



## BRANCH EXECUTIVE MEETING

Wednesday May 25, 2006  
Room 131 FMHS  
Fort McMurray, Alberta

**Present:** Dylan Miles, Jason Kachur, Vic Saari, Christine Hernani, Samir Rashid, Aldous Walters, Sanil Sivarajan, Christian West, Mike Sneath, Ken Nwosu, Jacob Oommachan, Joseph Amalraj, Rattan Garcha, Wayne Kosik, Jim Adam, Jeya Kumar, Paul Hagar

**Regrets:** John Huntley, Christophe Durieu

**Absent:** Mustafa Malik, Mitch Azmier,

(Minutes recorded by Christine Hernani)

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### MINUTES

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Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Dylan Miles at 7:35pm.

**1. Review agenda**

Motion to accept Meeting Agenda by Dylan, seconded by Vic.

**2. Review and approve minutes of last meeting**

Motion to accept Minutes of Last Meeting by Mike, seconded by Christian.

**3. Review Action Log**

Please see attached Action Log.

**4. Reports**

**a. Chair – by Dylan Miles.**

On March 23 we held our AGM at the Oilsands Discovery Center in Fort McMurray where our new 2006-07 executive was elected; the event ran quite smoothly thanks to excellent work by Jason Kachur and Mike Sneath. I had the opportunity to attend the Summit Awards in Edmonton on April 21 and APEGGA AGM on April 22 on behalf of the branch, a very professional presentation put on by APEGGA HO. Our past chair, Vic Saari was also in attendance. As well, I saw a number of our other branch members at the Summit Awards and also virtually attending the AGM live by Videoconference feed at the Fort McMurray Business Development Center. On April 27, we held our branch events planning session and discussed a very strong roster of branch events we plan to hold in Fort McMurray this year - the attendance was fair, but at tonight's meeting I have passed the events sheet around to offer the opportunity for any that weren't in attendance to volunteer with assisting in some of the event organization.



**b. Treasurer** – none

**c. Outreach Coordinator** – by Christian West

Science Olympics were held at the Oil Sands Discovery Centre on the afternoon of May 13, 2006. Seven teams participated from a number of junior high schools in the Fort McMurray area. Prior to the competition teams prepared a parachute for an egg drop competition in an effort to prevent the eggs from breaking. At the event students built boats out of household materials to determine which materials and design could hold the largest amount of weight. The mystery event was a materials separation event. Student were given a mixture of 6 minerals/rocks and had to use various techniques to sort the material into the 6 pure minerals/rocks. The events were supported by four APPEGA volunteers: Samir Rashid, Aparna Verma, Aijaz Malik, and Christian West. An article about the event was published the following week in the Fort McMurray Today.

**d. Fort McMurray 2006 APEGGA AGM Webcast** – by Wayne Kosik

The Fort McMurray branch participated in the 2006 APEGGA AGM by videoconference. The following members were in attendance: Prakash Mullick, P.Eng. Christian West, EIT Nick Llich, P.Eng. and Wayne Kosik, P.Eng. The technology allowed us to follow the proceedings and to participate. Debates were easy to follow and voting was orderly. One particular one revolved around the future dates the AGM is held on. Someone from one of the other teleconference sites had an issue with this years AGM date because it was held so close to income tax reporting deadlines. Prakash was easily able to participate in the debate where he pointed out that we should not consider such a trivial conflict, that we should all be able to plan for any date of the AGM should we wish to attend/participate.

My overall impression of the technology was that it was very good and I would support using video conferencing in the future. I also encourage other members to attend next year if they cannot make it to Edmonton or Calgary. The only improvement that I can recommend is to have presentations made so that they are easily read from a television and that hard copies of any information requiring a vote is made available to the moderators before the conference. I brought muffins and coffee from Tim Hortons; the center also had pastries and coffee.

## **5. Review or Update on Upcoming Events**

**a. Joint CIM / APEGGA Student Night**

May 25, 2006 7:30pm at Discovery Centre. Guest Speaker Mike Ranger will be giving a talk on Oil Sand Deposit Geology.

**b. Executive BBQ**

July 21, 2006 at Rattan Garcha's residence. Bring a guest.

**c. Executive Orientation**

See May Action Log Item #7. Jay, Joseph, Wayne, Ken, Christian, Christine and Sanil are interested in attending the orientation.



## 6. New Business:

### a. Signing Authority

Branch Chair and Treasurer have the signing authority of APEGGA cheques. Signing Authority Template can be obtained from the APEGGA Website. Preferably, cost incurred for Branch events should be reimbursed within thirty days. For the meantime, Vic volunteered to pick up cheques from Mustafa. Dylan will also contact Mustafa.

### b. Election of Site Rep

The Site Reps will be one-point contact in arranging APEGGA events at respective sites as well passing info to APEGGA members working at that site.

Suncor – Jacob  
Syncrude Base Plant – Jason  
Syncrude Aurora - Joseph  
Albian Sands – Dylan  
City – Ken  
CNRL – See May Action Log Item #6

### c. Next Meeting Item

- Long Service Awards
- Expense Reimbursements
- Resignation Announcement

## 7. Around the Table

Vic and Rattan commended on the excellent turnout for this meeting.

## 8. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday June 14<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30pm Room 131 FMHS (**Note, this is changed to June 14<sup>th</sup>.**)

## 9. Adjournment

Dylan adjourned the meeting at 8:40pm.