

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE  
2006/2007 COUNCIL of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of  
British Columbia, held on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2006 AT THE EXECUTIVE  
HOTEL IN BURNABY, BC

**PRESENT**

<b>Council</b>	Timothy Smith, P.Geo., Eng.L., LEG	- President (Chair)
	Steve Graham, Ph.D., P.Eng/P.Geo.	- Vice President
	Bob Ito, Ph.D., P.Eng.	- Past President
	Janet Benjamin, P.Eng.	- Councillor (teleconf)
	Lindsay Bottomer, P.Geo.	- Councillor (teleconf)
	Emily Cheung, P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Lee Failing, P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Jeff Holm, P.Eng.	- Councillor (teleconf)
	Russ Kinghorn, P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Philippe Kruchten, Ph.D., P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Guy Lemieux, P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Margaret Li, Ph.D., P.Eng.	- Councillor
	Marilyn Pattison, Ph.D.	- Councillor
	Kevin Turner, P.Eng.	- Councillor
<b>Staff</b>	Gillian Pichler, P.Eng.	- Interim Registrar / Director, Registration
	Fred Wylie, CGA, CMA, CHRP	- Interim Executive Director / Director, Internal Affairs
	Ross Rettie, P.Eng.	- Director, Professional Practice & Ethics
	Peter So, CMA	- Interim CFO / Assoc. Director, Finance & Information Technology
	Peter Mitchell, P.Eng.	- Assoc. Director, Professional Practice
	Geoff Thiele, LLB	- Assoc. Director, Regulatory Compliance
	Janet Sinclair	- Assoc. Director, Member Services
	Joanne Newlove, BA	- Executive Assistant
<b><u>Absent</u></b>	Joan Hansen, OD	- Councillor
	Lawrence Woo, CA	- Councillor
<b><u>Guests</u></b>	Arnold Badke, P.Eng.	- CEBC Rep

OPEN SESSION

CO-07-13 APPROVAL OF OPEN CONSENT AGENDA

Council was given an opportunity to remove items from the Open Consent agenda. Several items were removed for discussion (see CO-07-14 below).

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the Open Consent Agenda be approved. **CARRIED.**

The following motions were approved via the Open Consent Agenda:

CO-07-13-1 OCTOBER 14, 2006 COUNCIL MINUTES

**MOTION** that the October 14, 2006 Open Council Minutes be approved as circulated.

CO-07-13-2 COUNCILLORS' APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

**MOTION** that the following Councillors' Appointments to Committees be approved:

**Audit Committee:** Lindsay Bottomer, P.Geo., Emily Cheung, P.Eng., Marilyn Pattison, Ph.D.

**Geoscience Committee:** Steve Graham, Ph.D., P.Geo./P.Eng., Kevin Turner, P.Eng., Margaret Li, Ph.D., P.Eng. (alternate)

**Governance Committee:** Bob Ito, P.Eng., Margaret Li, Ph.D., P.Eng.

**Professional Practice Committee:** Emily Cheung, P.Eng., Steve Graham, Ph.D., P.Geo./P.Eng.

CO-07-13-3 COUNCILLOR-BRANCH LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

**MOTION** that the following Councillor-Branch Liaison appointments be approved:

**Burnaby / New West  
Central Interior  
East Kootenay  
Fraser Valley  
Northern  
Okanagan  
Peace River  
Richmond/Delta  
Sea to Sky**

**Margaret Li  
Emily Cheung  
Russ Kinghorn  
Guy Lemieux  
Tim Smith  
Kevin Turner (lead) / Jeff Holm  
Tim Smith  
Steve Graham  
Lindsay Bottomer / Janet  
Benjamin**

South Central  
Tri-City  
Vancouver  
Vancouver Island  
Victoria  
West Kootenay

Jeff Holm (lead) / Kevin Turner  
Margaret Li  
Philippe Kruchten/Bob Ito  
Marilyn Pattison  
Marilyn Pattison / Steve Graham  
Russ Kinghorn

CO-07-13-4 REFERRAL OF 2006 AGM FLOOR MOTIONS

**MOTION** that the following referral of 2006 AGM Floor Motions be approved:

- **Refer AGM Motion 1 & 2 to the Structural Qualifications Board with direction to provide a recommendation to Council by Spring 2007;**
- **Refer AGM Motion 4 to the Governance Committee with direction to provide a recommendation to Council by the March 9, 2007 Council meeting;**
- **Refer AGM Motion 5 to the Associate Director, Member Services and Communications with direction to provide a recommendation to Council by the January 27, 2007 Council meeting.**

CO-07-13-5 REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE STRUCTURAL QUALIFICATIONS BOARD

**MOTION** that the revised Terms of Reference of the Structural Qualifications Board be approved.

CO-07-13-6 APPOINTMENTS TO APEGBC COMMITTEES

**MOTION** that the following appointments to APEGBC Committees, Boards and Task Forces be approved:

**Building Codes Committee:** Emmanuel Domingo, P.Eng., Bill May, P.Eng.

**Environment Committee:** Craig W. Crooks, EIT, Doug Underhill P.Eng.

**Registration Committee:** Jan Buermans, P.Eng., Mike Wrinch, P.Eng.

CO-07-13-7 NOMINATIONS/APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE COMMITTEES

**MOTION** that the following nominations/ appointments to outside Boards and Committees be approved:

**City of Richmond Advisory Design Panel:** Thomas V. Leung, P.Eng.

**City of Vancouver Urban Design Panel:** Doug L. Watts, P.Eng.,  
MAIBC

(End of Motions Approved via Consent Agenda)

CO-07-14 ITEMS REMOVED FROM OPEN CONSENT AGENDA

CO-07-14-1 SEPTEMBER 8, 2006 OPEN COUNCIL MINUTES

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the September 8, 2006 Open Council Minutes be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

**Amendment:** replace “had concerns with the wording of the resolution” with “objected to the statement in the resolution to the effect that there is a shortage of engineers” in CO-06-89 “PNWER Resolution on Reciprocity for Senior Engineers” on Page 3.

CO-07-14-2 THE TASK FORCE FOR THE ARTICULATION OF THE PRACTICES OF ENGINEERING AND GEOSCIENCE

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the Task Force for the Articulation of the Practices of Engineering and Geoscience be stood down. **CARRIED.**

This task force was struck in June 2005 to address the issue of practice areas exclusive to engineering, exclusive to geoscience, and inclusive to both. Due to limited resources, Council stood down this task force until an issue arises that needs to be addressed.

CO-07-14-3 CPD COMMITTEE

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that CPD Committee be stood down with thanks. **DEFEATED.**

Council discussed the motion, status report and an additional report handed out at the meeting from the CPD Committee speaking against the motion. The chair instructed Janet Sinclair to provide Council with an update on the CPD program and an amended motion at the January meeting. **ACTION: J. SINCLAIR**

CO-07-14-4 REQUIREMENT FOR GEOSCIENCE EXPERIENCE IN A CANADIAN ENVIRONMENT

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the policy on the Requirement for Geoscience Experience in a Canadian Environment be approved.

**CARRIED** (Graham opposed). Graham objected to the exceptions this requirement.

The Requirement for Geoscience Experience in a Canadian Environment policy outlines the requirement for geoscience registration candidates to complete one year of satisfactory geoscience work experience in a Canadian environment under the direct supervision of a Canadian Geoscientist.

CO-07-14-5 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the Communications Committee be stood down with thanks. **CARRIED.**

It was noted the development of a communications strategy/policy was identified at the Council planning session as one of the high priority strategic issues to be tackled by Council in the coming year, and that a new task force or committee could be struck at that time.

CO-07-14-5-1 ORPHANED COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEES

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded to change the terms of reference for the following committees that previously reported to the Communications Committee, such that they now report directly to Council, and direct the Governance Committee to review Terms of Reference for these committees and bring back to Council at a future meeting for approval:

- Editorial Board
- Member Services
- Continuing Professional Development
- Mentoring
- Public Relations
- Career Awareness

**CARRIED.**

CO-07-14-6 BANKING AND CHEQUE SIGNING AUTHORITY

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that Council approve banking and cheque signing authority for the Director, Professional Practice & Ethics and the Associate Director, Finance & Information Technology. **CARRIED.**

CO-07-14-7 INVESTMENT-BANKING AUTHORITY

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that Council approve investment-banking authority for APEGBC, APEGBC Foundation, and the Benevolent Fund for the Associate Director, Finance & Information Technology. **CARRIED.**

CO-07-14-8 REVISED ANNUAL CONFERENCE & AGM LOCATION

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that Council approve the following revised Annual Conference and AGM venue location rotation sequence: Whistler 2007, Okanagan 2008, Vancouver Island 2009, Whistler 2010. **CARRIED (Graham opposed)**

Due to an inability to secure a venue in the greater Vancouver region to hold the 2009 Annual Conference and AGM, Council approved holding the 2009 conference on Vancouver Island and the 2010 conference in Whistler. Council briefly discussed exploring options other than Whistler, i.e., Prince George or Northern BC; however, the consensus was that Council would support the recommendation of staff.

(End of Motions Removed from Consent Agenda)

CO-07-15 APPROVAL OF OPEN REGULAR AGENDA

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the Open Session Agenda be approved as amended. **CARRIED.**

**Amendments:** there were two additions to the agenda: two motions from the Standing Awards Committee and a motion from the Governance Committee (Items CO-07-21 and 22 below, respectively).

CO-07-16 APPROVAL OF 2006/2007 COUNCIL WORK PLAN

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded to approve the 06/07 Work Plan. **CARRIED**

Council approved the following Council Work Plan for the year, as identified at the November 2006 Council Planning Session:

- Government Relations - December 15, 2006
- Sustainable Financial Model – January 26, 2007
- Quality Assurance Issues – March 9, 2007
- Governance – May 11, 2007
- Communications Plan – June 15, 2007

CO-07-17      ELECTION POLICY

**MOTION**      **It was moved and seconded that Council approves the development of an Election Policy.**

**MOTION**      **It was moved and seconded that the motion to develop an election policy be referred to Governance Committee to report back to Council. CARRIED.**

CO-07-18      PRACTICE REVIEW COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO OPTION 2B (INFORMATION ONLY)

The Practice Review Committee provided a report to Council informing them of the outcome of their consideration of “Option 2b - Enhance the Practice Review process with a preliminary assessment form including an assessment of CPD compliance and an exemption for professional competence”, as directed by Council on January 27, 2006. Council reviewed the Practice Review Committee’s response which stated that “after due deliberation the Practice Review Committee rejected the proposed process for carrying out a preliminary evaluation of a member’s professional competence in determining whether or not they should undergo the full Practice Review process.” Janet Sinclair advised that she would forward the Practice Review Committee’s report to the CPD Committee for comment and report back to Council at a future meeting.

**ACTION: J. Sinclair**

CO-07-19      APPROVAL OF ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURES

**MOTION**      **It was moved and seconded that Council approve \$115,000 in additional expenditures to the 2006/2007 Budget, and that \$50,000 be established as a budget contingency. CARRIED (Graham opposed)**

Council discussed the background report accompanying this motion.

CO-07-20      CHANGE OF JUNE COUNCIL MEETING DATE

Council agreed to change the June Council meeting date to June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

CO-07-21      STANDING AWARDS – NEW APEGBC YOUNG PROFESSIONAL AWARD

**MOTION**      **It was moved and seconded that Council approve the creation of an APEGBC Young Professional Award. CARRIED**

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that Council approve the proposed Terms of Reference for the APEGBC Young Professional Award. **CARRIED**

The Standing Awards Committee met the day before this Council meeting and requested that the above two motions be added to the Council Agenda. Council discussed the possibility of handing out two such awards: one to a P.Eng. and one to a P.Geo. and were informed that the TORs did not preclude giving out two awards. Council also discussed whether limited license holders would be eligible and were advised that the Standing Awards Committee had discussed this issue in the past and decided that only full members would be eligible for APEGBC awards.

CO-07-22 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Governance Committee. **CARRIED.**

The Governance Committee met the day before this Council meeting and requested that the above motion be added to the Council Agenda. The main change in the revised Terms of Reference allows the committee to appoint a Chair rather than the automatic appointment of the Past President as Chair.

CO-07-23 INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS (OPEN)

The following reports were included in the Council agenda package for information only.

- PNWER Report - Dennis McJunkin, P.Eng.
- Interim Executive Director's Financial Report - Fred Wylie, CGA, CMA, CHRP
- Interim Registrar's Report - Gillian Pichler, P.Eng.
- Statutory Remittance Compliance - Fred Wylie, CGA, CMA, CHRP
- CCPE Directors Report - Dick Fletcher, P.Eng., Colin Smith, P.Eng.
- CCPG Director Report - James Moors, P.Geo.
- CEBC Rep Report - Lee Failing, P.Eng.

**END OF OPEN SESSION**