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APEGGA Announces New President, Executive and Council

Edmonton – Dr. Gordon Williams, P.Geol., was sworn into office as the 89th president of The Association of Professional Engineers, Geologists and Geophysicists of Alberta (APEGGA) at the association's 2008 Annual General Meeting held in Edmonton on April 19.

Williams, a graduate of Manitoba's Brandon College, obtained his PhD from the University of Alberta, the first such degree granted in geology by the university. Early in his career, Williams worked as an exploration and development geologist in the oil and gas sector. In 1961, he joined the University of Alberta where he taught both undergraduate and graduate courses covering a variety of disciplines in geology and served as chair of the department of geology. Upon leaving the University of Alberta in 1985, he worked with Suncor Inc. as district geologist and practiced as a geological consultant before joining Calgary's Mount Royal College in 1990 as the dean of science and technology. He returned to consulting in 1995 and currently works in the area of computer applications in geology, including database design, statistics and geological mapping.

"I am proud of my membership in APEGGA and of APEGGA's evolution into the preeminent Canadian geoscience and engineering association. I'm confident of APEGGA's continuing adaptability and relish the opportunity to participate in shaping its future," says Williams, "I'm also particularly pleased, as geoscientist, to have the honour of being president during our celebration of International Year of Planet Earth."

Williams leads APEGGA's new executive committee which includes president-elect, Jim Beckett, P.Eng., vice-president, Jim Smith, P.Eng., past-president, John McLeod, P.Eng., and executive director and registrar, Neil Windsor, P.Eng.

The remaining council consisting of newly-elected councillors Mary Ann Byrd, P.Eng., Kevin Cumming, P.Eng., Dr. Allin Folinsbee, P.Geoph., Dr. James Gilliland, P.Eng., and Shawn Morrison, P.Eng. Councillors continuing in office include: Chrys. Dmytruk, P.Eng., Dr. Ron Hinds, P.Geoph., John Hogg, P.Geol., Leah Lawrence, P.Eng., Anne Simpson, P.Eng., John Van der Put, P.Eng and Dick Walters, P.Eng. They are joined by appointed public members Gary Campbell, QC, and Al Scherbarth, CMA.

Established in 1920, APEGGA is responsible for regulating the practices of engineering, geology and geophysics in the province of Alberta. The association's more than 51,000 members play a significant role in every segment of the economy, and their technical and management expertise ensure Alberta remains at the forefront of technological innovation.

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Note: photos of council members are available.

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