

# Minutes

## DEGIFS Executive Meeting – Teleconference 9.00 – 11.00 pm February 26<sup>th</sup> 2009

### Attendance

#### DEGIFS Executive:

Irena Weiland (IW)  
Jeremy Araki (JA)  
Julien Henley (JH)  
Mike Noseworthy (MN)  
Joe Kenny (JK)  
Jack Whittles (JW)

#### APEGBC

Peter Mitchell (PM)

#### Natural Resources Sector Continuous Learning Forum

Dave Wilford (DW)

#### Road Task Force

Bob Parolin (BP)

### 1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Proposed by JH, Seconded MN

### 2.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS AMENDED

Minutes from November 24<sup>th</sup> 08  
Proposed by MN, Seconded JA

### 3.0 ACTION ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF JANUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> AND 9<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

#### 3.1 Expansion into Non-Forestry Sector

PM – Expansion of DEGIFS will be formally approved by APEGBC council on March 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. PM also suggested that ambiguity associated with the expansion into “Non-Forest Sector” can be dealt with through the development of a mission statement. The mission statement will define who we are and what we do.

#### Action Item

1. TOR task Force to develop mission statement.



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### **3.2 Statement of Limitations for TSA**

Deferred to next meeting.

### **3.3 JPB Task Force Protocol WRT communication with DEGIFS Executive**

PM stated that the JPB had no concerns with fellow APEGBC members giving periodic updates of progress to DEGIFS executive.

#### **Action Item**

1. JH to bring this up in next JPB meeting and have this formally documented in the JPB meeting minutes.

### **3.4 Roads Task Force update by Bob Parolin**

TOR of reference have been changed for the development of skillsets. All aspects of forest roads will be included, from planning to post construction maintenance. Skillsets will be developed for each phase. Next meeting is March 14th and 15th. JA brought forward issue of field reviews and how to deal with change in circumstances. BP will take the concerns of the executive to the task force with respect to change of circumstances and the need for field reviews. BP also stressed that there will be signoff's and certification for each stage.

### **3.5 AGM Technical Sessions**

JW discussed progress. There has been good interest from prospective speakers and said progress was good. JA thought the proposed field trip may be too long and should be revisited. JA to discuss with SS at later date.

### **3.6 Bursary**

JH updated executive with respect to his discussion with other similar organizations and what they do with bursaries. Generally other organizations are giving the bursaries to a specific educational institution to administer.

#### **Action Item**

1. JH to change criteria to a one page abstract as opposed to full paper. JH also to send out to past reviewers for input.

### **3.7 Documents Control**

JH investigated potential of FTP site or off site service provider for DEGIFIS documents. Costs appeared to be prohibitive. It was decided to purchase 2 USB drives and documents be maintained by security.

#### **Action Item**

1. JK to purchase two USB drives and maintain DEGIFIS documents

### **3.8 Field Reviews**

Discussed whether or not executive should pursue this topic further. It was

concluded that given the current status of Roads Task Force, Crossing Task Force, and the new Guidelines for Management of Terrain Stably this issue should be significantly address at this time.

### **3.9 Crossing Guideline Task Force Update**

JA discussed the desire for the task force to send out an email to APEGBC and ABCFP membership with questions regarding current Crossing Guidelines.

Motion proposed by IW, Seconded JA

### **3.10 Limited License extension**

Discussed letting Limited License expire at the end of there term. Excutive held a vote on wether or not to let limited licences expire at the end of there term. All members present were in favor of letting licences expire.

## **4.0 CRITICAL DATES**

IW discussed current critical dates.

### **Action Item**

1. Irene to send out new critical date's document to executive.

## **5.0 NEW BUSNESINS**

### **5.1 OHSR Section 20.78 and 20.81**

Discussed ABCFP efforts to have RFT's issued a specific Special Permit for qualified and experienced RFTs to pratice in this area. JH discussed the fact that Worksafe did not want to include RFT into there defination of Qualified Registrered Professional. The reasoning behind this is that if RFTs were included into the defination there would be additional effects on other regulations. Worksafe felt that it would be easier for RFTs to be recognized under a Special Permit to practice under the Foresters Act.

### **Action Item**

1. JA to have PM discuss with excutive where APEGBC stands on this issue next meeting.

### **5.2 Request from Natural Resources Sector Continuous Learning Forum**

DW discussed request to send out survey from Natural Resources Sector Continuous Learning Forum to DEGIFS members. The purpose of the survey will be to gather input from the membership with respect to current needs for continuing education. Motion to send out survey proposed by JH, Seconded, JA.

### **5.3 Letter from Forest Safety Council**

Forest Safety Council has requested that an article be published in Innovation with regards to Safe certification of companys.

#### **Action Item**

1. PM to discuss with excutive next meeting.

### **5.3 Training Sessions for Guidlines for Mangement of Terrain Stabilty and Crossing Guidlines**

IW discussed concerns around the application of MTS

#### **Action Item**

1. PM to sent out email to members regarding the upcoming training sessions.
2. IW to follow up with facilatators of the training sessions to discuss concerns with regards to the application of the guidlines.

Next meeting will be April 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am

Motion to adjourn JA, seconded by MN  
Meeting adjourned: 11.00am



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