

MINUTES OF THE OPEN SESSION OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE 2009/2010 COUNCIL of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia, held on DECEMBER 11, 2009 in the LARGE BOARDROOM, APEGBC OFFICES, 4010 REGENT STREET, BURNABY, BC

**Present**

<b>Council</b>	Russ Kinghorn, PEng MBA	- President (Chair)
	Margaret Li, Ph.D, PEng	- Past President
	Frank Denton, PEng	- Vice-President
	Emily Cheung, PEng.	- Councillor
	Joan Hansen, OD	- Councillor
	Jeff Holm, PEng	- Councillor
	Harlan Kelly, PEng	- Councillor
	Claudia Ng, PEng	- Councillor
	Bob Patrick, PEng	- Councillor
	Marilyn Pattison, PhD	- Councillor
	Ross Rettie, PEng	- Councillor
	Kevin Turner, PEng	- Councillor
	Mike Wrinch, PhD PEng	- Councillor
	Mike Waberski, BCLS	- Councillor
<b>Guests:</b>	Lindsay Bottomer, PGeo	- APEGBC Director to Canadian Council of Geoscientists
	Robert Ito, PhD PEng.	- APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada
	Bill MacPherson, AScT	- Vice President, Applied Science Technologists and Technicians of BC Council
<b>Staff</b>	Derek Doyle, PEng MBA	- Executive Director & Registrar
	Megan Archibald	- Acting Assoc. Dir. Member Svces & Communications
	Peter Mitchell, PEng	- Director, Professional Standards & Development
	Gillian Pichler, PEng	- Director, Registration & Licensing
	Janet Sinclair	- Director, Communications & Engagement
	Peter So, CMA	- Assoc. Director, Finance & IT
	Fred Wylie, CGA CMA CHRP	- Director, Internal Affairs
	Geoff Thiele, LLB	- Director, Investigation & Discipline
	Joanne Williamson, BBA	- Executive Assistant to Council (Recorder)
<b><u>Regrets</u></b>	John Clague, PGeo PhD	- Councillor
	Michael Isaacson, .PEng PhD	- Councillor
	Joe Martignago	- Councillor

**OPEN SESSION**

CALL TO ORDER, OPENING REMARKS, INTRODUCTIONS

Russ Kinghorn PEng MBA, 2009/2010 President and Chair, called the meeting to order and advised that Councillor Jeff Holm PEng would act as parliamentarian for the meeting and Vice President Frank Denton PEng would take on the role of Member Engagement Champion.

CO-10-21 OPEN CONSENT AGENDA

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that all items (7.1 to 7.5) on the Open Consent Agenda be approved.  
**CARRIED**

Motions approved via the Open Consent Agenda:

- MOTION to approve the September 11, 2009 Open Minutes.
- MOTION to approve the October 17, 2009 Open Minutes.
- MOTION that Council approve the recommended appointments and reappointments to APEGBC Committees and the nominations/appointments to external boards as follows:

Individual	APEGBC Committee or Task Force	Staff Contact	Start Date	Expiry Date
Del Ferguson, P.Geo., Eng.L.	ABCFP/APEGBC Joint Practice Bd	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Irena Weiland, P.Geo., Eng.L.	ABCFP/APEGBC Joint Practice Bd	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Alan Rampton, FCA	Investigation Committee	G. Thiele	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Khash Vorell, P.Eng.	Chair, Building Codes Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Dec 11/11
Leonard Pianalto, P.Eng.	Building Codes Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Dec 11/11
Gerry Bawol, P.Eng.	Building Codes Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Dec 11/11
Andy Teasell, P.Eng.	Building Codes Committee	P. Mitchell	Dec 1/09	Dec 11/11
Mehran Nazeman, P.Eng.	Building Codes Committee, City of Surrey Representative to the	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Dec 11/11
Angus English, P.Eng.	Nominating Committee	G. Thiele	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/10
Lindsay Bottomer, P.Geo.	Nominating Committee	G. Thiele	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/10
Mike Bapty P.Eng.	Nominating Committee	G. Thiele	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/10
Tom Fast, P.Eng.	Seismic Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	To Completion
Walid Salman, P.Eng., Struct.Eng.	Seismic Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	To Completion
Tony Horlor, P.Eng.	Seismic Technical Review Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	To Completion
Dave Ricketts, P.Eng.	APEGBC/AIBC Joint Practice Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Gerry Weiler, P.Eng.	APEGBC/AIBC Joint Practice Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Barry Thorson, P.Eng.	APEGBC/AIBC Joint Practice Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Andy Mill, P.Eng., Struct.Eng.	APEGBC/AIBC Joint Practice Board	P. Mitchell	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
*Bill Susak, P.Eng.	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Nov 1/11
*Jim O'Brien, P.Eng.	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Nov 1/11
*George Melo, P.Eng.	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Nov 1/11
Dave Jackson, P.Eng.	Practice Review Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Nov 1/11
Joel Schwartz, P.Eng.	Consulting Practice Committee	P. Mitchell	Nov 1/09	Nov 1/11
Erwinder Sanghera, EIT	Sustainability Committee	M. Archibald	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Conor Reynolds, P.Eng.	Sustainability Committee	M. Archibald	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Bob Cowan, P.Eng.	Standing Awards Committee	M. Archibald	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11

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Doug VanDine, P.Eng./P.Geo.	Standing Awards Committee	M. Archibald	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
William Vaughan, P.Eng.	Standing Awards Committee	M. Archibald	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
S. Carl Zanon, MBA, P.Eng.	Mentoring Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
*Sharlie Huffman, P.Eng.	CPD Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
*David Harvey, P.Eng., Struct. Eng.	CPD Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Robert Ito, P.Eng.	CPD Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Frank Denton, P.Eng.	CPD Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Bill Maudsley, P.Eng.	CPD Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Leonard Pianalto, P.Eng.	CPD Committee	J. Sinclair	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Garth Kirkham, P.Geo.	Registration Committee	G. Pichler	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Edward Hickin, PhD, P.Geo	Geoscience Committee	G. Pichler	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Stephen Karrer O’Leary, Ph.D., P.Eng	Board of Examiners	G. Pichler	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
Vincent Liu, P.Eng., Struct.Eng.	Applications Committee	G. Pichler	Dec 11/09	Dec 11/11
<b>Council Committee Appointments</b>		<b>Term</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>Expiry Date</b>
<b>Executive Committee – Membership: President, Immediate Past President, Vice President, One Member of Council</b>				
Russ Kinghorn, President		mandated	Oct/09	Oct/10
Margaret Li, Past President		mandated	Oct/09	Oct/10
Frank Denton, Vice President		mandated	Oct/09	Oct/10
Harlan Kelly		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
<b>Governance Committee – Membership: Immediate Past President and up to 4 members of Council</b>				
Margaret Li, Past President		mandated	Oct/09	Oct/10
Jeff Holm		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Michael Isaacson		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Marilyn Pattison		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Ross Rettie		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
<b>Audit Committee – Membership: 5 Council (non-Exec Cmte) with minimum 2 government appointees</b>				
Emily Cheung		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
John Clague		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Joan Hansen		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Joe Martignago		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Mike Waberski		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
<b>Registration Committee – Membership: 4 Council, 1 serves as Chair (Council designates)</b>				
Joan Hansen		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Claudia Ng		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Bob Patrick		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Mike Wrinch - Chair		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
<b>Geoscience Committee – Membership: 2 Council</b>				
John Clague		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Kevin Turner		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
<b>Professional Practice Committee – Membership: at least 2 Council</b>				
Frank Denton		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Emily Cheung		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Michael Isaacson		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Harlan Kelly		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
Marilyn Pattison		1 year	Dec/09	Dec/10
<b>Nominating Committee – Membership: Immediate Past President</b>				
Margaret Li, Past President		mandated	Oct/09	Oct/10

Individual	Outside Board or Committee	Notes/Term of Appointment
Mr. Siu K. Lai, P.Eng.	City of North Vancouver Energy Efficient Buildings Working Group	2 year term
Randall Kovacs, P.Eng.	University Endowment Lands Advisory Design Panel	Reappointment – 2 year term
David Grigg, P.Eng.	University Endowment Lands Advisory Design Panel	Reappointment – 2 year term
Ray De Meyer, P.Eng.	BC Safety Authority Elevating Devices Technical Committee	2 year term

- MOTION to receive the list of eight Branch representatives to the Nominating Committee as information.

Vancouver Branch	Kevin Riederer PEng
Sea to Sky Branch	Jim Branson PEng
Vancouver Island	Brian Muir PEng
South Central	Matt Davis PEng
Burnaby/New West	Natalia Kazakova PEng
East Kootenay	Sean Abram
Richmond/Delta	Philip Parker PEng
Central Interior	Don Williams PEng

- MOTION that Council receive the 2009-2010 list of Council/Branch pairings as information.

BRANCH	COUNCILLOR	BRANCH CHAIR
Burnaby / New West	John Clague / Margaret Li	Carl Wong , EIT
Central Interior	Emily Cheung	Shiloh Carlson, P.Eng.
East Kootenay	Russ Kinghorn	Sean Abram, P.Eng.
Fraser Valley	Joan Hansen / Ross Rettie	Kara Jefford, EIT
Northern	Emily Cheung	Robin Lapointe, P.Eng.
Okanagan	Mike Waberski	Martin Lindquist, EIT
Peace River	Kevin Turner	Doug Barry, P.Eng.
Richmond/Delta	Joan Hansen / Ross Rettie	Phil Parker, P.Eng.
Sea to Sky	Mike Wrinch	Mihai Georgescu, P.Eng.
South Central	Jeff Holm	Matt Davis, P.Eng.
Tri-City	Harlan Kelly / Margaret Li	David Chan, P.Eng.
Vancouver	Mike Wrinch / Harlan Kelly	Tomer Curiel, EIT
Vancouver Island	Bob Patrick / Frank Denton	Darryl Tunnicliffe, P.Eng.
Victoria	Michael Isaacson	Magnus McElroy, EIT
West Kootenay	Russ Kinghorn	Waseem Saeed, P.Eng.

It was noted that the Council/Branch pairing for the Richmond/Delta branch would be updated to reflect both Councillor Joan Hansen and Councillor Ross Rettie as contacts.

CO-10-21-1 OPEN REGULAR AGENDA

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the Open Regular Agenda be approved with the addition of Item 8.9.7 - Proposed Amendments to the Municipal Sewerage Regulation.  
**CARRIED**

CO-10-22 AGM CARRIED FLOOR MOTIONS

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the recommendations regarding the carried AGM Floor Motions be approved.  
**CARRIED**

**Motion 1.**

Whereas professional engineers and professional geoscientists work in teams with technicians/technologists and whereas APEGBC and ASTTBC have taken positions on what regulatory models are acceptable to each that appears to be inhibiting or preventing progress on the issue, be it resolved that Council give consideration to developing a framework for a model of common understanding of appropriate roles and responsibilities of members of the team independent of current legislation.

- Action: Referred to Council Planning Session for discussion. It was noted this item had been included in the November Planning Session discussions.

**Motion 4.**

It is moved that Council be directed to give consideration to providing support for members who are running for public office at municipal, provincial or federal level by publishing lists of those members and providing any other non-partisan support within the limitation of the Act.

- Action: Referred to the Director, Communications and Engagement to draft a briefing note for Council's decision at the February 2010 meeting.

**Motion 5.**

It is moved that Council be directed to give consideration to requiring that staff ensure that all correspondence directed to Council be delivered to Council.

- Action: Referred to the Executive Committee to provide direction to the Executive Director.

**Amended Motion 10.**

Whereas it is well established that self-regulating bodies such as governments and their agents are intent on regulating others but not themselves, and whereas in the matter of compensation, wages and benefits these entities have no objective correlative upon which to base their own remuneration, it is moved that Council give consideration to appointing a Compensation Committee in order to control APEGBC costs and adjust wages and benefits to be more in line with inflation, deflation and practices in the private sector.

- Action: Referred to the Executive Committee to examine and develop a recommendation for Council decision.

**Motion 13.**

It is moved that Council be directed to give consideration to accepting questions on the reports published for this Annual Meeting.

- Completed. The AGM agenda will include a section where questions to the Annual Report can be raised. It was noted this was an oversight at this year's AGM and will be reinstated.

**Motion 14.**

Whereas the province of British Columbia has set aggressive greenhouse gas reduction goals, and; whereas the professions enjoy a leadership role in the protection of the public and the environment be it resolved that Council be directed to give consideration to development of an annual plan to monitor and report upon greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the business operations of the association.

- Action: Refer to the Executive Director for action.

CO-10-23 GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**MOTION** **It was moved and seconded that the revised Terms of Reference for the Professional Practice Committee be approved.**  
**CARRIED**

CO-10-24 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGY STATUS REPORT

With approval of the Member Engagement Strategy at the April 2009 meeting, Council endorsed improving member engagement as a priority focus. The engagement strategy status report was presented, discussed and consideration given to various options for continuing forward. Discussion focused on how the branches can be supported and engaged and it was agreed to create an ad hoc group to review this in detail.

**MOTION** **It was moved and seconded that Council confirm the engagement strategy by supporting Option 1 Status Quo (see below) and that staff are requested to work with an ad hoc group to look at how specifically we might further engage the branches.**  
**CARRIED**

**“Option 1 – Status Quo**

The current strategy would stand, and we would continue to support an environment of enhanced first impressions; respectful, fair and professional processes; and ongoing member engagement. In this scenario, we would not do a hind sight review looking for ways to improve member engagement – we would continue to consider it on a go forward basis, with particular emphasis on new members.”

No significant additional resources, beyond those allocated for the 2009/2010 stakeholder engagement budget, should be required in this scenario. If individual process improvements require significant additional funds to allow for a more positive member experience, these will need to be identified for Council on a per issue basis.

CO-10-25 BUILDING THE ENGINEERING & GEOSCIENCE COMMUNITY  
At their November 2009 Planning Session, Council requested further research to understand and serve emerging disciplines with respect to professional designations. Council reviewed and discussed a scoping paper on this subject and agreed to use the paper as a starting point for further examination and review.

**MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council establish a task force to scope the concept of building the engineering and geosciences community, that membership be established by the Executive Committee and that the task force report back by the April meeting.**  
**CARRIED**

CO-10-26 CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT  
Although bylaws for implementing mandatory continuing professional development (CPD) have not passed, there was a high support vote (57.4%) for the bylaw. Additionally, voluntary compliance to meeting recommended levels of CPD activity is at 53.5%.

**MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council is in favour of requesting an amendment to the Engineers and Geoscientists Act so that a mandatory CPD program can be implemented without the need for a bylaw vote.**  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION It was moved and seconded that consideration of the format of mandatory CPD be deferred until a survey of members is concluded.**  
**CARRIED**

**MOTION It was moved and seconded that Council is willing to seek a bylaw in the future (2011).**  
**MOTION WITHDRAWN**

During discussion of the withdrawn motion, it was noted that such action is not necessary at this time.

CO-10-27 INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S OUTREACH PROGRAM, ENGINEERS CANADA  
Council reviewed the Engineers Canada strategy and were advised that other Canadian associations are supportive of the strategy, as long as no duplication of efforts occurs.

**MOTION It was moved and seconded that APEGBC endorse the approval in principle given by the Engineers Canada board to the “Integrated Strategy for**

**Outreach to and Engagement of Persons of Indigenous Origin in the Engineering Profession” and the associated Implementation Plan.  
CARRIED**

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that APEGBC is willing in principle to participate in implementation of the strategy and plan.  
**DEFEATED**

During discussion for this defeated motion, Council expressed concerns regarding providing any indication of support given our current fiscal challenges.

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that APEGBC will undertake a feasibility study to determine the appropriate long-term strategy for the association to advance outreach to indigenous peoples to join the engineering and geosciences team in British Columbia by inviting members to come forward to serve on a task force.  
**CARRIED**

It was requested that costs be indicated as part of the feasibility study.

**MOTION** It was moved and seconded that the Foundation be asked to consider establishing scholarships for indigenous people.  
**DEFEATED**

During discussion for this defeated motion, concern was expressed that such a motion might be premature prior to further research.

**CO-10-28** INFORMATION REPORTS

The following reports were received:

- Budget Preparation Schedule and Process for 2010/2011.
- Financial Report for the four months ended October 31, 2009.
- Registrar’s Report, Admissions & Membership, January 1 – November 30, 2009:
- Engineers Canada Update: Bob Ito PEng, APEGBC Director to Engineers Canada, provided the report.
- CCPG Director’s Report: Lindsay Bottomer PGeo, APEGBC Director to CCPG, provided the report.
- APEGBC Key Facts Sheet: this comprehensive informational sheet will be posted to the APEGBC website.

**CO-10-29** ADDED AGENDA ITEM: MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT CALL FOR COMMENTS ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE MUNICIPAL SEWERAGE REGULATION

Council were advised that the ad hoc Sewerage systems working group will meet to review and respond to the Ministry of Environment’s questions (50+) prior to the end of January deadline.

- CO-10-29      COMMENTS OF MEETING MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT CHAMPION  
Frank Denton PEng advised that Council was successful in general at considering issues in light of member engagement implications. Regarding the matter of mandatory CPD, it is not clear if an Act amendment is the optimum approach from a member engagement point of view when a thorough review of the definition of non-practicing (now before the CPD Committee) may address members' concerns.

**END OF OPEN SESSION**

Minutes approved as circulated at Council meeting of 5 February 2010. Minute #CO-10-47