

Minutes

DEGIFS Executive Meeting – Teleconference 9.00 – 11.00 pm April 17th 2009

Attendance

DEGIFS Executive:

Irena Weiland (IW)
Jeremy Araki (JA)
Joe Kenny (JK)
Jack Whittles (JW)
Sharon Scott (SS)

1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Proposed by JA, Seconded SS

2.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS AMENDED

Minutes from February 26th 09
Proposed by JA, Seconded SS

3.0 ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26TH 2009 MINUTES

3.1 Statement of Limitations for TSA's

JW has been in contact with Doug VanDine. JW and Doug are going to discuss further in the upcoming weeks.

3.2 JPB Communication Protocol Update

JH not present to give update. It was discussed that DEGIFS should have a copy of JPB minutes for our records.

Action Item

1. JH to follow up and forward a copy of the minutes to secretary for future reference.

3.3 AGM Technical Session

SS discussed progress to date. Things going good and costs look to be within budget.

3.4 Bursary

Carried over to next meeting due to absence of JH.

3.5 Document Control

JK has purchased 2 USB drives and has begun storing DEGIFS documents on them.

3.6 Crossing Guideline Task Force Update

JA discussed current progress of task force. Surveys have been sent out and comments are coming back. Task Force members have additionally made phone calls and interviewed selected practitioners to further gather information. Things are still in the information gathering phase.

3.7 20.78 and RFT Issue

Not discussed held over for next meeting.

3.8 MTS Training

IW did not have opportunity to discuss with course facilitators. Nanaimo course has been cancelled; Prince George and Kamloops sessions have not been confirmed yet.

4.0 CRITICAL DATES

IW discussed current critical dates.

Action Item

1. IW to put together nominating committee for executive.

5.0 NEW BUSNESINS

5.1 Practice of Forest Engineering in BC

Discussed issue brought forward by a DEGIF'S member with regards to the current practice of Forest Engineering in BC. Specifically the current Guideline for Satisfactory Experience in the Forest Engineering Discipline: Required Competencies for Application of Theory addresses the issue of required experience to register with APEGBC but the vast majority of practitioners working in BC are registered with ABCFP. This situation makes it very difficult for an EIT to gain experience with an APEGBC member. The member put forth several possible scenarios for dealing with the issue. These included the grandfathering ABCFP members into APEGBC or moving Forest Engineering into the Foresters Act. Issue was discussed and executive felt that it merited more discussion when the executive were better prepared to discuss the issue.

Action Item

1. JK to gather further information for executive to review prior to next meeting to help facilitate the conversation.

5.2 Name change to DEGIRS.

Discussed the current status of the name change to DEGIRS. It was also suggested that an Aspect article be published to inform the membership that the change has been finalized.

Action Item

1. JA to confirm with PM that change is official

2. SS to write article for Aspect informing the membership.

5.3 Professional Awards of Excellence

Discussed several candidates to nominate for several different APEGBC professional awards. No decisions made with respect to nominations.

Next meeting will be May 29th 9:00am

Motion to adjourn SS, seconded by IW

Meeting adjourned: 11.00am