

- 6.5 WorkSafe BC Issue regarding PGeo's working on road excavations – Peter and (others to be determined) to meet with WorkSafeBC. Suggested participants include: Mark Goldbach, Al Chatterton, Denny Maynard, Calvin VanBuskirk, Terry Lewis, Ron Jordens, and Jim Schwab.

This is covered under Agenda Item 10.1

4.0 Critical Dates

- 4.1 Update on Critical Dates Calendar, comments or adjustments

Action Item, Mark to follow up with Heather.

5.0 Committee Reports

- 5.1 APEGBC (Peter Mitchell)

Peter will prepare a response to the Professional Reliance Task Force Draft (Jan 16).

FPB Report Draft to be distributed to DEGIFS executive (covered under previous Item 6.1).

WCB Issue is addressed under Agenda Item 10.1. Peter will submit a letter addressing the short term solution on behalf of APEGBC co-signed by Tim Smith.

- 5.2 JPB (Kevin Turner) (text by email after meeting).

The JPB has not met since the last DEGIFS executive meeting. Since then:

The Terrain Stability Task Group has finalized the Terms of Reference and Task Group participants were scheduled to meet on March 1. The JPB will expect a progress report at the next meeting.

The WCB Inspection report on the Interfor incident has received a lot of attention via internal e-mail circulation. We are awaiting the letter from APEGBC (Peter Mitchell) to the WCB. ABCFP is very concerned about this issue, both from the potential impact on the industry and from the professional practice standpoint. There may be a special meeting scheduled prior to the next planned JPB meeting (March 20) just to deal with this issue.

A question was asked about the WCB requirement for risk assessments on forest roads. It was introduced at the December JPB meeting but has not been identified as a business item. This requirement is for trucks operating on roads with grades in excess of the maximum grades specified in the Forest Road Engineering Guidebook (FREG). In general the risk assessment deals with the road geometry, the proposed trucks, the operating speeds, the terrain, operations history, weather, mechanical constraints or obligations, and accident management. The link to the WCB Guideline is:

<http://www2.worksafebc.com/Publications/OHSRegulation/GuidelinePart26.asp>

- 5.3 Guidelines

CF Julien

- 5.4 DEGIFS Bursary

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6.0 2005 AGM (Bruce/Dave)

Dave: Planning continues. A Field trip to Victoria watershed has been set up for the day before the conference. Not all speaker time slots have been filled yet. In discussion, it was suggested to have at least two alternate speakers lined up in case of late cancellations.

7.0 Treasurer's report (Ron)

Ron: Recently received cheque from APEGB for \$5,490 representing this year's DEGIFS membership dues. This represents approximately 215 members plus a few affiliate members.

Current account balance is \$10,506.48 plus \$14,500 held in a GSC.

8.0 Aspect (Julie, Jen or Robert)

CF No Aspect members present

9.0 Web Page (Ron)

Ron Has posted meeting minutes. Will request an extension of the minutes listings menu to include minutes dating back to 2001.

Courses continue to be posted.

AGM presentation reports from 2005 AGM have not yet been posted.

10.0 New business:

10.1 WCB Meeting Update (Peter/Mark/Ron)

Peter Mitchell, Mark Goldbach, Tim Smith, Al Chatterton, and Ron Jordens attended. Meeting held with 2 senior engineering staff from Work Safe and the Report author. APEGBC had recommended removal of PGeo's from 20.78 was related to excavations. It was clarified that this was not intended for forest roads.

Short term response: A letter from APEGBC will be sent to WCB Board by Peter Mitchell and Tim Smith (APEGBC Vice President) requesting a policy statement regarding TSFA's. Intent is for Worksafe to issue a prompt approval.

Long term response: APEGBC to work with WCB to revise Section 20.78 relating to forest road works, and provide direction on re-development of this section in the Regulations.

Action Item: Peter Mitchell to provide a summary letter for distribution to DEGIFS members.

10.2 ExpoFor 2006 Update (Peter/Doug)

Doug: Attended with Peter Mitchell. DEGIFS booth was not well visited compared to other booths. It was noted that there are no technical sessions at Expofor.

10.3 MSRM Terrain Working Group update (Heather)

CF Heather

10.4 Mentoring of EIT's

Peter Mitchell: Gill Pichler to help prepare an article for Aspect and information distribution.

CF to next meeting.

10.5 FMIBC update

Peter Mitchell provided a meeting update. FMIBC has ceased operations. The planned meeting / workshop for strategy toward continuance of courses etc. with remaining funds (to be led by ABCFP) was not held. The Board will disband.

10.6 Summary of SPS meeting for Aspect

Action Item: Norm to submit summary of the minutes to Aspect.

10.7 Forest Practices Board Draft "Improving the Usefulness of the First Generation of Forest Stewardship Plans in the Results Based Regulatory Regime of British Columbia"

Action Item: Peter Mitchell to distribute to DEGIFS executive for review and comment.

10.8 Forest Practices Board Special Investigation Report #14.

Action Item: Mark Goldbach to lead a position paper supporting this report on the quality of Terrain Stability Assessment reports.

10.9 Non-Status Roads, Forest Practices Board Report #23

Forest Practices Board Report #23 contains information about the potential for environmental damage and risks to infrastructure and life from a large inventory of non-status roads. There is currently no mechanism for the forest industry to address them under Appraisal system. The issue was raised at the meeting with the Forest Practices Board on February 16.

It was generally agreed that it would be appropriate for DEGIFS to be on record as having acknowledged the findings of the report and present a position on this issue.

Action Item. Executive members to review Report #23 and send comments to Mark Goldbach for compilation.

11.0 Next Meeting

Friday April 7, 2006, 8:00 – 9:30

12.0 Adjourn

10: 15

Summary of Action Items

3.0 Action Items from previous meetings

3.1 Draft communication protocol and flow chart – in progress

CF Heather Blyth

3.2 Sustainability Guideline.

CF Mark Goldbach to continue with this effort.

3.3 Define Field of Practice for Forest Engineers.

CF Doug Underhill: Will continue and report at next meeting.

3.4 Affiliate Memberships. Update old form from the Executive binder and article to Aspect, including description of DEGIFS, membership benefits and how to participate.

CF Heather Blyth

3.5 Certificates of Recognition. Ron to review and report on costs for next meeting.

CF Ron Jordens

6.1 APEGBC Professional Reliance Task Force Draft Report - executive members to submit comments to Mark Goldbach.

Action Item Mark to compile and prepare a response from DEGIFS by March 8.

6.6 DEGIFS Bursary report.

CF Julien Henley

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