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Association of the Chemical Profession of Alberta Annual General Meeting Minutes

When: June 24, 2006

Where: Nisku Inn, Nisku, Alberta

Present: Robert Taylor, President
Tim Blackmore, Vice President
Roger Cowles, Treasurer
Trent Parks, Registrar
John Banks, Director
Chris Swyngedouw, Director
Stan Backs, Director
Mark Rice, Director
Patrick Kalita, Director
Doug Crighton, Director
Frances Sutherland, Member
Sean Stewart, Member
Kathy Janzen, Member
Eugene Dakin, Member
Mary Mayes, Member
Norman Gee, Member
Darren Crichton, Member
Aria Saba, Member
Jose Zacharia, Member
Patrick Kamau, Member
Paul Pulicken, Member
Brent Cook, Public Member
Ian Hooper, Presenter
Adrian Pritchard, Presenter

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The President, Robert Taylor welcomed everyone to the ACPA Annual General Meeting and called the meeting to order at 2:16 p.m.

<i>No.</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Action</i>
2.0	Approval of Previous Minutes	
	Motion to approve the minutes of the 2005 AGM as presented. Moved: Robert Taylor Seconded: Trent Parks Carried.	
3.0	President's Report	
	Robert Taylor outlined the importance of the Association for its members. He indicated the Association is going through a transition period, working with the government towards a scope of practice. Promotion of the Association, particularly to students, was a main focus during the past year.	

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4.0	Treasurer's Report	
	<p>Roger Cowles reviewed the 2005 fiscal year financial statements. Items over budget of note were the administration fee and telephone charges. A more realistic administration contract has been signed with ManageWise and a new lower rate has been negotiated with Telus for teleconference charges. Roger presented the 2006 budget and year-to-date financials, as well as the sponsorships and awards distributed in 2005 and 2006.</p> <p>Motion to accept reports as presented. Moved: Robert Taylor Seconded: Mary Mayes Carried.</p> <p>Motion to appoint the auditors for the 2006 financials as Andrew Swoboda and Frances Sutherland. Moved: Roger Cowles Seconded: Tim Blackmore Carried.</p>	
5.0	Registrar's Report	
	<p>Trent Parks announced the Board of Directors election results. The following members were elected to the Board; Tim Blackmore Eugene Dakin Maurice Shevalier Robert Taylor The fifth member in the election, Paul Kucharczyk will be appointed to complete Elena Vaisman's term on the Board of Directors as a result of her resignation due to health reasons.</p> <p>The membership statistics are: 206 fully paid members (175 in 2005) 194 Full members 6 CIT members 6 Retired members There are no longer any provisional members.</p>	
6.0	Service to the Profession Award	
	<p>Robert Taylor announced Don White is the recipient of the Frank Bachelor Service to the Profession Award . Don White was not able to be in attendance to accept the award.</p>	
7.0	Report on Professional Sign-off on Reclamation and Remediation	
	<p>John Banks explained the remediation and reclamation sign-off issue facing the association and its members. In 2001 ACPA achieved POARA after a 10 year effort, however no scope of practice was awarded. Since then, there has been a significant amount of activity and discussion regarding sign-off and the hierarchy of professional associations.</p> <p>In February 2006, the Reclamation and Remediation Advisory Committee presented their recommendations to AENV with the</p>	

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	<p>basic principle of Qualifications = Experience + Education + Training.</p> <p>In April 2006 the Joint Professions Task Force was developed to evaluate the abilities required in conducting reclamation and remediation.</p> <p>The ACPA became concerned with the trend towards segregating the industry into different groups and that perhaps the Chemists would be left out. On June 12, the ACPA issued a letter supporting the conciliatory approach with equal participation. On June 15, the RRSAC meeting was held and APEGGA recommended an interim agreement for sign-off for all PRO's starting October 1, 2006 to end the impasse.</p> <p>By moving in this direction, the government will be releasing itself from a large amount of liability and transferring this to the professional associations and their members. The ACPA is seeking a member with knowledge of liability issues to sit on the committee.</p> <p>ACPA is hoping to amend the Chemistry Regulation through POARA to include a scope of practice. The Association is also considering adding a technologist membership category.</p> <p>Adrian Pritchard addressed the issues presented by John Banks. He indicated there is no hierarchy between associations. Currently APEGGA has the most developed legislation, but all professional associations are moving towards this. Adrian is working with the Agrolgists to establish their legislation. He feels ASET does not belong in these discussions and suggests the ACPA add a Chemical Technologist membership category.</p>	
8.0	New Business	
	<p>a. Chemical Technologists membership category Roger Cowles overviewed the process of adding Chemical Technologists as members of the Association and reviewed the difficulties other professional associations have encountered with similar membership categories. Roger proposed the ACPA establish a membership category for Chemical Technologists which initially would not have the ability to vote or participate on the Board of Directors. Changes would have to be made to the Regulations and/or the Act to allow technologists to become registered members.</p>	
9.0	Presentations	
	<p>a. Partnerships in Health and Safety Program Overview Ian Hooper of Alberta Human Resources and Development gave a presentation on the Certificates of Recognition, Partnerships in Health and Safety Program. He discussed the role of Certifying Partners and the process of receiving a Certificate of Recognition.</p>	

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	Ian suggested the ACPA become a partner in health and safety in the future.	
	b. Future Plans for Alberta's Professional Legislation Adrian Pritchard of Alberta Human Resources and Employment discussed the future plans for Alberta's Professional Legislation. He indicated the Agrology Profession Act is a good example of where professional legislation is headed. He sees professional associations having both professional members as well as technologists. Legislative changes are not likely to occur this fall or next spring due to the political environment. Spring 2008 is the most likely time for further legislation. He suggested the ACPA add a Chemical Technologists membership category. He felt the first step would be to determine how many Chemical Technologists there currently are in Alberta.	
9.0	Adjournment	
	The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.	

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