confidence; the potential triggers that may have initiated the review; whether regulatory oversight is becoming a trend in professional regulation; support that is provided to members in the way of practice guidelines; and potential implications of this review for ASTTBC, were addressed by the Chair and the CEO and Registrar.

The Chair noted that the Professional Reliance Report can be found on the Government's engage bc website and that once the legislation is introduced, it will become public record, at which time it will be shared with members.

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

## MEMBER MOTIONS

President Andrewes 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 undertaking and putting the necessary resources into the development of a comprehensive Climate Change Action Plan that will provide direction on the roles and duties of EGBC's member in addressing this issue.

**CARRIED**

**MOTION 2:** That Council consider assessing whether it is ethical for members to work on projects that could significantly increase greenhouse gas emissions (e.g. expansion of oil sands mines, fossil fuel pipelines, and LNG projects), given that climate change is causing widespread harm to people and the environment, both locally and globally, and that the Code Ethics requires that "members and licensees shall hold paramount the safety, health and welfare of the public, and the protection of the environment". In addition, for council to prepare a report for members about this assessment.

**DEFEATED**

**MOTION 3:** That Council consider holding a referendum before enacting corporate registration.

**DEFEATED**

## INDUCTION OF 2018/2019 PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL

President Andrewes introduced Dr. Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., as incoming president for the 2018/2019 Council year. Ms. Tarnai-Lokhorst read the President's Oath of Office and then introduced the 2018/2019 Council. She advised that members of Council would be signing their oaths of office following the meeting.

Incoming President Tarnai-Lokhorst thanked outgoing President Andrewes for her efforts over the past year.

## 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND 100TH AGM

The Chair announced that the 2019 Annual Conference and 100<sup>th</sup> AGM will be held in Kelowna, BC, October 17–19, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:58 am.

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