

Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta

Annual General Meeting

May 15, 2004

Executive Royal Inn, Nisku, Alberta

Meeting was called to order by Don White at 2:07 p.m. A quorum (of 15 members) was present.

1. Approval of Minutes of 2003 AGM

Motion: Approval of minutes of 2003 AGM.
Moved: Bob Taylor Seconded: Eugene Deakin Carried

2. Approval of Minutes of March 16, 2004 Special Meeting

Motion: Approval of minutes of March 16, 2004 Special Meeting.
Moved: Ken Schmidt Seconded: Kathy Janzen Carried

3. President's Report

Don White delivered the President's Report. The highlights of the year's activities are:

- The ACPA has now had one full year working with ManageWise Inc. functioning as the ACPA's administrative office. This arrangement has been very beneficial for the association and the Board
- The Arthur Bollo-Kamara Scholarship for 2003 was awarded to Ms. Bonnie Leung. Ms. Leung is a Masters student at The University of Calgary. In view of the rising costs of university education the ACPA Board has decided to increase the value of the scholarship to \$500.00 for 2004.
- A major accomplishment this year was the approval of new Bylaws for the Association. The bulk of this work was undertaken by Brent Cook, our public member of the Board. Thanks are extended to each member who took time to come to the respective meeting locations in Calgary and Edmonton on March 16 to vote on this important matter.
- The ACPA entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Alberta Human Resources and Employment to actively support the "Work Safe Alberta" program.
- A successful Chemical Health and Safety Management Workshop was held in Canmore, Alberta on April 5 & 6, 2004. There were about 30 participants.
- Promotional efforts for the ACPA have included the preparation of items such as the web cards that came out in your ballot package, one page handouts for distribution and the poster display boards that are using at meetings and trade shows. Stan Backs and Kathy Janzen have done a great job of keeping the website current. Several of the Board members attended student nights at the U of A and the U of C.
- We are nearing completion on the structure of the Discipline Process that will be applicable to members of the ACPA. Roger Cowles has done a fine job of producing a document that should cover most conceivable situations that will arise. This is an area that is required of all professional associations by the Professions and Occupational Association Registration Act (POARA).

- Other big issues that the ACPA Board has been involved in include professional sign-off for government reports, proposed changes to professional legislation by APEGGA and ASET and other professional matters that will be elaborated on later in this meeting.
- Don expressed his thanks to the Board and the members for the assistance and support provided during his term as President.

Discussion ensued on the absence of the ACPA at the Calgary Science Fair this past year, as noted by Frank Bachelor. Ken Schmidt advised the attendees of the discussion on this topic that occurred at the morning Board meeting and the decisions that resulted from it. Specifically, Ken noted that a motion had been carried as follows: “The ACPA establish an award at the Edmonton Science Fair for Grade 7 – 8 junior entries in the amount of \$300.00 and provide an award for the same amount to the Calgary Science Fair, pending investigation of opportunities.” Kathy Janzen noted that there are eight regions in Alberta having Science Fairs, many of which are needier than the Calgary or Edmonton fairs.

Motion: Investigate sponsorship needs and opportunities in all eight Science Fair regions in Alberta.
 Moved: Frank Bachelor Seconded: Bob Taylor Carried.

4. Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer’s report was presented by Trent Parks. He noted that the 2003 financial statements are based on only seven months, because the association’s fiscal year end was changed from May 31 to December 31 in 2003. This resulted in the exclusion of most 2003 membership fee revenue from the 2003 year end financial report.

Assets/liabilities & equity: \$ 45,588.01 As of December 31, 2003

Income	\$ 2,687.91
Expenses	<u>\$ 9,502.00</u>
Excess of Income over Expenses	-\$ 6,814.09 (loss)

The 2003 financial statements were audited by Andrew Swobada, P.Chem. and Wendy Lam, P.Chem., who stated that no irregularities were found for the period.

A first quarter 2004 interim financial report was also provided, as summarized below:

Assets/liabilities & equity: \$ 67,561.31 As of March 31, 2004

YTD Income	\$ 24,040.00
YTD Expenses	<u>\$ 2,418.90</u>
Excess of Income over Expenses	\$ 21,621.10

Motion: Approval of Treasurer’s report.
 Moved: Patrick Kalita Seconded: John Schelske Carried.

Motion: Andrew Swoboda, P.Chem. and Wendy Lam, P.Chem. be appointed as auditors for the 2004 financial reports, subject to their acceptance.

Moved: Ken Schmidt Seconded: Roger Cowles Carried.

5. Registrar's Report

Current Membership:	167
Consisting of:	P.Chem. 150
	CIT 1
	Retired 4
	Student 2
	Associate 3
	Provisional 7

Members in good standing as of December 31, 2003: 140

Members in good standing as of December 31, 2002: 122

Motion: Approval of Registrar's report.

Moved: Kathy Janzen Seconded: Frank Bachelor Carried.

6. Service to the Profession Award

Frank Bachelor, Ph.D., P.Chem. was presented with the **Frank W. Bachelor Service to the Profession Award**. This award is named in Frank's honour and recognizes an individual's outstanding contribution to the Chemical Profession in Alberta. The recipient of the award receives a plaque and complimentary membership for life, subject to the recipient's continued qualification for Professional Chemist status.

7. Election Results

This is the first election under the association's new bylaws. The bylaws provide that for this first election, the four candidates with the highest number of votes are elected for a three-year term; the four candidates with the next highest number of votes are elected for a two-year term; and the four candidates with the third highest number of votes are elected for a one-year term. In subsequent years, elections will be held to replace those Directors whose terms have expired and those who have resigned from the Board.

The Directors elected in this year's election are:

Three-year terms:

Roger Cowles
Stan Backs
Ken Schmidt
Doug Crighton

Two-year terms:

Tim Blackmore
Mark Rice
Neil Warrender
Bob Taylor

One-year terms:

John Banks
Roger Melley
Elena Vaisman
Pat Kalita

8. APEGGA Inclusivity Initiative

Kevin Dunn provided a report on the Inclusivity Initiative currently being undertaken by APEGGA. APEGGA has undertaken this initiative for three reasons:

1. To accommodate qualified practitioners immigrating to Canada who are ineligible for professional status because of a lack of Canadian experience.
2. To accommodate qualified practitioners who are working in emerging areas of engineering, such as biomechanics and nanotechnology, who are not engineers by training.
3. To accommodate professionals from other disciplines, such as chemistry, who are qualified by experience and who are practicing engineering, geology or geophysics.

Since these individuals do not qualify for 'Professional Engineer' status, APEGGA has the choice to prohibit these individuals from practicing and enforce the prohibition, or to accommodate the individuals by establishing a new membership category. APEGGA has chosen the second alternative and is attempting to establish a new category of membership of "Registered Engineer, Geologist or Geophysicist". This would give a chemist, for instance, if he or she was sufficiently experienced and qualified, the ability to gain full professional status as an engineer, including the right to practice engineering. However, the scope of practice for a 'Registered Engineer' will be limited and defined, as set out by the applicant and approved by APEGGA.

The proposal has been endorsed by APEGGA's Council, but is currently suffering from some member backlash and opposition. APEGGA is undertaking broader member consultation and promotion of the idea prior to taking it to a vote of the members. If approved by the membership, a regulatory amendment must be passed, which can be a lengthy process.

Discussion was held on the implications for the ACPA and Professional Chemists. It was agreed that for chemists and ACPA this may be either an opportunity or a threat or both.

9. Professional Association Task Force

Don White discussed the ACPA's involvement in the Professional Association Task Force. This Task Force was created to address the issues that result from the interdisciplinary nature of professional activities in contrast to the restricted scopes of practice currently set out in the regulations. The Task Force is promoting a regulatory structure for the science and engineering professions that parallels the one currently in place for the health professions. The central idea is that each profession will regulate its members, but scopes of practice may overlap professions. For example, this structure would allow chemists, engineers and soil scientists all to address issues of pipeline corrosion legitimately, each within their own areas of expertise, and each with equal status.

A proposal has been drafted and submitted to the various Ministers and MLAs. An Act is currently being drafted. Other activities, including lobbying, are ongoing.

10. Professional Sign-Off

Don White provided an overview of the ACPA's activities regarding the professional sign-off issue associated with the Alberta Environment Remediation and Reclamation Regulation. The regulation requires that a 'qualified person' sign-off on site reclamation work. A task force consisting of science and engineering professional associations, including the ACPA, has prepared a proposal that addresses what constitutes a 'qualified person'.

The Six Professions proposal has been submitted to Ministers and MLAs. The group is awaiting replies from the Ministers. A meeting will be set up with Lorne Taylor. A group meeting is scheduled for May 17 to discuss scope issues.

11. General Discussion

A general discussion was held on the implications of the preceding three topics. Particular areas of discussion included:

- Allowable scopes for professional sign-off
- Multi-disciplinary aspects
- Future implications for the ACPA

12. Thank You's

A motion of appreciation was extended to departing Board members.

13. Adjournment

Moved: Frank Bachelor