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## SEPTEMBER 2005 BRANCH EXECUTIVE MEETING Fort McMurray Branch

Wednesday September 14, 2005  
Room 131, Father Patrick Mercredi High School  
Fort McMurray, Alberta

**Present:** Joseph Amalraj, Jacob Oommachan, Wayne Kosik, Paul Hagar, Dylan Miles, Vic Saari, Mike Sneath, Jim Adam, Samir Rashid, Neil Doucette and Jason Kachur.

**Regrets:** Christine Hernani, John Huntley, Mustafa Malik and Prakash Mullick.

**Absent:** Rattan Garcha, Andrew Rosser, Prabhakar Reddy and Mitch Azmier.

(Minutes recorded by Jason Kachur)

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### MINUTES

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\*\*\* Mike asks that Mustafa please get in touch with him, as he needs cheques for the school awards\*\*\*

Meeting called to order by Branch Chair, Vic Saari at 19:39 hours.

#### 1. Review Agenda

Agenda was accepted with the addition of the following items:

Item 5b – Volunteers for school awards.

Moved by Jason to accept, seconded by Dylan. Motion carried.

#### 2. Minutes of Meetings

The following corrections were requested for the meeting minutes of July 22, 2005.

-Wayne Kosik and Jim Adam are to be moved from absent to regrets.

-Next meeting date is to be corrected to say 19:30 in section 8.

Moved by Paul to accept, seconded by Joseph. Motion carried.

#### 3. Review Action Log

Item #1 – Branch Article for the PEGG.

➤ Issued by Vic on September 14, 2005.

Item #2 – Branch Decisions.

- No progress – Required completion date extended to October 12, 2005.

Item #3 – Direct Deposit Banking.

- HO is not able to provide this service at this point in time. Cheques must still be issued.

Item #4 – HO Letters.

- Vic decided that action on this was uncalled for at this time.

Item #5 – TOEFL Scores.

- No progress – Required completion date extended to October 12, 2005.

Item #6 – Branch e-PEGG.

- No progress – Required completion date extended to October 12, 2005.

#### **4. Reports**

##### Branch Chair

The Oil Sands Discovery Center celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Friday September 9, 2005 with a program and reception at the center. This event was by invitation only. Vic Saari, P.Eng. and Brenda Wright, P.Geol. represented APEGGA officially and many APEGGA members were in attendance.

Prakash Mullick, P.Eng., one of our long-time executive members, received an award for volunteerism. I will be submitting his name along with his Safety Award previously received for submission into the PEGG. I believe Prakash deserves recognition for the contributions he has made, not only to APEGGA, but to the community at large.

The videoconference from the Edmonton Branch Luncheon was held at the Fort McMurray Regional Business Development Center on September 13, 2005. We had 9 persons attending which was quite satisfactory for a weekday lunchtime event. The presentation was given by Rick Brommeland, P.Eng. and his topic was "Nanotechnology". I feel there is potential here to use this format for providing future CPD presentations....definitely warrants additional study. I am still awaiting feedback from the attendees.

The budget was submitted to head office by the August 15 deadline. Approval has not been received.

I will be attending the Branch Chairs meeting and regular APEGGA council meeting in Calgary next Wednesday and Thursday September 21 and 22, 2005. If there are any specific issues you want brought up at these meeting let me know.

##### Treasurer

No report issued.

##### Outreach Coordinator

Brought pictures of the APEGGA teacher awards held in Fort McMurray to share with the group.

Dylan and Neil volunteered to create a video showcasing engineering and geoscience. Action for Vic to approach HO for funding.

## 5. **New Business**

### 5a) Review and/or Update Upcoming Events.

- Trivia Night – Still planned for November.
- Wine & Cheese Night – Will not happen in September, targeting for October.
- APEGGA Info Night – Still planned for October.

### 5b) Volunteers for school awards.

-Vic called for, and received, volunteers to hand out the school awards. These awards are based on Grade 9 math and science marks. A total of 9 - \$50 and 1 - \$100 awards are given out annually.

## 6. **Around the Table**

Mike – Raised a question as to why the PD days were cancelled on August 23/24, 2005. Paul stated that they needed a minimum of 60 people to attend and did not receive that number.

Wayne – Raised a question as to how to get involved with HO committees. Paul stated that all available positions are usually posted in the PEGG. Wayne also asked about the outreach visit to Fort Chipewyan. Wayne will look into organizing it and contact Shannon Hardy who did it last back in 1999.

Paul – Stated that the trade show attendance at the booth so far was pretty good, although not as busy as last year. Paul gave examples of the type of questions that were asked at the booth.

Neil – Stated that it is real rewarding to participate in outreach activities and looks forward to taking a big part in them.

Dylan – Voiced how the budget process was frustrating to him as well as to Vic. He stated that it was complicated and time consuming.

## 7. **Next Meeting Date**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2005. Father Mercredi High School, Room 131, starting at 19:30 hours.**

## 8. **Adjournment**

Vic adjourned the meeting at 20:45 hours.



## Fort McMurray Branch Action Log

### September 14, 2005 Meeting

NO.	DESCRIPTION	ACTION REQUIRED	ACTION BY	STATUS/COMPLETION DATE
1.	Major Branch Decisions Made over the past years	Summarize these decisions and present to executive	Prakash	October 12, 2005
2.	TOEFL Scores	Determine why APEGGA requires higher TOEFL scores than U of C.	Vic	October 12, 2005
3.	Branch e-Pegg	Inform HO to include chair, vice-chair, treasurer and secretary on Branch e-Pegg. This way any questions can be directed towards the proper people.	Vic	October 12, 2005
4.	Video Showcase	Vic to approach HO about funding to produce a video showcasing engineering and geoscience.	Vic	October 12, 2005
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