



Minutes of a meeting of **COUNCIL** of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba, held on **THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2010**, at 12:00h in the Association premises at 870 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 2M7

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**PRESENT:** John Woods; presiding; Alan Aftanas; Bill Girling; Don Himbeault; Robyn Page; Doina Priscu; Raymond Reichelt

**ALSO PRESENT:** Grant Koropatnick; Lorraine Dupas; Mike Gregoire  
David Ennis (Engineers Canada Director)  
Tim Corkery (CCPG Director)  
Arthur Kempman (Keystone Professional Reporter)

**REGRETS:** Arthur Chapman; Sheila Dresen; Rick Lemoine; Jeannette Montufar; Cindy Rodych; Edward Ryczkowski; Brian Shortt; Don Spangelo

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

President Woods called the meeting to order at 12: 48 p.m. without a quorum.

President Woods advised that Engineers Canada Director, Dave Ennis, will make a presentation on the Synergy Task Force.

#### **10.01.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was agreed that the meeting would proceed without a quorum and any items for decision would be deferred.

#### **10.01.3 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 10 DECEMBER 2009**

Deferred.

#### **10.01.4 CPD TASK GROUP**

President Woods spoke about the activities of the CPD task group. He stated that the task force has been working on developing a professional development reporting system. Most of what has been developed, so far, is based on the APEGGA model.

Councillor Girling stated that the task group would like to get a broad representation from the membership to test the program (i.e. from consulting, private practice, government, industry).

The task group will be meeting again next month.

**10.01.5 G3. ENGINEERS CANADA – SYNERGY TASK FORCE GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL**

**G4 ENGINEERS CANADA DIRECTOR**

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 21 January 2010 (Appendix A)

1:05 p.m. Synergy Task force discussion by Engineers Canada Director Dave Ennis.

Mr. Ennis referred Council to the Synergy Task Force Proposal – Governance document that was circulated with the agenda package.

He spoke about some issues that Engineers Canada is dealing with.

- Its reserves are down from six million to \$400,000.00.
- There is gridlock between Engineers Canada and its constituent members - he likened the situation to Engineers Canada being the child of 12 parents.

Mr. Ennis spoke to the summary of Proposed Key Changes to Governance.

He advised that the core business of Engineers Canada is the Canadian Engineering Qualifications and the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board.

Assessments from constituent members make up about 28 percent of Engineers Canada's revenue.

Affinity programs (insurance programs) make up about 30 percent of Engineers Canada's revenue.

President Woods, Executive Director Koropatnick, and Engineers Canada Director Dave Ennis will attend the Synergy Task Force Plenary Session in Ottawa at the end of February.

## **G4 ENGINEERS CANADA DIRECTOR – Presentations from Candidates**

Dr. Digvir Jayas and Dr. Don Himbeault had been invited to make brief presentations to Council on why they are willing to serve as Engineers Canada Manitoba Director.

1:38 p.m

Dr. Himbeault talked about some of the issues that Engineers Canada is dealing with; including financial sustainability.

Dr. Himbeault stated that some of the strengths he would bring to the role of Engineers Canada Manitoba Director are:

- He recently participated in the Engineers Canada plenary session.
- He has a financial accounting background (works at Deloitte).
- He is able to fully commit time to the EC Director position.
- He has established relationships with presidents and past presidents from the other associations; some of whom will become EC directors.
- He is bilingual. Don advised that the incoming EC President is a member from OIQ

Dr. Himbeault pointed out that the guidelines for who is eligible to serve as director state that the position of EC Director must be a member in good standing, preferably a recent past-president or senior volunteer.

He stated that his employer is supportive of him serving in this position.

1:45 p.m. Dr. Himbeault ended his presentation

1:46 p.m.

Dr. Jayas thanked Council for the opportunity to speak to why he would like to serve as the Engineers Canada Manitoba Director. He stated that he has discussed this position with the University President who is in favour of him serving in this position.

Dr. Jayas stated that he is very passionate about the engineering profession.

He spoke about his past experience with Engineers Canada. He stated that he was on the Canadian Engineering Qualifications

Board (CEQB) for 12 years, and also served as Chair of the Board. He served on the EC International Committee.

He visited four engineering education institutions as part of a visiting team from the Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB).

Dr. Jayas stated he would like to see more industry practising engineers involved in the education of engineers.

He spoke to the issue of dealing with the financial issues that are facing Engineers Canada. He led the team which re-organized TR Labs to ensure financial viability; therefore, he has experience in financial matters.

Dr. Jayas stated that he continues to be involved with, and contribute to the profession.

Dr. Jayas advised that he is a Fellow of the Engineering Institute of Canada.

1: 53 p.m. Dr. Jayas ended his presentation.

1:54 p.m. Dr. Jayas and Dr. Himbeault left the meeting.

Council could not vote on the appointment as quorum was not present.

Council agreed that it should make a decision on the appointment of an Engineers Canada Director as soon as possible, so that whoever is selected can attend the Board of Directors meeting and Synergy Task Force Plenary Session in Ottawa on February 26 and 27.

President Woods will contact Dr. Jayas and Dr. Himbeault and ask them to provide a brief summary of their platforms; which will be e-mailed to all councillors for a vote.

President Woods stated that he would like a decision to be made on the EC Director's position by January 29.

2:05 p.m. Dr. Himbeault returned to the meeting.

*OWNERSHIP LINKAGE - None*

*CONSENT AGENDA*

The Consent Agenda items were deferred to the March 11<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

**10.01.6 C1. APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Council received a list of applications approved by the Registration Committee for the month of December 2009. (Appendix B).

**C2. ARC – Examination Failure Policy**

Mr. Koropatnick spoke to the ARC Examination Failure Policy.

The Policy states that if an applicant has been exited from the Assessment Program, they can reinstate, however, they must start over from the beginning; any passes or failures can not be carried over.

This item will remain on the agenda to be discussed at Council's next meeting.

*COUNCIL EDUCATION –*

**10.01.7 D1 POLICY GOVERNANCE – SUSAN ROGERS**

Susan Rogers agreed to re-schedule the training session to the March Council meeting, as there were very few councillors in attendance at today's meeting.

*ITEMS FOR DECISION – None*

*GOVERNANCE*

**10.01.8 G1. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE CHAIR**  
Deferred.

**10.01.9 G2. SOCIETY OF PHILIPPINE EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS – SPEPEM.**  
Deferred.

**10.01.10 G5. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS LIST**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 21 January 2010 (Appendix C) and the cumulative outstanding action list from Council meetings after 10 December 2009.

Council reviewed the list.

- Appoint P.Geo to the Discipline Committee – complete
- Agreement on Internal trade (AIT) – Feedback to Labour Mobility Coordinator - monitoring
- CPD Task Group – in progress
- Appeal Committee – in progress

**10.01.11 G6. Planning the Agenda for the Next Meeting and Assignment of GP Monitoring Responsibilities.**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 21 January 2010 and the proposed agenda for the next Council meeting on 11 March 2010. (Appendix D).

The following items are to be considered for discussion at a future Council meeting:

- Policy Governance - Susan Rogers.
- APEGM Chapter at the University of Manitoba –Dr. Kinsner will provide information to Council on this item.

*INFORMATION ITEMS*

**10.01.12** Council considered and received the following information items (Appendix E):

N1. Membership statistics as at December 31, 2009 – Grant stated that APEGM's membership total went up 5.1% from last year. MIT enrolment is up to 934 - an all time high.

N2. Financial Statement – December 31,2009

N3. UM Chapter

N4. Online Voting – APEGBC

N5. 2010 Schedule of Council meetings and Special Events

N6. Pan-Canadian Assessment Framework – FLMM Report

Grant stated that the steps and protocols indicated in the report are consistent with APEGM's policies in the assessment of internationally trained engineers and geoscientists.

N7. Engineers Canada – Manitoba Director's Report

N8. CCPG – Manitoba Director's Report

**10.01.13 V1. EVALUATION OF MEETING**

President Woods agreed that the meeting followed the style of governance to which it had been committed.

*NICE TO KNOW ITEMS*

*None.*

**10.01.14     ADJOURNMENT**

President Woods encouraged councillors to read the Synergy Task Force Proposal, and forward any comments to him by e-mail.

Councillors were also asked to forward any names of members who may be interested in joining the CPD focus group.

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on 11 March 2010.

Councillor Page advised that she will be unable to attend the March Council meeting.

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John Woods, P.Eng.  
President

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Grant Koropatnick, P.Eng.  
Executive Director & Registrar