

**APEGGA Central Alberta Branch**  
**Minutes of Executive Meeting**  
Tuesday, October 4, 2005  
Red Deer College Arts Centre Conference Room

**ATTENDANCE**

Kathryn Cramer, P.Eng., Brad Howe, P.Eng., Gerry Pyper, P.Eng., Beverly Perozzo, P.Eng., Andrew Poole, P.Eng., Bob Watson, P.Eng., Marion Caws, Peter Ott, P.Eng., Morris Sych, P.Eng. (Recorder)

**Regrets with Notice:**

Kim Ng, P.Eng., Peter Stevens, P.Eng.

**1 CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 7:07 PM by Chairman Brad H.

**2 AGENDA**

The agenda was accepted. During the meeting item "5e – Nomination Committee" was added.

**3 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes for September 6, 2005 were reviewed and the minutes corrected as Marion Caws is not a P.Eng. The revised minutes were approved on a motion by Morris S. and seconded by Andrew P.

**4 BUSINESS ARISING**

**a) Treasurer's Report**

Peter O. reported the current balance. He noted that he deposited a cheque from APEGGA today. This is the last cash advance for this year and should cover all activities to the end of the year. It was noted that we have an outstanding amount payable to Voyageur Art & Tile for the Centennial Bench. Andrew P. will follow-up getting the invoice.

There was a discussion on the commitment made to Central Alberta Science Fair. Last year's cheque was not cashed and we have not paid this year's amount. It was questioned whether they really need the money. Peter O will discuss further with Kim N.

The RDC Library commitment has been paid.

The budget submitted for 2006 has been approved. Depending on what is paid to the Science Fair, we will have adequate funds left for the rest of the year.

**b) Student Outreach Coordinator's Report**

Kathryn C. reported that the Science & Technology week begins on Friday October 7, 2005 and continues to the end of the following week. Due to timing we are not prepared and will not be doing anything. Kathryn C. noted

that we need to start planning for this activity in May or June of 2006, if we want to participate next fall.

Kathryn C. noted that she had received a list of presentations from Jeannie Keaschuk, APEGGA Head Office (HO) and that she would send it out to everyone electronically. She noted that we have presentations on the following: Boats & Buoyancy, Electricity & Magnetism and Rocks & Minerals

Kathryn C. reported she had contacted Mr. Ryan Sheehan, the 2005 APEGGA Central Alberta Branch Teacher's Award recipient to invite him to a dinner with APEGGA CAB representatives. She noted the Mr. Sheehan has moved out to Rocky Mountain House and he is available in November for a dinner. It was suggested the possibly the Student Outreach Coordinator, CAB President and possibly some members from the Rocky area could participate. Kathryn C. to follow-up.

It was noted that the RD School Board has a curriculum advisor for science. Ray Townsley agreed to send out emails to all of the schools to see if there were any teachers interested and willing to be on the committee.

**c) Lunchtime Forum Review**

Andrew P. reported on behalf of Peter S. A lunchtime forum was held October 4, 2005, that was attended by about 18 to 20 people. The topic was "Floods of 2005" and was presented by Ray Kelher and Scot Thatcher, from Alberta Environment. They spoke of the 3 floods that occurred this year, provided some background information and details of the floods. Andrew P. noted that he had a copy of the presentation, if anyone was interested.

There was a discussion on the RDC Sustainability speaker series. Marion C is trying to get Dr. David Halliday to speak but is having trouble getting the necessary approvals. Expect 2 to be held before yearend, but nothing is scheduled for October.

**d) 2005 Centennial Legacy Project**

Andrew P. advised that the project is complete. He indicated that at the Grande Opening for Alexander Way on September 17, 2005, Mayor Morris Flewwelling made a number of positive comments about CAB's participation. Andrew P. noted that we were the only non-government group that participated in the Red Deer Centennial Project. He noted that the "grain elevator" did get onto the bench. There was a discussion on the location of the bench and Andrew P. noted that the city would be tendering and completing the work planned for the street next summer. At that time we can approach the city and get them to move the bench to a better location.

Andrew P will pick a day for the exec to go to the bench for photo session and that he will write an article for the ePEGG and the hardcopy PEGG.

**e) Science Olympics**

Bev P. noted that typically there is a general project for the Olympics that is provided in advance and that there are 2 other projects, that are a surprise. She has not received any info from HO yet. She noted that West Park Middle School had offered their gym for the Olympics on February 25, 2006 or March 4, 2006. It was agreed to book the March 4, 2006 date. The Olympics covers grades 7 through to 12. We will need greeters, judges and organizers for the event and thus will require about 8 to 10 people on the event day.

We will need 2 or 3 APEGGA members and 2 or 3 school representatives to sit on the organizing committee. Beverly P. and Kathryn C. indicated that they would be the APEGGA members on the organizing committee. Peter O. volunteered to help out on the day of the event. Morris S. and Kathryn C. indicated that they would get help from other members at work.

**f) CAB APEGGA/ASET Golf Tournament**

Andrew P. reported that there were 3 APEGGA and 13 ASET members that attended. Although it was threatening to rain and did after the golf tournament was over, there was no rain during the tournament. Andrew P stated that there was a very small profit from this event, but also noted that he made an error with the prizes so that was the only reason for the profit.

**g) Activities for the Year**

- Geoscience Mixer held in September 2005 in Calgary - no one attended from CAB
- Recreation Night to be scheduled in October. See 5a) for details.
- Bob W. contacted Quinn Pumps and they can do it in November. Bob W. will try to schedule it for November 10, 2005.
- Andrew P. discussed the Video Conference that he participated in. There will be another one held in November. See 5b) for details.
- Marion C. will see if there will be a Sustainable Community Group Series presentation in January 2006.
- The AGM is in February 2006. Brad H will be the MC and Andrew P. will organize it. It was noted that Andrew P. has to chair the Nomination Committee and hold the election for the CAB executive at the AGM. Andrew P. noted that all of us need to start recruiting new members and candidates for the executive.
- Kathryn C. contacted Noise Solutions to set up a tour of their facility in Delburne. From the discussion it was decided to try to book this for April 2006. She indicated that they needed only a few days notice.
- Peter O. will try to set up a tour of Agrium Plant in May 2006.
- It was hoped that a second RDC Sustainable Community Series presentation would be scheduled in June 2006.

**5 NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Recreation Night**

Kathryn C. discussed the potential bowling night. Heritage Lanes has 4 lanes available on Monday nights from 7 to 9 PM. Set November 21<sup>st</sup> 2005 as the date. Kathryn C. will make the arrangements.

**b) Video Teleconferencing**

Andrew P. indicated due to some miscommunication, only he attended the video teleconference held in September. APEGGA HO is trying to get more involvement for the branches and also provide additional speakers to the branches outside of Edmonton and Calgary. APEGGA HO books all of the facilities. Also, the video teleconferencing is APEGGA HO trying to test new technology for potential use for the annual AGM. Presently only about 800 participate in the AGM, whereas we have over 25,000 members. Andrew P. noted that Ft. McMurray and Lloydminster Branches participated and the topic was “nano technology at the U of A”.

Brad H. stated that the next one is scheduled for November 15<sup>th</sup> 2005, 12:00 to 1:00 PM. It is held at the Centre for Business Development, 5013 – 49 Avenue, video conference room. The room holds about 25 people. The topic will be “Alberta SuperNet” and presented by Dan Bader. Brad H. indicated that he would get an announcement into the ePEGG for this.

**c) Branch Chair Meeting, September 21, 2005 - Calgary**

Andrew P. attended on behalf of Brad H. Andrew P. noted that CAB was a leader in submitting our business plan and budget. He provided an update on the Centennial Project. One of the suggestions from this meeting was HO to provide more branch information on the branch website. Brad H. noted that his branch activities report was much longer and more detailed than other branch reports.

**d) Dinner Speaker – Ross Watson**

Brad H. reported that Peter S. contacted Ross Watson and that Ross wanted \$1500 to come and speak to us. It was agreed that we could not afford that much for a speaker and would not be pursuing this any further.

**e) APEGGA Council Nomination Committee**

Andrew P. reported that he is on this committee. The committee reviewed all the names brought forward, including the ones that Andrew P. had submitted. None of the CAB candidates were successful. We need to be thinking of candidates before the summer of 2006 for submission. The APEGGA Council would like more nominations from the branches and also younger candidates.

**6 NEXT MEETING – November 1, 2005**

Beverly P. will be the volunteer recorder and Peter O. will be her back up at the next meeting. 7:00pm, RDC Arts Centre Conf. Room.

**7 ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion by Beverly P.