



Minutes of a meeting of **COUNCIL** of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba, held on **THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2010**, at 12:00h in the Association premises at 870 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 2M7

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**PRESENT:** John Woods; presiding; Arthur Chapman; Sheila Dresen; Bill Girling; Don Himbeault; Jeannette Montufar; Doina Priscu; Raymond Reichelt; Cindy Rodych; Edward Ryczkowski; Don Spangelo

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

**REGRETS:** Alan Aftanas; Rick Lemoine; Robyn Page; Brian Shortt

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

President Woods called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

Mr. Koropatnick reviewed the additional agenda information that was circulated at the meeting.

#### **10.02.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

It was **MOVED** by Raymond Reichelt and **SECONDED** by Don Spangelo that the agenda be approved with the following amendments:

Add G6. Nominating Committee – Councillor Appointment

Add N13 Information Item - Presentations by U of MB Dean Candidates.

Re-order the agenda to discuss item G1 (Red Lion – UMES) after item G5 (Engineers Canada Director's Report).

CARRIED

#### **10.02.3 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETINGS OF 10 DECEMBER 2009 and 21 January 2010**

It was MOVED by Don Himbeault and SECONDED by Arthur Chapman that the Minutes of the Council meetings of 10 December 2009 and 21 January 2010 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

*OWNERSHIP LINKAGE - None*

*CONSENT AGENDA*

Council accepted the Consent Agenda items.

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

Council received a list of applications approved by the Registration Committee for the months of December, 2009, January, 2010, and February 2010 (Appendix A).

C2. ARC Examination Failure Policy

*COUNCIL EDUCATION –*

**10.02.5 D1. ENGINEERING LEGACIES – DVD (4 minutes)**

Councillors viewed a short video produced the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies. The video is available for viewing at: <http://www.engineeringlegacies.com/>

**10.02.6 D2. POLICY GOVERNANCE – SUSAN ROGERS**

12:50 p.m. to 2:05 p.m.

Susan Rogers lead a session for Council on policy governance fundamentals. Council suggested some edits to the EL policies.

Break 2:05 p.m.

2:15 p.m. Jeannette Montufar arrived.

*ITEMS FOR DECISION – None*

*GOVERNANCE*

**10.02.7 G1. NOMINATING COMMITTEE – COUNCILLOR APPOINTMENT**

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 (Appendix A), which was distributed at the meeting.

It was MOVED by Don Spangelo and SECONDED by Sheila Dresen that Doina Priscu be appointed to the Nominating Committee.

CARRIED

It was MOVED by Don Spangelo and SECONDED by Bill Girling that Council appoint Allan Ball, Dawn Nedohin-Macek, Suresh Neethirajan, Jeff O'Driscoll, Don Himbeault, John Woods, Lindsay Melvin, and Efrem Teklemariam to the 2009-2010 Nominating Committee.

CARRIED

**10.02.8 G2. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 (Appendix B).

It was MOVED by Don Spangelo and SECONDED by Ed Ryczkowski that David Stregger, P.Eng. be appointed Chair of the APEGM Discipline Committee.

CARRIED

**10.02.9 G3. SPEPEM – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 (Appendix C).

At a previous meeting, Council had asked Mr. Koropatnick to check with constituent associations to see if any of them have signed this type of agreement with any of their members.

Seven provincial engineering regulators responded that they do not have agreements with such groups. APEGBC responded that they have a number of agreements with such groups of members. They allow them to use "engineering" in their name. PEO also responded that they have agreements with such groups of members.

Councillors discussed the option of having SPEPEM establish as a chapter of the Association under By-law 16. This method would better integrate the group into APEGM.

It was MOVED by Don Spangelo and SECONDED by Doina Priscu that the Executive Director present the chapter option to Dr. Alfaro.  
CARRIED

**10.02.10 G4. ENGINEERS CANADA – SYNERGY TASK FORCE GOVERNANCE PROPOSAL**

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 (Appendix D).

President Woods, Executive Director Grant Koropatnick, Manitoba Director Dave Ennis, and in-coming Manitoba Director Digvir Jayas attended the Synergy Task Force Plenary Session in Ottawa in February.

A letter to the Chair of the Synergy Task Force, dated 9 March 2010, presenting APEGM's position following the plenary session, was distributed at the meeting.

**10.02.11 G5. ENGINEERS CANADA – MANITOBA DIRECTOR**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 (Appendix E).

Dave Ennis provided an overview on the issues before the Synergy Task Group.

One of the issues is Governance and another issue is that of Financial Sustainability.

Financial sustainability: Dave reported that associations pay (through the Engineers Canada assessment fee of \$10.21 per member) approximately 28 percent of the budget of Engineers Canada; which does not even cover the core business costs of Engineers Canada. Forty one percent of funding comes from commissions on insurance programs (affinity programs). He stated that there will be discussion, in the future, to increase the Engineers Canada assessment fee.

The Synergy Task Force met on 10 March 2010, and will be putting forward a revised proposal for consideration at the May meeting of Engineers Canada.

## **G5.1 . E-MAIL VOTE SELECTED DIGVIR JAYAS AS NEW MANITOBA DIRECTOR FOR ENGINEERS CANADA**

It was MOVED by Bill Girling and SECONDED by Jeannette Montufar that Council approve the appointment of Past-President (2006) Digvir Jayas, P.Eng. to the position of Engineers Canada Manitoba Director for a two-year term beginning June 1, 2010.

CARRIED

### **10.02.12 RED LION – UMES**

3:25 p.m.

A copy of an article titled “University Investigates Raunchy Student Mag” published in a recent edition of the Winnipeg Free Press was distributed with the agenda package. The article highlighted “The Red Loin – February 2010 edition”. The magazine is published by the engineering student body in the Faculty of Engineering at the U of MB.

(Other media outlets also picked up this story.)

It was noted that this article appeared during Provincial Engineering Week – a week where engineering is being promoted.

Councillor Montufar spoke to this matter. She advised that she attended the UMES council meeting last night, where students discussed the recent media reports. The students stated that the publication is intended for students only. The students are of the opinion that since they are not yet professional engineers, they do not have to follow the code of ethics. They did not feel that the publication was denigrating to women.

Council discussed the issue. Among the points discussed were:

- The content of the publication is disturbing;
- The publication may have negatively impacted the reputation of the profession;
- The profession needs to attract females as students and retain women. This publication may lead some females to believe that they would not be welcome in the Faculty of Engineering;
- A lot of work has gone into promoting the fact that there is equality in engineering - this publication is a set-back;
- The Association should make a statement that we don't condone the publication;
- The Association should continue to be supportive of students;

- The MOU with UMES may need to be updated to include a stipulation that UMES must uphold the ethics of the profession;
- 25% of the UMES budget is funded by APEGM - we should expect some degree of professionalism. UMES should not be using their resources for this type of publication.

Grant stated that this is an opportunity for the profession to mentor the young professionals.

Councillors agreed that a meeting should be arranged with the new and existing UMES Councils to let them know what is expected of them in regards to the Memorandum of Understanding between APEGM and UMES.

It was agreed that Councillors Jeannette Montufar, John Woods, Don Spangelo, and Robyn Page, together with Professional Standards Officer Mike Gregoire, and Executive Director Grant Koropatnick meet with the UMES Council to discuss this matter.

Council also agreed that the Association should put forth an official response to our membership.

4:35 p.m

#### **10.02.13 G6. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS LIST**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 (Appendix F) 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

#### **10.02.14 G7. Planning the Agenda for the Next Meeting and Assignment of GP Monitoring Responsibilities.**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 11 March 2010 and the proposed agenda for the next Council meeting on 13 May 2010. (Appendix G).

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

- CPD task group report
- Summary of by-law revisions
- Online voting preparation
- Electronic seal
- Discussion on revised Synergy proposal
- Invite new UMES Student Council and Senior Stick to attend the May Council meeting
- Policy Governance - Susan Rogers
- Invite the Geology Students Association to a future Council meeting (maybe September).

### *INFORMATION ITEMS*

**10.02.15** Council considered and received the following information items (Appendix H):

- N1. Membership statistics as at February 28, 2010
- N2. Financial Statement – February 28, 2010-03-11
- N3. Free Press Article – John Woods, P.Eng.
- N4. UM Chapter for APEGM
- N5 Online Voting – APEGBC
- N6. Schedule of Council Meetings
- N7. Pan Canadian Assessment Framework – FLMM Report
- N8. Best Policy Directions for Engineering Regulators
- N9. Engineers Canada – Manitoba Director’s Report
- N10. CCPG – Manitoba Director’s Report
- N11. UM Geology 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary
- N12. Invitation to Dinner – ENGAP Graduation
- N13. Presentations by U of MB Dean Candidates - Dave Ennis encouraged councillors to attend the public presentations that will be given by the four candidates applying for the position of Dean of Engineering.

**10.02.16** **V1. EVALUATION OF MEETING**

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

**10.02.17     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on 13 May 2010.

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John Woods, P.Eng.  
President

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Grant Koropatnick, P.Eng.  
Executive Director & Registrar

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