

**APEGGA Central Branch Executive
Minutes of Meeting
November 5, 2002
Red Deer College Arts Centre Conference Room**

ATTENDANCE

Peter Stevens, Gerry Pyper, Bob Watson, Arun Mishra, Kim Ng, Andrew Poole, Robert Perrault, Wade Keller (recorder)

1 CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Stevens.

2 AGENDA

The agenda was approved with no revisions.

3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October/02 meeting were reviewed and approved.

4 BUSINESS ARISING

a) Treasurers Report

Rick G. (Treasurer) was not in attendance. Kim N. stated that the books were balanced after the Dow event.

b) Students Outreach Program Report

Andrew W. was not available. Andrew P. received an email from Edie - this is to be forwarded to volunteers. No one in attendance participated in Science Week. A report on School presentations was deferred to next meeting.

c) Branch Chair meeting in Edmonton

Nov 27 & 28, 2002, Chair Peter S. will be attending. No more issues were raised to forward to the Branch Chairs' meeting.

d) Schedule of Events

- Oct 10, 2002: Peter S. attended Premiers dinner with President Ron Tenove. Peter confirmed that it is very important that APEGGA maintains its good relationship with the provincial government.
- Hospital tour to be arranged by Gerry P. - Mid January 2003. Tuesday night the best, target dates: Jan 14 or 21; start at 6:30pm, 1 to 1.5 hrs long tour. Need a Mailer out by Christmas.
- Rec Night at Wild Bill's, arranged by Niki Phillips, for Nov 21, Thurs 7-10 pm. Executive reviewed the mail out flyer; Peter S. to mail out flyer soon.

- Christmas Meeting at Arun Mishra's house Dec 10, 2002. Arun to arrange for catering (Branch will pay for catering). Address: 14 Sterling Close (turn @ the firehall in Sunnybrook). Phone Arun M. for directions.
- Feb 4, 2003 - Presidents visit, Red Deer Lodge (5/8 in favour, other choice was Black Knight Night). Suggested topics for discussion: 1- where is APEGGA going?, 2- APEGGA & United States a discussion on mobility. Email Peter S. with any other suggestions.

Life time members: Bruce Ferguson (Red Deer), Robert McIntyre (Sundre), and Clayton Ross (Innisfail). Head office invited these members to go to Edmonton or Calgary to receive Pins, but none attended. Peter S. is to officially invite these people to the AGM (Presidents visit). Our branch strongly feels that the Life Time Members and New Members be inducted at the branch level (possible discussion at Presidents visit or Chair Meeting in Edmonton).

Peter S. is to put together the Agenda. Blair B. is to organize the elections committee to solicit nominations. Andrew P. is to organize the menu.

The branch executive is in full support of the Chair - having the AGM at the time of the Presidents visit, which follows the by-laws of having the branch AGM a minimum of 30 days prior to Head office AGM.

- March 4, 2003 - Student Night.
- April 12, 2003 - PD day.

e) Lunchtime Forums

First lunchtime forum put on by CAB (Central Alberta Branch) held Nov 5, 2002. 18 people attended. Speaker was Peter Stevens, P.Eng. Robert P. felt it was well received. There were new faces. Some of the attendees said that lunch time works well.

Next lunchtime forum - Speaker - Ross Plecash, P.Eng., Assistant Director of Communications, APEGGA). Topic: "Relevance of APEGGA to Members", date: Tuesday Dec 3, 2002; notice to be emailed by Peter S.

Peter S. to discuss with Head Office the use of emails rather than letters - saves the branch money. Peter S. still waiting for updated email list from head office.

5 NEW BUSINESS

a) Chamber of Commerce

Peter S. attended Chamber of Commerce "Business after Hours" event; thought it was worthwhile. Peter S. asked: "Should the branches executive attend each of these events (take turns)"? Answer: Leave up to the individual to decide when to attend.

APEGGA members are considered members of the Chamber of Commerce and therefore pay regular members rate for admission to any of their events.

b) Technical Course Announcements

Wade K. attended a "project management" course put on by APEGGA in Edmonton. He thought it was very good. Cost of 1 day course \$200 early registration, \$250 late registration.

c) Volunteer Organization Announcements

Kim N. requested for next meeting's agenda: discuss a donation to "Central Alberta Science Network". Arun M. said this was a topic from last year - CAB needs a policy (a criteria) for deciding to whom and how much to donate. APEGGA should focus on young people and the development of math and science. A sub-committee (Peter S., Arun M., Rick G.) was struck to develop a policy. Arun M. to draft guidelines to this policy; Rick G. to provide Peter S. and Arun M. with a list of donation contributions for the last 3 years, breaking the type of donations into categories, eg: Students, Organizations, Fun Events (golf), Educational events, General donations. At the next meeting, executive will review the draft policy/guidelines and make a decision.

d) Other

Two members who have served on the branch executive and have left Central Alberta, Bob Demco and Elizabeth Dupuis: Kim N. is to invite them to the Presidents visit.

6 NEXT MEETING

Next meeting is at Arun M.'s house - Tuesday, Dec 10, 2002, Time: 6:30pm. See minutes regarding directions. Next meetings minutes to be taken by Kim N.

7 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.