

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL OPEN SESSION OF THE 2011/2012 COUNCIL of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, held on SEPTEMBER 28, 2012, in the SOUTH PENDER ISLAND BALLROOM, HOTEL GRAND PACIFIC , VICTORIA, BC.

**Present**

<b>Council</b>	Jeff Holm P.Eng. FEC	- President, Chair
	Frank Denton P.Eng. FEC	- Past President
	Michael Isaacson P.Eng. PhD	- Vice President
	Matt Cameron P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Emily Cheung P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	John Clague P.Geo. PhD	- Councillor
	Ana Fernandes CIM FCSI	- Councillor
	Herb Hawson P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Donna Howes P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Joe Martignago BA MBA	- Councillor
	Andy Mill P.Eng./StructEng FEC	- Councillor
	Ross Rettie P.Eng. FEC	- Councillor
	Mike Waberski BCLS	- Councillor
	Mike Wrinch P.Eng. PhD	- Councillor
Sheila Wynn PhD	- Councillor	
<b>Guests</b>	Ann English P.Eng.	- BC Hydro
<b>Staff</b>	Derek Doyle P.Eng.	- CEO & Registrar
	Tony Chong P.Eng.	- Chief Regulatory Officer & Deputy Registrar
	Janet Sinclair FEC (Hon.)	- Chief Operating Officer
	Jennifer Cho CGA	- Director, Finance & Administration
	Gill Pichler P.Eng. FEC	- Director, Registration & Admissions
	Peter Mitchell P.Eng. FEC	- Director, Professional Practice, Standards & Development
	Geoff Thiele LLP FEC (Hon.)	- Director, Legislation, Ethics & Compliance
	Megan Archibald	- Assoc. Director, Communications & Stakeholder Engagement
	Joanne Williamson	- Council Administrator (Recorder)
<b><u>Regrets</u></b>	Harlan Kelly P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Mark Porter P.Eng./StructEng	- Councillor

### **CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS**

President Jeff Holm, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. This meeting took place during the course of the 2012 Planning Session. One week prior notice had been provided for the agenda.

#### **CO-12-124 BYLAW RATIFICATION AMENDMENT**

Notice of meeting had been provided one week previously to determine how to proceed with the “public interest” bylaw ratification amendment with a motions to be framed during Planning Session discussion. The public interest bylaw refers to the legislative framework request outlined as Part 1 of 12 requests approved by Council at their April 23, 2010 meeting (Motion CO-10-76). This was the subject of a member petition ballot held in May 2012 in which 70% of the voters requested that Council reconsider this particular legislative request (Part 1 only). The other 11 requests approved in the April 23, 2010 motion were approved by government and enacted in June 2012.

The intention of today's discussion is to have information to take to the membership at the 2012 AGM on October 27, 2012.

Discussion focused on Motion CO-10-76 Part 1 (a-e) from April 23, 2010, restated below in italics:

*CO-10-76 MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council accepts that the Engineers and Geoscientists Act be amended as follows:*

*1. Legislative Framework*

- a. Council will make the rules for all matters related to the protection of the public interest and members will ratify the rules for all matters related to the governance of the Association.*
- b. All rules shall require the approval of 2/3 of Council present at the meeting.*
- c. For governance matters, 50% member ratification by ballot is required.*
- d. Rules relating to governance matters shall be referred to as bylaws.*
- e. Rules relating to public interest matters shall be referred to as regulations.*

**MOTION** **It was moved and seconded that that Council examine additional alternatives for the approval of regulatory bylaws before advancing further regulatory requests to government regarding the April 23, 2010 Motion CO-10-76 Part 1 (a-e).**

**CARRIED**

During discussion, it was agreed that the intention of examining additional alternatives indicates an extensive consultation process be carried out prior to Council consideration regarding advancing the specific legislative request to government regarding the April 23, 2010 Motion CO-10-76 Part 1 (a-e).

### **END OF SPECIAL OPEN SESSION**

The Closed Session ended at 5:10 pm.

Minutes approved as circulated at Council meeting of November 30, 2012 (CO-13-14)