



FORT McMURRAY BRANCH

Wednesday, September 24, 2008

Room No:131, Father Mercredi High School

Present: Aldous Walters, Christian West, Sanil Sivarajan, Joneson Chiang, Paul Hagar, Jason Kachur, Christine Hernani, Jacob Oommachan, Joseph Amalraj

Regret: Jey Kumar, Allison Bale, Rattan Garcha,

Absent: Henry Xu, Wayne Kosik, John Huntley, Mitch Azmier

(Minutes recorded by **Sanil Sivarajan**)

MINUTES

Meeting called to order by Branch Vice Chair, Christine Hernani at 19:12 hr.

1. **Agenda Review**

Motion to accept the agenda was moved by Christian and seconded by Joseph. Acceptance by unanimous vote. Motion was carried.

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

A. Minutes from August Meeting was approved (Motion moved by Christian and seconded by Jacob). Motion carried (Acceptance by unanimous vote).

3. **Business arising out of previous meeting minutes – None.**

4. **Action Log**

One outstanding action for Mitch Azmier remains in the action log.

5. **Reports**

I. **Chair's Report**

- Mustafa resigned from the position of the Branch Chair effective September 10, 2008.
- APEGGA Council meeting was held on September 18th at Sawridge Inn. Sanil and Christine attended the meeting as observers. The following were key items:

- APEGGA will continue to support the Party in power as part of fostering good government relations.
- With the new Geoscience discipline, APEGGA will evaluate changing the name from APEGGA to APEGA. Cost implication will be discussed during December 2008 Council meeting.
- Progress is made on inter-province professional mobility.

II. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer was given the action to submit the Branch Budget to HO by September 30, 2008.

III. Outreach Co-ordinator – None.

6. Review or Update on Upcoming Events

- Info Session:
Christine, Joneson and Christian volunteered to provide support to Allison. Reminder for all Branch executives to forward the names of registrants to Allison
- Branch Events
Christine reviewed the branch events as per the Planning Session and will contact the leads for update.

7. New Business

Christian West mentioned that as Mustafa resigned from the position of branch chair, present ViceChair Christine Hernani was assigned the position of Chair by Mustafa with the consent of the head office. Jacob Oommachan suggested that as Christine was with the branch for more than one year, he is in agreement with Christine becoming the Chair. Paul Hager mentioned that the branch had past experience in the resignation of executive members. Jason Kachur reminded that the Chair is an elected position. So an election is needed to elect Christine as Chair. Sanil Sivarajan read the bylaw to make sure that the branch is taking the right decision. Jacob proposed to move a motion to elect Christine as Chair for the remainder of the term 2008-2009. Joseph Amalraj seconded the motion. Christine was elected as the Chair unanimously.

Joseph volunteered to become the Vice Chair. Joneson put the motion to elect Joseph as Vice Chair. Joseph became Vice Chair by acclamation.

Jason mentioned that the bank requires this meeting minute to remove Mustafa's name from the bank account and replace with Christine's name.

8. Around the Table

Everyone appreciated the smooth and effective way of filling the Branch Chair and Vice Chair positions.

- 9. Next Meeting Date:** October 15th at 7:00 PM at Bob lamb Center. Jason will chair the meeting in the absence of Chair and Vice Chair.

- 10. Adjournment: 1945 hrs.**