

Atlantic Association of Planning Technicians

Annual General Meeting

October 5, 2006

Nova Scotia Geomatics Centre, Amherst

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 11:55am

IN ATTENDANCE

Alden Thurston, President
Jami Fay, Membership Chair/Treasurer
Melissa Bonin, Secretary
Mike Thompson
Theresa LeBlanc
Evan White
Drew Milton
Amanda Bent
Melanie Gerrior
Scott LeBlanc
Tim LeFurgey
C. Keith Saunders
Mike Townsend
Tara Rutherford
Kathy Brodie
Tony Kelly
Mark Fredericks
Nick Brown
Ed Symons
Andrew Smith

Regrets: Marlene Clements, Rodney Blanchard, Alton Glenn, Adam Holmes, Cheryl MacIntosh, Jacques DesJardins, Lori Bickford, Brett Roscoe, Megan Armstrong and Megan Sheen.

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was moved by Mike Thompson and seconded by Tim LeFurgey that the minutes of the June 16, 2005 Annual General Meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No business arising from minutes

CORRESPONDENCE

It was mentioned that due to Jami Fay's new position as Treasurer, she or Marlene will contact the previous Treasurer, Megan Armstrong to get any correspondence readdressed.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Jami Fay gave information on the finances and reported a balance of \$7724.24. It was moved by Tim LeFurgey and seconded by Melanie Gerrior that the financial report be accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

New Brunswick Interest

Jami Fay reported that she was contacted by Jacques Desjardin in New Brunswick to talk about getting a group together to form their own association or join AAPT. Jami felt they may also be interested in the Municipal Development Officers Association of Nova Scotia (MDOANS) and thought it would be a good idea to have a representative from MDOANS and AAPT go and meet with Jacques to talk about the associations. A previous survey of NB Planning Technicians showed interest in joining an association, but since some Commission restructuring, another survey will go out to see if interest remains and Jacques will contact Jami with results.

Membership Drive

The executive committee is looking for suggestions to try and find more members to join and attend workshops.

Tim LeFurgey mentioned maybe getting the Province more involved to try and get more provincial (including NSGC) members. He also suggested maybe that the association get smaller, gain more membership then get recognized and try to get bigger. He would try to contact people in PEI.

Jami reported that there were 22 members currently (only 3-4 from New Brunswick) and felt that maybe it would be a good idea to try an out of province workshop. This workshop was geared mostly towards Nova Scotia.

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It seems harder these days to move into other provinces because things were regional before, but now are separate, making it harder to appeal to all audiences. Ed was working on a COGS graduate list, so this could be somewhere to start. We could also look into getting the private sector more involved.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominations for the Executive were brought forward as follows:

President ó Alden Thurston

Vice-President ó Mike Thompson

Secretary ó Melissa Bonin

Membership Chair/Treasurer ó Jami Fay & Marlene Clements

Nova Scotia Representative ó Tim LeFurgey

PEI Representative ó Rodney Blanchard

New Brunswick Representative ó Rodney Blanchard

Newfoundland Representative ó Alton Glen

Education Committee members:

Mike Donnelly

Ed Symons

Don Bickford

C. Keith Saunders

All positions were filled by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

Suggestions made towards next year's workshop were to have a look at Google Earth's functionalities & Census data.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Keith Saunders and seconded by Tony Kelly that the meeting be adjourned at 12:30pm