

Draft Minutes

DEGIRS Executive Meeting – Teleconference 9.00 – 11.00 pm May 29th 2009

Attendance

DEGIRS Executive:

Irena Weiland (IW)
Joe Kenny (JK)
Jack Whittles (JW)
Sharon Scott (SS)
Mike Noseworthy, (MN)

APEGBC Staff

Peter Mitchell, (PM)

Members

Calvin VanBuskirk, (CVB)

1.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by JW, Seconded JK

2.0 ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES AS AMENDED

Minutes from April 17th 09
Moved by JW, Seconded JK

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. Statements have been sent out for a legal opinion and input.

Action Item

1. JW to follow up by September.

3.2 JPB Communication Protocol Update

JH not present to give update, but did send email with respect to JPB minutes. The following is from the JPB approved minutes.

2.0 Approval of Feb. 9, 2009 Minutes.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the communication statement in the APEGBC update. Specifically that the intent of the discussion at the last meeting was to provide DEGIFS and the PPC the opportunity for meaningful comment prior to the finalization of the document. It was agreed that the



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following statement will be added to the Feb 9, 2009 minutes.

"The JPB believes that the existing language in the TOR enables the distribution of documents and informal discussion with the DEGIFS and APEGBC and the PPC of the ABCFP."

3.3 AGM Technical Session

SS discussed progress to date. Things going well, all is on schedule.

3.4 Bursary

Carried over to the next meeting due to absence of JH.

3.5 APEGBC / ABCFP Scope of Practice overlap issues

CVB discussed email that he had previously sent to executive. CVB discussed his general feeling that DEGIFS/ DEGIRS has over its history had a disproportionate lean to specialities issues and the actual "Forest Engineering" has not been well addressed. CVB noted that the new APEGBC guidelines for Forest Engineering is a good start but it does very little to address the practice of "Forest Engineering" and does not capture the vast majority of the practitioners because they have ABCFP membership. PM discussed the issues surrounding practice overlap and what constitutes the practice of engineering. The history of the current Memorandum of Understanding was discussed along with the current practice of developing practice guidelines for areas of overlapping practice. PM discuss the recent bridge collapse that an ABCFP member was involved in. It was pointed out that the guideline was used as the standard of practice that was to be expected. This case was referred to APEGBC for review prior finalizing and it was APEGBC opinion that the penalty imposed was consistent with the guidelines and was as severe as APEGBC would have imposed.

CVB reiterated his concern that the majority of controversial problems / issues that occur in the forest industry surround "Forest Engineering". As such CVB feels that it is imperative that guidelines / standards be developed for "Forest Engineering".

Action Item

1. JA to follow up with CVB and look into the possible development of forest engineering and forest operations standards of practice guidelines.

3.6 MTS Training

MTS training sessions have taken place throughout the province. The sessions were not well attended by industry. IW discussed sending out a letter next year to see how far along licensees are in implementing the MTS guidelines.

Action Item: IW to draft a letter to send to the JPB requesting a review of the MTS guidelines a year from now.



3.7 DEGIRS Name Change

Name has officially been changed. SS has purchased the domain name and will have link from DEGIFS to DEGIRS. There is still some outstanding cleanup of the TOR to be completed and membership should be informed that name change is now official. Tim Verigin to post a notice on the APEGBC website.

Action Item

- 1.) IW and MN to have discussions with respect to outstanding issues of the TOR.
- 2.) SS to write an article for the news letter's informing the membership.

4.0 CRITICAL DATES

IW discussed current critical dates. IW is working with nominating committee for executive. Some emails to potential candidates have been sent out. Candidate's statements have to be received by June 30th.

5.0 NEW BUSINESSES

5.1 BUDGET

Budget discuss by MN. MN to look into getting the books audited. SS discussed need to get website work done for name change. SS is going to get an estimate for works that need to be completed.

Next meeting will be June 26th. Time to be confirmed by JA through email.

Motion to adjourn MN, seconded by JW

Meeting adjourned: 11.00am



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