



THE ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS AND GEOSCIENTISTS OF BC

MINUTES OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 16, 2010 at 8:00 a.m.

APEGBC Offices, #200-4010 Regent Street, Burnaby, BC

Present

Michael Blackman, P.Eng.
Shiva Tiwari, EIT
Graeme Scott, P.Eng.

Terry Molstad, P.Eng.
Chad Larson, P.Eng.
Mark Porter, P.Eng.

Regrets

Erwinder Sanghera, EIT
Corey Aurala, P.Eng.
Romilly Cavanaugh, P.Eng.

James Grant, P.Eng.
Conor Reynolds, P.Eng.
Geoff Smallwood, EIT

Guests

Jennifer Black, GIT
Stephanie Wilson, EIT
Canisius Chan, P.Eng.
Kgosi Stobbs, Environment Committee (via teleconference)
Ross Rettie, P.Eng., APEGBC Councillor

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Megan Archibald, Manager, Communications and Stakeholder Engagement
Laurel Buss, Communications Officer

1.0 Introductions

The committee welcomed guests Jennifer Black, Stephanie Wilson, Kgosi Stobbs, Canisius Chan and Ross Rettie to the meeting.

2.0 Approval of December 16, 2010 Agenda

It was moved and seconded (Graeme Scott, Mark Porter) that the agenda be approved as circulated.

3.0 Approval of November 4, 2010 Minutes

It was moved and seconded (Mark Porter, Graeme Scott) that the minutes from November 4, 2010 be approved as circulated.

4.0 Internal Stakeholder Session

The committee reviewed and discussed the agenda and questions for the internal stakeholder discussion session.

5.0 Business Task Updates

a) Education

I. CPD Update

Michael Blackman will draft a note to Deesh Olychick, Associate Director, Member Services at APEGBC for suggested inclusion as part of the communication that goes out to professional development speakers, highlighting sustainability as a key issue. The note would also include contact information for the committee, providing the speaker with the option to contact them for more input.

Action: Michael Blackman will draft a brief note to provide to speakers.

Action: Laurel Buss will distribute the note to Deesh Olychick, Associate Director, Member Services for feedback.

II. Sustainability Guidelines/Survey

The link to the sustainability guideline survey is now online and was also distributed in the most recent edition of *Connections*. Mark Porter included the survey link in an article he wrote for SEABC. Approximately 16 responses have been received to date.

b) Regulation

I. BC Building Code Update

The Building and Safety Standards Branch held a workshop seminar on November 9th where they shared with industry stakeholders some of their thoughts on how the BC Building Code is being revised to become greener. Three broad themes from the seminar included: Zero emission buildings, existing buildings – code revisions and compliance, and enforcement and education. Minister of State for the BC Building Code, Naomi Yamamoto was in attendance.

Action: Michael Blackman will forward the seminar summary to all committee members.

c) Committee Business

I. Committee Representation/Invitations/Guests

The committee will focus on developing a succession plan which includes diversifying the membership (location and industry) during their 2011 planning session.

II. Long Term Vision/Planning

The original intent for long term planning was to hear from external stakeholders first, however, the committee wasn't able to secure any guests at their external stakeholder session. The committee will engage external stakeholders by phone for feedback by January 21st. Internal stakeholders will join the meeting today to provide feedback on the work currently being done by the committee.

Action: Michael Blackman will distribute e-mail with questions to ask external stakeholders before Christmas.

The committee discussed possible facilitator options for the planning session: Lee Failing, Graham Long, Brian Beck, Megan Archibald, or have rotating responsibility between committee members. February 12, 2011 is the tentative date for the session pending Lee Failing's agreement to facilitate. It is essential to ensure that the facilitator is not required to have an active role in the session.

e) Other Business

There was no other business.

6.0 Internal Stakeholder Session

The committee welcomed Frank Denton, P.Eng., President, Janet Sinclair, Director Communications & Engagement, Gillian Pichler, P.Eng., Director, Registration, Peter Mitchell, P.Eng., Director, Professional Standards and Development, Matt Cameron, P.Eng. Councillor, Mike Waberski, BCLS, Councillor, Ross Rettie, P.Eng., Councillor, and John Clague, P.Geo., Councillor to the internal stakeholder session.

The following questions were presented to guests for feedback and comment:

- i. What does APEGBC need to do to become a leader in sustainability?
- ii. What issues will make a difference to the integration of sustainability into professional practice?
- iii. How should professional engineers and geoscientists be expected to integrate sustainability into their practice in 5-10 years?
- iv. Preliminary feedback on draft guidelines

A discussion summary is provided separately.

7.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday January 13, at 8 a.m.** at the APEGBC office.