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The APGNS is Pleased to Introduce the Incoming President, Beverley Smith, P.Ge, FGC.

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Incoming President Beverley Smith, P.Ge, FGC.

As we start a new year of APGNS Council, I would like to thank outgoing Council members (Chrystal Kennedy, P.Ge, FGC, Gavin Isenor, P.Ge and Carl Makrides, P.Ge) as well as Jennifer McDonald, P.Ge, FGC as Past President, for volunteering their time and effort. It has been great working with you! I would also like to welcome the new Council members (Kelsey O'Brien, P.Ge, John Kozuskanich, P.Ge and Jeff Parks, P.Ge, FGC – APGNS past-President and Director to Geoscientists Canada) as well as Elizabeth Mclsaac as they join/re-join our team.

Volunteering for Council, or any of our Boards and Committees, is a great way to give back to the organization! By becoming an active member, you also have first-hand knowledge of how Professional Associations like ours are self-governed and how things progress behind the scenes, including at the national level.

A few years ago, we came together (as Past Presidents, Council and Practicing Members) to align our vision and priorities for the Association. Out of this process, a five-year strategic plan was created which included multi-year strategic priorities that could then be translated into action items with rough timelines and accountability. The 2012-2017 Strategic Plan has governed the Association since that time and, in 2017, we collectively put our heads together once again to review and prioritize the Plan (to see what was working, what had been completed, what should be carried forward, etc.). The latest version of the Plan (2017-2022) was then distributed for member comments and feedback in October 2017.

Overall, the Strategic Priority Areas and Objectives are:

1. Value for Members,
2. Licensure Awareness, Compliance and Enforcement,
3. Awareness of the Profession and the Association, and
4. Good Governance.

In relation to Good Governance (For the Association to be **more influential** and **strongly positioned** as the regulator of the Geoscience profession in Nova Scotia), we had planned to have the new *Geoscience Profession Act* in play. However, since this has been held up (indefinitely),

APGNS Annual General Meeting Awards

The Exemplary Service Award Presented to Paul Batson, P.Geo, FGC - April 27, 2018

The **Exemplary Service Award** was established to recognize significant and exemplary services to provide to and on behalf of Geoscientists Nova Scotia.

This year's award recipient is **Mr. Paul Batson, P.Geo, FGC**. Paul is a founding member of the Association, having served on the initial ad-hoc committee to create APGNS as a society and then registered as a Member #009 in 2000. He became actively involved again in 2012, serving as a member of Council, President and currently as Treasurer and a member of the Admissions Board.



Past President Paul LaFleche, P.Geo, FGC presenting the 2018 Exemplary Service Award to Paul Batson, P.Geo, FGC.

He has always been an active participant, proponent and supporter of the Association, especially in his teaching and mentorship role with the Nova Scotia Community College. There are many former students who owe their knowledge and expertise in water resources to Paul.

He has been recognized as a valued and key resource person of the Association as it moves forward. In 2016, he was nominated by the Association to Geoscientists Canada and he was awarded the Fellow of Geoscientists Canada (FGC) recognizing his contributions to the Association.

Previous recipients of the Exemplary Service Award are:

- 2017 - Diane Webber, P.Geo., FGC,
- 2016 - Andrew D. Cameron, P.Geo, FGC,
- 2014 - Cliff Stanley, PhD, P.Geo, FGC,
- 2012 - Theresa A. Rushton, P.Geo, FGC,
- 2011 - Peter Webster, P.Geo,
- 2010 - Patrick J.C. Ryall, PhD, P.Geo, FGC, and
- 2009 - Jordan Mooers, P.Geo.

The 2018 **Professional Geoscience Awards** were presented on April 27, 2018 at the Annual General Meeting of the Association to be held at the Dalhousie University Club.

Executive Director and Registrar's AGM Report

David C. Carter, P.Geo, FGC.

The APGNS Annual General Meeting was convened on April 27th at the Dalhousie University Club. The event included a brief meeting of APGNS Council, the Business Meeting of the Members, a luncheon with a guest speaker, Rod Tyson, P. Geo, "**Collecting Rare Phosphates at Latitude 68.5, Yukon Territory**" and a Continuing Professional Development Session presented by Bob McDonald, P.Eng, MBA, L.LB, FEC, FGC (hon), FCSSE, APEGS (Saskatchewan), Executive Director and Registrar on "**Professional Regulation, Professional Ethics and Legal Considerations**".

This has been a positive year for Geoscientists Nova Scotia.

1. Professional registration, members, licensees, and corporate are holding in 2018 compared to previous years. As of March 31, 2017 we have 184 P.Geo members (up 7%), 26 LTP's (up 30%), 21 MIT's (down 16%) and 48 Certificates of Authorization (up 10%); 23 sole practitioners & 29 corporate. That is good news going in 2018 when several Canadian professional regulatory associations have experienced a decline in registration. We continue to work actively with students and recent graduates to assist and encourage them to register. Council has approved a plan to waive the MIT application fee for applicants in their year of graduation.
2. Our financial position is in good shape. At the end of the 2017 fiscal year the Association has a positive net balance. We plan to continue to closely monitor expenditures, but we also anticipate that we will increase our licensure awareness, compliance and enforcement work. The professional fees, individual and corporate, were not increased in 2018.
3. APGNS continues to participate as a **Constituent Association of Geoscientists Canada** and we are also represented on the **Canadian Geoscience Standards Council (CGSC)**. The update of the **Geoscience Knowledge and Experience Requirements for Professional Registration in Canada (the GKE)** is underway and it is expected to be presented to Council this year. It is anticipated that there will be minor revisions. We will work with the **Academic Advisory Committee** to bring that to Council. **Phase 2 of the Admissions Support Tools Project** is also underway. It will develop tools for evaluating geoscience work experience. Minor revision of the syllabus of the **National Professional Practice Exam** are being introduced as well as a 5th exam session.
4. The revised **Geoscience Profession Act** and **Geoscience Practice Regulations** were submitted to the Department of Justice in March of 2015. We are continuing to develop policies that are consistent with the revised Act in anticipation that the Department of Justice will move it forward.

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The Excellence in Geoscience Award Presented to Mark King, PhD, P.Geo, FGC. - April 27, 2018



Past President Paul LaFleche, P.Geo, FGC presenting the 2017 Excellence in Geoscience Award to Mark King, PhD, P.Geo, FGC.

The **Excellence in Geoscience Award** was established to honour an eminent and exemplary member of the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia (APGNS) who is also a valuable contributing member of the Nova Scotia, Canadian and/or global geoscience community. It is awarded to a Professional Geoscientist to recognize outstanding contributions to the development and/or practice of professional geoscience, who advances public recognition of the practice of professional geoscience in Nova Scotia and does so with the highest levels of dedication and integrity. The award is presented based on a formal nomination by members of the Association and support of the nominee's peers.

This year's award recipient is **Mark King, PhD, P.Geo, FGC**. Mark completed a BSc in Geology (1982) and an MASc in Civil Engineering (1987) at Dalhousie and a PhD (1998) at Waterloo. His doctoral research led to interesting contacts that turned into Groundwater Insight's first clients and led to several large-scale remediation projects in the US, on Superfund and RCRA sites. That positioned him for involvement in the major Sydney Tar Ponds projects, including his role as the Lead Hydrogeologist for the design and construction.

More recently he has been involved the "lithium boom", with numerical modeling and resource assessments, including setting the standard for National Instrument 43-101 compliant reporting, for lithium brine projects in the high Andes and the US. His major sideline for the last three years has been doing volunteer work in Africa, installing water wells and conducting training with a manual drilling rig for a non-profit organization known as the "Village Drill".

Previous recipients of the **Excellence in Geoscience Award** are:

- 2017 Charles T Schafer, PhD, P.Geo.,
- 2014 Michael Cullen, P.Geo.,
- 2013 Fred Baechler, P.Geo.,
- 2011 Greg Isenor, P.Geo.,
- 2010 David Macfarlane, P.Geo.,
- 2009 Heather Cross, P.Geo., FGC., and
- 2008 Jim Reeves, P.Geo.

Ritual of the Calling (Earth Ring Ceremony)

Patrick J.C. Ryall, Ph.D., P.Geo., FGC.

This year marked the eighteenth Ingathering for the Ritual of the Calling for geoscientists in Nova Scotia. The ritual is a formal ceremony which geoscientists attend voluntarily. Participation is limited to those students who are about to graduate with a geoscience degree and practicing geoscientists who would like to get a ring. The Ritual is structured to give geoscientists a strong sense of their responsibility to the public, their peers, their profession, and themselves.

So far about 550 geoscientists in Nova Scotia have made the commitments and have an Earth Ring. This year's participants are: Sabih Abbasi, Jeffrey Arkin, Colton Bentley, Reid Cameron, George Challenor, Kirklyn Davidson, Sarah Dunn, Alexandra Gould, Ariel Greenblat, Mary Ann Kavanagh, Nicole Kennedy, Graham Kerford, Malory Kowalski, Scott Larue, Allie MacDougall, Jackson Malone, Ben Manthorne, Heather McGuire, Jillian McKenna, Colin McKenzie, Sarah McLeod, Alicia Mining, Peter Opra, Yaisa Owino, Stephen Pierrynowski, Cody Reeves, Logan Robertson, Grant Shortreed, Maya Soukup, Chad Stines, Kimberley Taylor, Dana Thomsen, Jacob Vanderwal, Brendan Vibert, Kerry Wallace, Nora Whelan, Mariah Williams, Alex Wilson, Michael Wolvin, Kate Woods, Dylan Wyles, and Olga Zubalska.



Participants in the 2018 Ritual of the Calling (Earth Ring Ceremony).

The students are from Acadia, Dalhousie, and Saint Mary's. Following recent procedures, two students were presented their rings by a relative who has a ring. The Ritual was held at the University Club at Dalhousie and followed by a delicious buffet dinner. The cost of dinner for the students was subsidized by Geoscientists Nova Scotia, which was greatly appreciated by the students.

The Earth Ring ceremony is about a calling to service. It signifies that the participant has joined a profession dedicated to seeking the truth in Earth Science and applying this to the service of people. It is an honourable profession with a long tradition of service.

Have upcoming news or events from a local university?

Let us know!

Kelsey.O'Brien@Stantec.com

2018 Techsplorer Event

Emily Boucher, Manager, Communications and Strategic Partnerships – Techsploration



Geoscientists Nova Scotia judges with the Techsplorer winning team Truro Junior High School.

On May 11th, young women from across the province faced one of the world's most common fears: public speaking. Celebrating its 20th anniversary year, Techsploration hosted more than 100 grade nine girls, their teachers, and science, engineering, trades, and technology industry role models from across Nova Scotia to participate in their 2018 Techsplorer Event: a two-day conference at Saint Mary's University.

Participants showcased the careers and career paths of Nova Scotia-based female role models by delivering a presentation and skit in front of an audience of their peers, teachers, and industry role models. Representing Geoscientists Nova Scotia, **Belinda Culgin, Jennifer McDonald, and Kelsey O'Brien** had the incredibly difficult task of judging the Techsplorer presentations. The chosen school team for the top prize (a \$200 cash prize used for a celebratory team party) was...Truro Junior High School! The team provided an inspiring and informative presentation and skit on their team role model, Tanya Fraser-Forbes, an Aircraft Technician with IMP Aerospace. Congratulations, Truro Junior High!

In addition to the presentation portion of the two-day event, participants also had the opportunity to explore careers in science, engineering, trades, and technology through hands-on, interactive workshops with industry role models.

Learn more about Techsploration at techsploration.ca!

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in consultation with our legal counsel, we continue to govern using our updated policies and procedures.

As many of the strategic initiatives are ongoing, as a returning President, I hope to bring some of my personal past experiences and knowledge to the table and keep the momentum going to move items forward. One that is of particular importance to everyone is Value for Members (to **enhance** member recognition and satisfaction with the **benefits** of professional registration).

To this end, the Professional Development Committee has organized and hosted various events in relation to CPD, our Executive Director and Communications Committee bring together and circulate the GeoGazette newsletter and other information to the membership, and the Awards Committee nominates and presents awards for service and achievement to fellow P.Geos. (as we have seen today).

We, as Council, continue to be welcome to your ideas and suggestions in relation to these strategic priorities, so please reach out! Let's keep the lines of communication open as we move forward and do what we can (individually) to raise awareness of our profession in Nova Scotia and the requirement for professional registration to practice.

From the Registrar's Inbox: "If It Looks Like a Duck..."

Originally published in the Society of Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals of British Columbia, Spring 2018 newsletter)

Geoscientists Nova Scotia, like other professional regulators in Nova Scotia and in Canada are often faced with unregistered individuals who use job titles similar to those used by regulated members of the profession. In many cases an individual or an employer will use the designation "geologist" for staff members who are not registered professional geoscientists. The **Geoscience Profession Act** provides "right to title" in that an individual is prohibited from using the designation "geoscientist" or any derivation that would lead the public to conclude that they are a registered professional geoscientist.

Perhaps an example can be drawn to a recently cited case, in *Organization of Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia v. Nordine*, [2017 BCCA 103](#), where the British Columbia Court of Appeal rejected a technical approach to this problem. It held that the proper approach in assessing whether the use of a title is contrary to the statute is to perform a pragmatic analysis into what the public would understand by the use of the title. The insertion of a word in a title such that it is no longer the exact wording prohibited by the statute does not change the fact that the title may imply that the individual is a member of a regulated organization.

The Organization of Chartered Professional Accountants of British Columbia ("CPABC") is the regulatory body responsible for governing professional accountants in British Columbia. Its governing statute, the *Chartered Professional Accountants Act* (the "Act"), provides that only CPABC members may use particular designations and non-CPABC members cannot imply, suggest, or hold themselves out as a professional accountant.

In this case, the CPABC sought an injunction against two non-CPABC members, Mr. Solomon Nordine and Mr. Muneeb Ehsan, in order to prevent them from referring to themselves as a "Professional Business Accountant" or as a "PBA". The Chambers judge refused the injunction, finding that while the Act restricted the use of the "professional accountant" designation and the "PA" abbreviation, it did not explicitly restrict the use of titles like "professional business accountant" or "PBA".

On appeal, the Court of Appeal observed that the principal object of the Act is to protect members of the public by helping them recognize whether they are dealing with members of the CPABC.

Introduction of New Council Members



Bev Smith, P.Geo, FGC.

Beverley Smith is an Associate, Hydrogeologist and Project Manager with Dillon Consulting Limited, where she has worked for the past 15 years. Over her career, Bev has managed long term environmental compliance monitoring programs, phased environmental site assessments for private and public-sector clients, wellfield monitoring projects, and potable water supply studies. Bev completed a BSc in Earth Sciences and an Honours Thesis at Dalhousie University in 2002. At Dillon, Bev has served on various committees (ISO, JOHSC, Retirement Plans) and is a mentor to several project professionals. Bev is also a member of the International Association of Hydrogeologists and the National Groundwater Association.

Bev has been actively involved in the Association of Professional Geoscientists of Nova Scotia (APGNS) since becoming a member in 2007. She first served on Council in 2007-2008, became Association President in 2009 (Past-President in 2010) and, in 2013, returned to Council as a member for a two year term. In 2013, she was awarded the Fellowship of Geoscientists Canada (FGC) for her service to the profession. She continues to serve on various committees (e.g., Environment, Governance) and is looking forward to serving as President once again after the past year as Vice-President.



Gavin Isenor, P.Geo.

Gavin Isenor has been a Property Manager with Dexter Construction Company Limited's aggregate group since 2009. He is responsible for the identification, development and compliance of Dexter's dozens of pits and quarries in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He completed a BA in business from Acadia and a BSc in Geology at Saint Mary's University in 2000. He joined Lafarge Canada Inc as an analyst with their pits and quarries in Atlantic Canada. After three years he was appointed Plant Manager of Lafarge's of the Folly Lake operation. He was the Atlantic Canada Operations and Marketing Manager for Lafarge's aggregate operations for six years. He joined Dexter Construction Company Limited's aggregate group and is responsible for the identification, development and compliance of Dexter's dozens of pits and quarries in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

Gavin has been registered as a P.Geo since 2013 and he is completing his first term as a member of Council.



Kelsey O'Brien, P.Geo.

Kelsey O'Brien is an incoming council member who hails from Ottawa. She is currently working as an environmental scientist at Stantec Consulting. She graduated from NSCC's Environmental Engineering program and has also completed a BSc in Earth Science from St FX and an MSc in Earth Science at Dalhousie.

Introduction of New Council Members (continued)

Kelsey has been involved with the APGNS association for over a year as the newsletter editor. She is always looking for people's ideas and perspective articles! She is a member of the APGNS student committee and has presented registration information to university students. She is looking forward to getting more involved as a council member.



John Kozuskanich, Ph.D, P.Geo.

John Kozuskanich trained as a geologist and hydrogeologist at Queen's University in Kingston, ON where he received his Ph.D. in 2011. In 2014, John completed a post-doctoral research fellow at Flinders University in Adelaide, Australia with the National Centre for Groundwater Research and Training prior to moving back to Canada.

John's work outside of the university setting has primarily been in the environmental geoscience in the fields of contaminant and clean water hydrogeology, both in the field and numerical modelling.

John is currently the Resource Manager at Shaw Resources and oversees exploration activities and the environmental portfolio. He has been a Member of APGNS since 2014 and this is his first time serving on Council.



Jeff Parks, P.Geo, FGC.

Jeff Parks is an Environmental Geoscientist/Geomatics Specialist with GHD Limited in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. He has over thirty years of experience in natural resource and environmental projects and is currently focused on providing environmental consulting services to the mining and aggregate industry in Nova Scotia.

Jeff has a BSc in Geology from Acadia University and an Advanced Diploma in GIS from the NSCC. He has been registered with APGNS since 2003. Jeff is a Past President of APGNS, having served on Council and the Executive for 6 years, and he continues to Chair the Governance Committee and serve on the Geoscientists Canada Board of Directors where he is the Chair of the Governance and the Professional Practice Task Force and past Chair of the GIT Task Force. In 2014 he was awarded the Fellowship to Geoscientists Canada for his service to the profession.

He was President of the Geomatics Association of NS, Vice-President of the Geomatics Industry Association of NB, past Director of the Geomatics Industry Association of Canada, and numerous other business and professional committees. He volunteers his time with Scouts Canada and serves as a NS Deputy Council Commissioner (Property), Group Registrar, and Venturer Advisor.

Introduction of New Council Members (continued)



Elizabeth McIsaac

Elizabeth is an associate lawyer in the Halifax office of McInnes Cooper. Elizabeth holds a Juris Doctor from the Schulich School of Law at Dalhousie University (2014) and a Master of Public Administration from Dalhousie University (2014). She completed her BSc in Chemistry and Earth Sciences with First Class Honours at Dalhousie University (2009) with a research focus on kimberlites.

While completing her Juris Doctor, Elizabeth was a recipient of the Leonard A. Kitz Prize (2014) for skill in legal oral argument and the Jenkins Marzban Logan LLP Award in Law (2014) for the highest standing in Construction Law. While Completing her Master of Public Administration, Elizabeth received several awards, including the Institute of Public Administration of Canada Award for Academic Excellence (2014) for attaining the highest average among full time students graduating from the Dalhousie University Public Administration program and the David MacDonald Memorial Award (2013) for her paper entitled, “Municipalities and the Crown’s Duty to Consult Aboriginal Peoples: Big Changes or Big Problems.” Elizabeth has worked with the International Seabed Authority, the regulator for deep seabed mining in areas beyond national jurisdiction.

2018-2020 APGNS Council, Boards, Committees and Task Groups (May 2018)

Governance Committee	
Jeff Parks, P.Geo, FGC. (Chair)	GHD Limited
Beverley Smith, P.Geo, FGC.	Dillon Consulting
David C. Carter, P.Geo, FGC.	Executive Director and Registrar
Pat Ryall, P.Geo, FGC. Reviewer	
Andy Cameron, P.Geo, FGC. Reviewer	
Charles Schafer, P.Geo. Reviewer	

Nominating Committee	
Belinda Culgin, P.Geo. Past-President	Golder Associates
David C. Carter, P.Geo., FGC.	Executive Director and Registrar

Insurance Task Group	
Chair (vacant)	
Russell Finley, P.Geo.	EFI Global
Rick Gagne, P.Geo.	earth-water Concepts

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Council Members	
Beverley Smith, P.Geo., FGC President Term: 2018 - 2019	Dillon Consulting
Belinda Culgin, P.Geo. Past-President Term: 2018 - 2019	Golder Associates
Gavin Isenor, P.Geo. Vice-President Term: 2018 - 2019	Dexter Construction
Kimberlea Green, P.Geo. Councilor Term 2017 - 2019	wood plc
Maylia Parker, P.Geo. Councilor Term: 2017 - 2019	Stantec
Rick Gagne, P.Geo. Councilor Term: 2017 - 2019	earth-water Concepts
Kelsey O'Brien, P.Geo. Councilor Term: 2018 - 2020	Stantec
John Kozuskanich, P.Geo. Councilor Term: 2018 - 2020	Shaw Resources, Re- source Manager
Jeffrey Parks, P.Geo. FGC. Councilor Term: 2018 - 2020	GHD Limited
Roxanne Tate, P.Eng. Councilor (public repre- sentative) Term: 2017 - 2019	Tate Engineering
Elizabeth Mclsaac Councilor (public repre- sentative) Term: 2018 - 2020	Mclnnes Cooper

Ex-Officio Council Members (appointed)	
(Secretary) Term: 2018 - 2020	Shared by Councilors
Paul Batson, P.Geo, FGC. Treasurer	Retired
Jeffrey Parks, P.Geo. FGC. Geoscientists Canada Director	GHD Limited
Cliff Stanley, P.Geo., FGC. CGSC Representative	Acadia University
David C. Carter, P.Geo., FGC. NPPEAC Representative	Executive Director and Registrar
Robert (Bob) Stewart, P.Geo. NPPE Representative	Integeos
Chair, Communications Committee	vacant
Kelsey O'Brien, P.Geo. (Newsletter Editor)	Stantec

Staff	
David C. Carter, P.Geo., FGC.	Executive Director and Registrar
Tara Anderson Administrative Assistant	Hy-Grade Geoscience

Licensure Compliance & Enforcement	
David C. Carter, P.Geo., FGC.	Executive Director and Registrar

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Executive Committee / Editorial Board	
Beverley Smith, P.Geo., FGC. President	Dillon Consulting
Belinda Culgin, P.Geo. Past-President	Golder Associates
Gavin Isenor, P.Geo. Vice-President	Dexter Construction Company
Paul Batson, P.Geo, FGC. Treasurer	Retired
Rick Gagne, P.Geo. (Secretary / Council representative)	earth-water Concepts
Vacant (Editorial Board) Communications Com- mittee (Chair)	
David C. Carter, P.Geo., FGC.	Executive Director and Registrar

Communications Committee	
Chair (vacant)	
Kelsey O'Brien, P.Geo. (Newsletter Editor)	Stantec
Colin Walker, P.Geo. (Website Editor)	CBCL Ltd.
Jeff Burke, P.Geo. (Social Media Coordina- tor)	Cartier Iron

Environment Committee	
Kim Green, P.Geo. (Chair)	wood plc
Scott Conrod, P.Geo.	Golder Associates Ltd,
Andy Cameron, P.Geo, FGC.	
Beverley Smith, P.Geo, FGC.	Dillon Consulting
Russel Finley, P.Geo.	EFI Global
Maylia Parker, P.Geo.	Stantec
Julie Griffiths, MIT	Shaw Resources
Ian Spooner, P.Geo.	Acadia University, Dept of Geology

Admissions Board	
Brent Cox, P.Geo, FGC. (Chair)	Nova Scotia Environ- ment
Theresa Rushton, P.Geo., FGC. (Sec)	Retired
Diane Webber, P.Geo, FGC.	Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
Cliff Stanley, P.Geo., FGC (CGSC representative)	Acadia University
Grant Wach, P.Geo.	Dalhousie University
Paul Batson, P.Geo, FGC.	Retired

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Mining and Energy Committee	
Rick Gagne, P.Geo. (Chair)	earth-water Concepts
Greg Isenor, P.Geo.	G. P. Isenor Company Limited
Chrystal Kennedy, P.Geo, FGC	Geochryst Geological Consulting
Bruce Mitchell, P.Geo.	Anaconda Mining
Arden Thompson, P.Geo.	East Coast Energy Inc.
Carl Makrides, P.Geo.	Canada Nova Scotia Offshore Petroleum Board
Michael Power, P.Geo.	Mercator Geological Services
Bob MacDonald, P.Geo.	Jammin' Rock Resources
Andrew Blackmer, P.Geo.	Dillon Consulting Ltd.
Duncan McInnes, P.Geo.	New River Road Resources
Edwin MacDonald, P.Geo.	St Brendan's Exploration Ltd.
Jeff Burke, P.Geo.	Cartier Iron
Tim Bourque, P.Geo.	Atlantic Gold Corp.
Maureen Matthew, P.Geo.	Stantec

Professional Development Committee	
Diane Webber, P.Geo, FGC. (Chair)	Nova Scotia Department of Natural Resources
Jennifer McDonald, P.Geo., FGC.	Nova Scotia Environment
Colin Walker, P.Geo. (Website Editor)	CBCL Ltd.
vacant	

Student Committee	
Mike Power, P.Geo. (Chair)	Mercator Geological Services
Kelsey O'Brien, P.Geo.	Stantec
Paul LaFleche, P.Geo, FGC.	Department of Transportation & Infrastructure Renewal
vacant	

Academic Advisory Committee (sub-committee of the Admissions Board)	
Cliff Stanley, P.Geo., FGC. (Chair)	Acadia University
Grant Wach, P.Geo.	Dalhousie University
Jacob Hanley, P.Eng.	St Mary's University
Jamie Braid	St. Francis Xavier University
David C. Carter, P.Geo., FGC.	Executive Director and Registrar

Executive Director and Registrar's Report as of March 31, 2018

APGNS Membership	Registrants
P.Geo. Members	184
License to Practice (LTP; non-resident)	26
Members-in-Training (MIT)	18
Student Members	5
Certificate of Authorization	52
Sole practitioners	23
Corporate	29

APGNS Members (P.Geo) issued since 2017 AGM	Employer
Maria Whitehead, P.Geo.	DMT Geoscience
Christopher Annan, P.Geo.	GoldCorp
Reid Smith, P.Geo.	Stantec
Jeffery Burke, P.Geo.	efi Global
James Foley, P.Geo.	Strum Consulting
Beth Cowan, P.Geo.	Dillon Consulting
Tim Bourque, P.Geo.	Atlantic Gold
Archan Dabadi, P.Geo.	Canadian Seabed Research
Kelsey O'Brien, P.Geo.	Stantec
David Murray, P.Geo.	GoldCorp Musselwhite Mine
Marty Huber, P.Geo.	
Peter Fleming, P.Geo.	Aquaterra Resource Services

APGNS Certificate of Authorization (CofA) issued since 2017 AGM
Shaver Environmental
Anaconda Mining
GoGold Resources
Terrane Geoscience

Call for Volunteers

APGNS relies on the skills and expertise, but mostly the dedication and pride of our Members and Members-in-Training. There are many opportunities to get involved with the Association. Members contribute their time, talent, and energy to APGNS each year. They are our life-blood of the Association and provide a critical service.

Would you like to join those who are making significant contributions to APGNS by serving on a Committee, Board, or Executive, or by becoming a Mentor?

Email questions, comments, nominations, suggestions, etc. to exec.director@geoscientistsns.ca or call 902-420-9928 or contact a Committee Chair or a member of Council.

Why Volunteer?

- 'Give back' to your profession
- Contribute to the development of APGNS policies, direction and activities
- Offer fresh ideas
- Expand your business contacts and network
- Opportunities to meet new people; learn and expand your skills
- Earn Continuing Professional Development (CPD) credits

If you are interested serving on any of the committees, please contact the Chair or any member of Council or the Executive Director (exec.director@geoscientistsns.ca; 902-420-9928).

Executive Director and Registrar's Report (continued from page 14)

APGNS License to Practice (LTP) issued since 2017 AGM	Employer
Robert Shaver, P.Geo LTP	Shaver Environmental
Tanya Tettelaar, P. Geo, LTP	Anaconda Mining
Gabriela Murray, P.Geo, LTP	Northern Shield Resources
Christine Vaillancourt, P.Geo, LTP	Northern Shield Resources
Robert MacLeod, P.Geo, LTP	Stantec
Steve Barrett, P.Geo, LTP	Anaconda Mining
Paul MacNeil, P.Geo, LTP	Anaconda Mining
Dave Copeland, P.Geo, LTP	Anaconda Mining
Brad Hayes, P.Geol, LTP	Petrel Robertson
Kathleen Dorey, P.Geop, LTP	Petrel Robertson
Andrew Peach, P.Geo, LTP	Golder Associates

Executive Director and Registrar's Report (continued)

APGNS Members-in-Training (MIT) since 2017 AGM	
Richard Creagan, MIT	student
Earl Kennedy, MIT	student
Jason Willson, MIT	student
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As a result, the question to be asked is not whether a non-member has used the exact language listed in the *Act*, but whether a non-member has implied, suggested or held out in a manner that would mislead the public into believing the person is a professional accountant.

The Court of Appeal observed that if a lay person was asked whether an accountant described as a “professional business accountant” was a “professional accountant”, the person would undoubtedly answer in the affirmative. The Court of Appeal noted that the insertion of the adjective “business” between “professional” and “accountant” does not change the implication that the individual is a “professional accountant”. Instead, it signifies the person is a professional accountant of a particular kind.

Accordingly, the use of “professional business accountant” by a non-member such as Mr. Nordine and Mr. Ehsan was contrary to the *Act*. As the abbreviation “PBA” simply represented the term, the use of it was also contrary to the *Act*.

The fact that the “professional business accountant” designation was issued by a society called the Professional Business Accountants’ Society of British Columbia did not influence the Court’s decision. The Court of Appeal observed that while it may seem “unfair” to prevent the use of a designation issued by a third party, any perceived unfairness could not overcome the statute.

This decision interprets the BC *Chartered Professional Accountants Act* but similar restrictions on title use and holding out exist in the governing statutes of most professional regulatory organizations. Regulators should closely examine the language in their own statutes but this decision confirms the important role that professional regulatory organizations have in protecting the public. The decision also suggests that use of title provisions in professional regulatory statutes should receive a liberal interpretation to ensure the public is protected. This is consistent with many recent decisions recognizing the need to interpret statutes in a manner that allows professional regulatory organizations to fulfill their mandate. Mr. Nordine has sought leave from the Supreme Court of Canada to appeal the decision.

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