

**APEGGA Central Branch Executive
Minutes of Meeting**
Tuesday, February 11, 2003
Red Deer College - Arts Centre Conference Room

ATTENDANCE

Peter Stevens, P.Eng., Andrew Poole, P.Eng., Arun Mishra, Ph.D., P.Eng., Bob Watson, P.Eng., Gerry Pyper, P.Eng., Kim H. Ng, P.Eng., Rick Granberg, P.Eng, Wade Keller, E.I.T., Brad Howe, P.Eng, Niki Phillips, E.I.T.(recorder).

Regrets: Chris Dedeurwaerder, P.Eng., Andrew Wagner, E.I.T., Robert Perrault, P.Eng, Peter Ott, P.Eng.

1 CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Peter S. at 7:10 PM.

2 AGENDA

The agenda was approved by a motion from Gerry P., seconded by Wade K.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The previous meeting minutes were reviewed, with the following correction made: Niki Phillips – EIT not P.Eng. A motion from Arun M, seconded by Wade K., approved the corrected meeting minutes.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

a) Treasurers Report

Treasurer Rick G. provided an update on the current branch financial situation. As of February 11, 2003, the balance was normal for this time of year. The CAB AGM event incurred a loss, due to the costs of the dinners of invited special guests.

b) Students Outreach Program Report

The Student Outreach Coordinator was unavailable to report.

c) February Lunchtime Forum

Peter S. reported on the February Lunchtime Forum. The topic “Kyoto Accord – Albertans and Climate Change – Taking Action” brought out the largest turnout to date, approximately 25 people.

For the next Lunchtime Forum, Karen Gervais from Alberta Environment will speak about the cleanup of contaminated service station sites.

Kim N. suggested holding a lunchtime session at Joffre in September, focusing more on the petroleum industry.

Gerry P. motioned to give the guest speakers an APEGGA mug for their efforts, retroactive to the first speaker, seconded by Niki P. Carried.

d) Central Alberta Branch AGM and President's Visit

CAB Executive expressed their appreciation to Peter S., Kim N., and Andrew P., on a good job of organizing the AGM. Attendance was 52 people (27 paying, 25 non-paying). The personal introductions of the life members, new members, etc. were well received, and the group liked the combination of the President's visit with the life member/new member inductions and service awards. No complaints were received from head office regarding no wine on the tables. A few complaints were noted regarding the nomination process, and that an inductee was missed in this year's ceremony. Executive discussed clarifying the nomination paperwork and taking more time for the election process next year.

e) Branch Chairs' meeting

Peter S. reported on the Branch Chairs' Meeting February 5/6, 2003. The highlights include the following:

- i. New Calgary APEGGA office opened February 5, 2003.
- ii. A communications plan has been completed, still waiting for a report to clarify priorities.
- iii. Inclusivity issue is being dealt with, and how engineering techs fit into APEGGA.
- iv. New ethics video will be released in April.
- v. APEGGA executive to hold annual retreat in May to set priorities for upcoming year.
- vi. The EGGPA will be revised February 18, 2003 to include RPTs.
- vii. License to Practice can now be revoked for failure to keep up with Continuing Professional Development.

There will no longer be Council meetings held outside Calgary or Edmonton, a cost savings of \$40K per meeting.

f) PEGG article

Peter S. will submit a CAB article to the PEGG by March.

g) March event

Arun M. reported on the upcoming Student Night at Red Deer College - March 11, 2003. The CAB will provide the food (cold cuts, cheese and veggies) and there will be a cash bar. There will be no speakers or awards. Arun M. and Andrew P. to send out the mailer.

Peter S. to check on the email list - CAB will aim to completely replace mailers with email by June 2003.

h) April event

Kim N. presented ideas for the upcoming Professional Development day on April 12: Alternative Energy, Business Operations (human resources, networking, etc.), and Climate Change and the Oil/Gas Industry (Bruce Peachy). Suggestions from the group included email communication/other non-technical topics, and finances/wealth management. Arun to help Kim finalize topics and find speakers.

5 NEW BUSINESS

a) National Science and Engineering Week

The group discussed the upcoming National Science and Engineering Week March 1-9, 2003. APEGGA head office has sent a science Olympics brochure to Alberta schools, and is advertising in Calgary and Edmonton. Peter S. to contact the Student Outreach Coordinator Andrew W., regarding CAB activities. Arun M., Kim N., and Andrew P. to assist as needed.

b) New Members' Network

Peter S. presented a member's suggestion to form a New Members' Network for EITs and new P.Engs. Niki P. agreed to be the contact person for the new group. Niki offered to write an advertisement for the PEGG, which Peter will also mail to all CAB EITs. Executive decided to hold an Ice Breaker event for the new network in conjunction with Student Night at RDC.

c) Upcoming Technical Courses

None identified.

e) Volunteer Organization Announcements

Kim N./Andrew P. - Tetra is looking for volunteers to assist in designing living aides for disabled people in Central Alberta. Specifically, electrical engineers with a background in micro-circuitry, and mechanical engineers, are needed.

f) Other

None.

6 NEXT MEETING

Red Deer College Art Centre Conference Room at 7pm, on 2003 March 4. Next meeting's minutes to be taken by Rick G. Andrew P. to chair next meeting.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn at 8:30pm.