Minutes of a meeting of COUNCIL of the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba, held on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at 12:00h in the Association premises at 870 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3M 2M7

PRESENT: Don Himbeault; presiding; Alan Aftanas; Arthur Chapman; Sheila Dresen; Bill Girling; Rick Lemoine; Bob Malenko; Jeannette Montufar; Raymond Reichelt; Cindy Rodych; Edward Ryczkowski; Don Spangelo; John Woods

ALSO PRESENT: Grant Koropatnick; Lorraine Dupas; Sharon Sankar, Mike Gregoire
Arthur Kempan (Keystone Reporter)
David Ennis (Engineers Canada Director)

REGRETS: Brian Shortt; Tim Corkery

08.06.1 CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

President Himbeault called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

08.06.2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was MOVED by Ed Ryczkowski and SECONDED by Bill Girling that the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

A copy of an article titled “Real reason for council’s desire to create utility” published in the Winnipeg Free Press on 15 November 2008 was distributed at the meeting. Council agreed to add this item to the end of the agenda for discussion if time permitted.

08.06.3 MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING OF 11 SEPTEMBER 2008

It was MOVED by Rick Lemoine and SECONDED by Alan Aftanas that the Minutes of the Council meeting of 11 September 2008 be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

OWNERSHIP LINKAGE - None
CONSENT AGENDA

Council accepted the Consent Agenda items.

08.06.4 C1. APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

Council received a list of applications approved by the Registration Committee for the months of September and October 2008 (Appendix A).

C2. Discipline Committee Chair Appointment  
C3. Registration Committee Chair and Member Appointment  
C4 EGAIAR Joint Board Member Appointment

COUNCIL EDUCATION –

08.06.5 NEW COUNCIL ORIENTATION

Councillors viewed a video presentation from Engineers Canada. The video is part of Engineers Canada’s advertising campaign promoting the engineering profession.

Councillors also viewed a Power Point presentation from Grant Koropatnick titled “Council Orientation”.

08.06.6 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS 2008 - 2009

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 listing the proposed Council meetings for 2009. (Appendix B).

Council noted that the January date was incorrectly listed.  
Councillors were advised that the new premises “Ribbon Cutting” ceremony will be held on March 4, 2009  
The Making Links Golf Classic will be held on June 18, 2009.

It was MOVED by Rick Lemoine and SECONDED by Raymond Reichelt that Council approve the following schedule of meetings for 2009:  
January 15, March 12, May 14, June 17, September 10, and October 23  
Annual General Meeting.

CARRIED
08.06.7  GOVERNANCE POLICIES

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix C).

Copies of the APEGM Governance Policy booklet were distributed at the meeting. The most recent copy should be dated 17 January 2008.

08.06.8  ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix D).

A copy of “Basic Robert’s Rules of Order” was distributed with the agenda package.

ITEMS FOR DECISION – None

GOVERNANCE

08.06.8  G1. ELECTION OF VICE-PRESIDENT AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix E)

Nominations for the position of Vice-President were made in accordance with the Nominating and Voting Procedures adopted for conducting this election.

Those nominated were:

Don Spangelo  
John Woods  
Ed Ryczkowski

President Himbeault asked each nominee whether they would allow their name to stand.

- Don Spangelo declined the nomination
- John Woods accepted the nomination
- Ed Ryczkowski declined the nomination

John Woods was declared Vice-President by acclamation.
President Himbeault then called for nominations for the position of Executive Committee Member.

Those nominated for the position of Executive Committee Member in accordance with the Nominating and Voting Procedures were:

- Bill Girling
- Alan Aftanas
- Ed Ryczkowski
- Raymond Reichelt
- Don Spangelo
- Jeannette Montufar

Mr. Aftanas and Dr. Montufar declined the nominations.

Council voted by secret ballot.

Ballots were counted and Ed Ryczkowski was elected Executive Committee Member.

G2. EGAIAR JOINT BOARD MEMBER – COUNCIL LIAISON

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix F).

Council was advised that a member of Council is needed to fill the position of EGAIAR Joint Board Liaison. The Council member will convey Council direction to the engineering joint board members and attend joint board meetings.

It was MOVED by Raymond Reichelt and SECONDED by John Woods that Don Spangelo be appointed as Council Liaison to the EGAIAR Joint Board.

CARRIED

G3. APEGM FOUNDATION - COUNCIL LIAISON

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix G).

It was MOVED by Ed Ryczkowski and SECONDED by Don Spangelo that John Woods be appointed Council Liaison to the APEGM Foundation.

CARRIED
08.06.11  G4 DEFINITION OF ENGINEERING

Council referred to a Decision Background memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix H).

Two documents were provided to Council:
- The Proposed Definition of the Practice of Professional Engineering – Engineers Canada briefing by the CEQB (Canadian Engineering Qualifications Board), and
- A letter from APEGs President Bert Munro, P.Eng.

Grant Koropatnick advised that Engineers Canada was seeking Council’s feedback on the proposed modification to the national definition of engineering by December 19, 2008.

Mr. Koropatnick advised that Mal Symonds, a member of the CEQB, had made a presentation to Council in 2007 on the proposed new definition.

Engineers Canada Director, Dave Ennis, stated that he had recommended to CEQB that it obtain a legal opinion on the modified definition, but that it appears that they did not seek legal advice.

Council discussed the proposed modified definition.

Council noted that the proposed modified definition would not enhance public safety.

Council agreed that APEGM not endorse the proposed modified definition.

08.06.12  G5. VACANCY – CCPG DIRECTOR

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix I).

Mr. Koropatnick advised that Gary Ostry’s term as CCPG Director expired as of November 1, 2008, and that Mr. Ostry does not wish to have the term extended.

Councillors were asked to consider suitable candidates for the position of CCPG Director.
It was MOVED by Raymond Reichelt and SECONDED by Don Spangelo that Past-President Tim Corkery be asked to serve as CCPG Director.

CARRIED
08.06.13  **G6. ONE YEAR EXTENSION – ENGINEERS CANADA DIRECTOR**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix J).

Dave Ennis spoke to Information Items N5 (Engineers Canada Advertising Campaign update) and N8 (Engineers Canada Director’s Report).

Dave stated that that by the end of 2011, it is projected that the reserves of Engineers Canada will be approximately $809,000. He stated that in 2004 Engineers Canada reserves were approximately $6,000,000.

Mr. Ennis left the meeting.

It was MOVED by Don Spangelo and SECONDED by John Woods that Dave Ennis’s term as Manitoba director for Engineers Canada be extended to June 1, 2010.

CARRIED

Mr. Ennis returned to the meeting.

08.06.14  **G7. APEGM-CTTAM JOINT BOARD MEETING ON ACT CHANGE**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix K).

The memo included recent decisions of the APEGM-CTTAM Joint board.

Councillors were asked if they know of someone who would be willing to serve on the Joint Board sub-committee to submit these names by e-mail to Grant Koropatnick or Allan Silk.

It was MOVED by Don Spangelo and SECONDED by Raymond Reichelt that Allan Silk be authorized to proceed with finding people to serve on the APEGM – CTTAM Joint Board and that if he needs help with finding people to serve he come back to Council for assistance.

CARRIED

08.06.15  **G8. REVIEW OF OUTSTANDING ACTION ITEMS LIST**

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 (Appendix L) and the cumulative outstanding action list from Council meetings after 11 September 2008.

Council reviewed the list.
- Revised Manual of Admissions and expediting IAMA applications within three business days – Tim Corkery will present report at the January 2009 meeting
- Appoint P.Geo to the Discipline Committee – in progress
- MSSS Science Fair name change – in progress
- CTTAM-APEGM Joint Board Agenda – Remove
- Ownership Linkage –Yellowquill – Dave Ennis will be meeting with representatives of Yellowquill sometime during the week of December 16 to 19. Don Spangelo agreed to attend the meeting with Mr. Ennis. President Himbeault indicated he may be available to attend the meeting as well.
- City of Winnipeg – Red Tape#9 – Remove.
- Agreement on Internal trade (AIT) – Feedback provided to government. Keep item on list.

Add:
- Three new members to be appointed to the EGAIAR Joint Board.

08.06.16

G9. Planning the Agenda for the Next Meeting and Assignment of GP Monitoring Responsibilities.

Council considered a memo from Grant Koropatnick dated 4 December 2008 and the proposed agenda for the next Council meeting on 15 January 2009. (Appendix M).

The following items are to be considered for discussion at a future Council meeting:
- Electronic Seal
- Report from Professional Standards Officer
- Ethical Use of the Seal – update document
- Company HR training and policies in support of APEGM’s MIT Program.

It was agreed that the following monitoring reports would be submitted:

E-2 Members Practice with Competence and Ethical Conduct – Raymond Reichelt
EL-1 General Executive Constraint – Grant Koropatnick
EL-9 Communication and Support to Council - Grant Koropatnick
EL-10 Emergency Executive Succession – Grant Koropatnick
EL-11 Interactions with Public – Grant Koropatnick
EL-12 Information Management – Grant Koropatnick
INFORMATION ITEMS

08.06.17 Council considered and received the following information items (Appendix K):

N1. Membership statistics as at October 31, 2008


N3. Suspended Member Update

N4. Revocation of Recognition Certificates

N5. Engineers Canada Advertising Campaign Update

N6. Fair Registration Practices in the Regulates Professions Act

N7. Agreement on Internal Trade }AIT

N8. Engineers Canada Manitoba Director’s Report

N9. CCPG – Manitoba Director’s Report

N10. Engineers Canada GR Volunteer Request

Council discussed the article titled “Real reason for council’s desire to create utility” (Winnipeg Free Press 15 November 2008).

Councillors found the comments contained in the article to be offensive towards engineers.

Council agreed that some city councillors need to be educated as to what engineers do.
It was suggested that APEGM and the Consulting Engineers of Manitoba prepare a response to the article.

It was agreed that this item be included on the agenda for a future Council meeting.

08.06.18 **V1. EVALUATION OF MEETING**

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

**NICE TO KNOW ITEMS**

08.06.19 **Brenda Bilton, P.Geo. “Thank you”**

08.06.20 **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

The next meeting will be held at 12:00 noon on 15 January 2009.