

Atlantic Association of Planning Technicians

Annual General Meeting

June 12, 2008

Centre of Geographic Sciences, Lawrencetown

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:45pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Mike Thompson, President
Jami Fay, Membership Chair/Treasurer
Marlene Clements, Membership Chair/Treasurer
Melissa Bonin, Secretary
Scott LeBlanc
Rodney Blanchard
Melanie Gerrior
Adam Holmes
David Poole
C. Keith Saunders
Amanda Bent
Britt Roscoe
Mike Donnelly
Theresa LeBlanc
Justin Penny
Michel Melanson
Cheryl Mackintosh
Nick Zinck
Hilary Campbell
Drew Milton
Mark Hebert
Tracy Robinson
Piers Churchill
Alden Thurston

MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

It was moved by David Poole and seconded by Keith Saunders that the minutes of the June 7, 2007 Annual General Meeting be approved.

Motion Carried

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Promotion of the Planning Program:

Mike Donnelly and Scott LeBlanc talked last fall about a few ideas. One idea from the executive committee was to provide one scholarship per province at the amount of \$1000 each. As one scholarship cheque remained unused from the previous year, three students were awarded this year with the \$500 AAPT scholarship.

Mike Donnelly described the research work that Ed Symons had been doing over the year.

It appears that the present planning/cartography/ GIS programs could be replaced by creating a first year course containing a common program and the second year specializing in each separate planning/cartography/advanced GIS programs. There would be no certificate received the first year, it would be a diploma after the 2 years. The curriculum will also be reviewed. The members were unsure if this will help the programs or not.

A pamphlet was created that could be sent to schools. It seems the only way to promote to high schools is to have a member go into each school and talk with councilors. The association could also be present at career days. Getting to talk with geography teachers would also be another good route to try. The association could try posters. There was also the mention of the school using the test drive program where someone could come for the day to see what it was like as getting them physically into the school might be better promotion.

As for the scholarship, tuition is \$2800. The association could challenge the NSCC to match our \$1000 or could partner with another association like the MDOANS or AIP to make the scholarship higher.

Motion was made by David Poole to write letter to MDOANS and AIP with the AAPT and planning program background information, looking for help to market the program and to add to our scholarship. Hilary Campbell seconded the motion. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence had been sent to Service Nova Scotia from the AAPT president, Mike Thompson requesting a \$2000 contribution for this year's workshop and a letter was returned from Brant Wishart granting that request.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Jami Fay gave information on the finances and reported a balance of \$11764.60. It was moved by David Poole and seconded by Melanie Gerrior that the financial report be accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

Corporate Membership idea & Membership fees

Discussion was held to whether or not we could advertise on our website and it was thought that since the website is on a provincial server, then it would probably be no. Someone thought AAPT could create a corporate member fee and that way a logo could be placed on the website. **David Poole made the motion for creating a corporate membership with a \$100 annual fee where 1 person could attend the workshop and have their presence on the website. Seconded by Keith Saunders. Motion carried.** Review of membership fees was discussed and it was felt that increasing the fees would help the association increase scholarships. **A motion was made by Hilary Campbell to raise full and associate member fees by \$20 at each level and to have the workshop fees raised accordingly. David Poole seconded the motion. Motion carried.** These two motions above cannot take place until after next year's AGM as notice to all members is required to be sent out at least 3 weeks in advance of the AGM to make a call for any objections.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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

President ó Mike Thompson

NEW - Vice-President – Scott LeBlanc (moved by Alden Thurston, seconded by Hilary Campbell)

Secretary ó Melissa Bonin

Membership Chair/Treasurer ó Jami Fay & Marlene Clements

NEW - Nova Scotia Representative – Alden Thurston (moved by Hilary Campbell, seconded by Jami Fay)

PEI Representative ó Rodney Blanchard

New Brunswick Representative ó Rodney Blanchard

Newfoundland Representative ó Alton Glen

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Education Committee members:

NEW - Mark Hebert

Ed Symons

C. Keith Saunders

Marlene Clements

All positions were filled by acclamation.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was felt that a letter to NSCC expressing concern on the changes to the COGS programs/curriculum and offering to work on the curriculum committee would be beneficial. **Hilary Campbell made a motion to have the AAPT executive committee write a letter to NSCC expressing concerns on the program changes and it's wishes to work further on reviewing the curriculum. Seconded by Keith Saunders. Motion Carried.**

David Poole made the motion to make Mike Donnelly an honorary member of the AAPT for life. Seconded by Alden Thurston. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm