



DEGIFS

Division of Engineers and Geoscientists in the Forest Sector

MINUTES
DEGIFS EXECUTIVE TELECONFERENCE
October 20, 2004, at ~7:00 pm

Attendees:

Calvin VanBuskirk (chair ~9:00 pm)
Eric McQuarrie
Brian Chow
Julie Orban (Aspect representative)

Bill Grainger
Heather Blyth (Secretary for Tim Dunne)
Doug Nicol

Executive Member(s) Absent:

Deepa Filatow; Tim Dunne; Peter Mitchell

1 PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

Action item (Tim Dunne): All outstanding minutes (particularly Feb. 13, 23; May 17; June 14 and Sept. 27) will be emailed to the 2003/2004 DEGIFS Executive for review and approval by email, before the next executive meeting

2 COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bridge Design Guidelines (Brian Chow motions)

That the next executive considers development of a Bridge Design Guideline for APEGBC members, should the development by the JPB be terminated
Seconded by Eric McQuarrie; Motion Carried

Guidelines (Doug Nicol)

Develop a list of possible fields that may require guidelines e.g. hydrology; road design; bridges... No vote noted. CF

Eric motions for policy for selecting and funding task forces – No votes noted. CF

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TREASURER’S REPORT (Bill Grainger)

Motion to have more workshops next year (Bill). Therefore, suggest to the next executive to develop workshop committees lead by the AGM coordinator. Use DEGIFS funds for the development and delivery of appropriate workshops. CF

ASPECT (Julie Orban)

A suggestion was put forth by Julie to purchase a bottle of Scotch for Bruce Thompson as thanks for his involvement and contributions to ASPECT over the years.

Seconded by Bill. Motion carried.

With Bruce’s editorial retirement, a new editorial writer (or writers) is required to help out with next year ASPECT.

No volunteers were noted therefore this is carried forward to the next executive.

Julie would like to make a suggestion to next years executive to have the secretary or volunteer submit executive summaries to ASPECT to keep the membership up to date on executive happenings. CF

The executive approved Julie’s idea that a DEGIFS member will be profiled in each issue of ASPECT; members to be chosen by Julie at ‘random’ for this ‘honour’.

A suggestion by Julie that Calvin’s tiara be passed on to the new chair was carried forward until the new chair is chosen. CF

WEB PAGE (Heather Blyth)

Recommend that new executive deal with Listserver protocol. CF

Action: Heather to talk to Scott Weston about running a discussion board. CF

Action: Heather to get all ASPECTs on the web site from their inception in 1996. Get feedback on who uses the web site and for what purposes.

CEBC/MoF

New executive need to appoint one new executive member for the CEBC. The 2003/2004 executive recommend Mark Goldback because he works for a CEBC affiliated company. CF

FRPA Stewardship in BC Matrix (Eric McQuarrie)

Item # 83 of the FRPA matrix applies to DEGIFS as it relates to monitoring the conduct of professionals, therefore, the professional associations should monitor, audit and enforce professionals

Eric motions that: Professional associations take a lead role (L) in item #83, with the FPB and all ministries providing support (S); Doug Nicol seconds. Motion carried.

Action: Eric will contact Peter Mitchell regarding FIRPA Stewardship in BC Matrix.

Division of Engineers and Geoscientists in the Resource Sector – DEGIRS rather than DEGIFS (Julie Orban)

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Changing the name and role of DEGIFS to DEGIRS should be considered. The present executive, however, feel this is too large a task to consider at this time but should be considered by future executive committees who may wish to integrate the resource sector as a whole or as a sub-group and bring the suggestion up for a vote at a future AGM. CF

Motion to adjourn: Heather Blyth, seconded by Bill Grainger
Adjourned ~10:15 pm.

NEXT MEETING

November 2004 No time or date suggested

ACTION ITEMS

Action item (Tim Dunne): All outstanding minutes (particularly Feb. 13, 23; May 17; June 14 and Sept. 27) need to be emailed to the 2003/2004 DEGIFS Executive for review and approval by email, before the next executive meeting

Action item (Brian Chow?): Check with Peter Mitchell whether the joint DEGIFS/JPB documents are legal. The new APEG Act weakens the Engineers positions. Make sure it does not weaken our bridge guidelines.

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Action: Heather to get all ASPECTs on the web site from their inception in 1996. Get feedback on who uses the web site and for what purposes.

Action: Eric will contact Peter Mitchell regarding FRPA Stewardship in BC Matrix.

Minutes prepared by Heather Blyth