

MINUTES OF THE 100TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS BRITISH COLUMBIA

**Minutes are presented as a draft, until approved at the following AGM*

The meeting was held at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Grand Okanagan Resort in Kelowna, BC, on Saturday, October 19, 2019. After establishing that quorum of members was present, Chair, President Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., FEC, convened the meeting at 8:33 am. The Chair noted the ancestral, traditional and unceded Aboriginal territories of the Syilx / Okanagan Peoples, and in particular, Westbank First Nation on whose territory the meeting gathered. The Chair noted that the legal and notification requirements for the meeting had been met and the meeting duly constituted.

The Chair also informed members of the emergency exits in the building and went over the material they received from the registration desk (agenda packages, voting cards).

President Katherina Tarnai-Lokhorst, P.Eng., led the membership with the singing of O Canada.

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVINCE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

Greetings from the Premier, John Horgan, were read. The Premier thanked members for their contributions to the people of British Columbia and provided good wishes for a successful meeting. The Chair also thanked MLA Bowinn Ma for joining us at our meeting and 2019 Conference.

INTRODUCTION OF 2018/2019 COUNCIL

The Chair introduced the 2018/2019 members of Council to those assembled and provided an overview of Council's role and responsibilities under Engineers and Geoscientists BC's primary mandate of protection of the public.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the agenda of the 100th Annual General Meeting of Engineers and Geoscientists BC be approved.

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

Eli Mina, registered parliamentarian, was introduced as the parliamentarian for the meeting.

ADOPTION OF MEETING RULES

The Parliamentarian reviewed the meeting rules and voting procedures.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the 2019 Annual General Meeting rules be approved.

CARRIED

WELCOME TO VOLUNTEERS AND CONTRIBUTORS

The Chair introduced and recognized the dedicated volunteers and contributors who give their valuable time and expertise to enhance the guidance and standards that are available to members, and which maintain our commitment to excellence. Volunteers serve as branch and division executives, on committees, task forces, and joint practice boards and as directors to provincial and national associations. President Tarnai-Lokhorst also thanked the past presidents of the association, deans of educational institutions, student representatives to Engineers and Geoscientists BC and officials of other associations in British Columbia, Canada and the United States.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF 99TH (2018) ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Chair advised that the minutes of the 2018 AGM were made available at the registration desk for this meeting.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the 99th Annual General Meeting (2018) of Engineers and Geoscientists BC be approved as printed.

CARRIED

RESULTS OF THE 2019/20 COUNCIL ELECTION

Kathleen Kompauer, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), Scrutineer, explained the process followed to receive and count both electronic ballots and paper ballots for the 2019 Council election. Ms. Kompauer stated that she and fellow scrutineers, Frank Denton, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.) (Chief Scrutineer) and Margaret Li, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), were satisfied that the election was conducted in a confidential, fair and impartial manner.

This year 15.7% of eligible voting members participated. 4,411 votes were cast online, and 7 paper ballots were returned.

The council election results were announced as follows:

President: Lianna Mah, P.Eng., FEC

Vice President: Larry Spence, P.Eng.

Councillors elected to a two-year term: Christine Plante, P.Geo., Nathan Ozog, P.Eng. FEC, Mark Adams, P.Eng., Jeremy Vincent, P.Geo., Tom Tiedje, P.Eng.

Councillor elected to a one-year term: Dr. Brent Ward, P.Geo.

DESTRUCTION OF COUNCIL ELECTION BALLOTS

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the electronic and paper ballots for the council election be destroyed at the end of three months.

CARRIED

ANNUAL REPORT

The Chair directed the assembly's attention to the 2018/2019 Annual Report, which included reports from the President, the Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, and Engineers and Geoscientists BC's financial statements. The report was distributed electronically. Printed copies were sent out on request and made available at the AGM registration desk.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The Chair reported on Engineers and Geoscientists BC's highlights and accomplishments during 2018/2019.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Ann English, P.Eng., Chief Executive Officer and Registrar, briefed the assembly on major operational activities of the past year.

The Chair opened the floor for questions regarding the President's Report and the Chief Executive Officer and Registrar's report.

Questions relating to the status of corporate registration and the perceived delay in actions related to the Mount Polley incident were addressed by the Chair and the CEO and Registrar.

MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES TO COUNCIL

David Wells, JD, Government Appointee, presented the report of the public representatives to Council as published in the Annual Report.

The Chair opened the floor for questions regarding the Public Representatives Report. There were no questions.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair called upon Suky Cheema, CPA, CA, Chair of the Audit Committee, to explain the auditing process and to present the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, as provided in the Annual Report.

There were no questions regarding the audited financial statements for 2018/2019.

MOTION: It was moved and seconded that the appointment of PriceWaterhouseCoopers LLP, Chartered Accountants, as the association's auditors for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, be approved.

CARRIED

GREETINGS FROM ENGINEERS CANADA AND GEOSCIENTISTS CANADA

David Lynch, P.Eng., FEC, FGC (Hon.), President of Engineers Canada, brought greetings to the assembly along with a report on Engineers Canada activities.

Andrea Waldie, P.Geo., FGC, Chief Executive Officer of Geoscientists Canada, brought greetings to the assembly along with a report on Geoscientists Canada's activities.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF DECEASED MEMBERS

The Chair acknowledged members of the association who had passed away over the last year. A moment of respectful silence was observed.

At this point in the meeting a refreshment break was taken for 20 minutes.

MEMBER MOTIONS

President Tarnai-Lokhorst reminded the members present that motions from the floor are for Council consideration.

The motion received from members was as follows:

MOTION 1: That Council consider reviewing and presenting to members on the pros and cons of establishing a sister body of members to focus on member advocacy similar to Ontario where the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers was established to allow Engineers and Geoscientists BC to focus on regulatory responsibilities.

CARRIED

INDUCTION OF 2019/2020 PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL

President Tarnai-Lokhorst introduced Lianna Mah, P.Eng., FEC, as incoming president for the 2019/2020 Council year. Ms. Mah read the President's Oath of Office and then introduced the 2019/2020 Council. She advised that members of Council would be signing their oaths of office following the meeting.

Incoming President Mah thanked outgoing President Tarnai-Lokhorst for her efforts over the past year.

2020 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND 101ST AGM

The Chair announced that the 2020 Annual Conference and 101ST AGM will be held in Victoria, BC, October 15–17, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

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