

PEO HAMILTON BURLINGTON CHAPTER

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

CHAPTER CHAIR: WAYNE KERSHAW, P.ENG., FEC

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of PEO Hamilton-Burlington Chapter was held at the Paletta Mansion, Burlington, Ontario, on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

The chapter chair advised that it was the first time (in recent years) the AGM was severed from the Spring Certificate Presentation Ceremony. Previously, at registration attendees picked up election ballots. ???

The meeting was called to order. The chair thanked the event organizers: Stylish Events, Araceli Hernandez, P.Eng., FEC and Bozena Bednarska, P.Eng. Then, he introduced past year's executive board. Quorum was present. In attendance:

Wayne Kershaw, P.Eng., FEC

Duraid Al-Jailawi, P.Eng.

Bozena Bednarska, P.Eng.

Daniel Crosthwaite, P.Eng.

Araceli Hernandez, P.Eng.

Bob Loree, P.Eng., FEC

Cyrus Jeejeebhoy, P.Eng.

David Howard, P.Eng., FEC

Gary Closson, P.Eng.

John Hill, P.Eng.

Mike Bell, P.Eng.

Rajendra Jain, P.Eng.

Ron Finnigan, P.Eng.

Susana Toma, P.Eng.

ORDER OF MEETING:

The chair welcomed special guest Gerard McDonald, P.Eng., MBA, Registrar of PEO.

It was moved by Rajendra Jain, seconded by David Howard, that the Agenda of the chapter AGM of 2015 as published on the chapter web-site and as distributed at the meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Nigel Birch, P.Eng moved that minutes of 2014 AGM as posted on the web-site be approved, Bob Loree seconded. Motion carried.

REPORT OF BOZENA BEDNARSKA, CHAIR OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Chapter members were asked to nominate candidates electronically. Opportunity for electronic nomination started at first e-mail sent to members, on Feb 13, 2015 and closed on March 10 by subsequent e-mails. Bozena announced that Araceli will be helping with counting the votes in case of an election.

The following slate of candidates was presented following previous electronic (via email)~~verbal~~ confirmation of acceptance of nomination:

Wayne Kershaw was interested in serving as chapter chair; Duraid Al-Jailawi as Vice-Chair, Daniel Crosthwaite as Treasurer. Susana stepped down and Amy Cang, EIT submitted nomination form signed by herself as acceptance of nomination to fill the Incoming Secretary role. Prior to the AGM Duraid Al-Jailawi also submitted completed nomination form for the Vice-Chair position, signed by himself and two nominators: Daniel Crosthwaite and Gary Closson.

NOMINATIONS AT THE AGM, FROM THE FLOOR:

- To fill the Chair position, Dave Howard nominated Bob Loree, Susana seconded.
- To fill the Vice-Chair position, Wayne Couch, P.Eng nominated Nigel Birch, P.Eng and Peter Tregurtha, P.Eng seconded.
- To fill the Treasurer position Ron Finnigan nominated Daniel Crosthwaite, Susana seconded.
- To fill the Incoming Secretary role Rodney Brian Lippold, P.Eng nominated Jaclyn Spackman, EIT and Josh Campbell, P.Eng seconded.
- Second nomination to fill the Incoming Secretary role was presented by Duraid Al-Jailawi and seconded by John Hill.

All accepted their nominations, except Wayne, who withdrew his nomination to fill the role of the Chair. Duraid objected to the fact that prior to the meeting there was a list distributed to attendees, which mentioned three potential candidates along with a from asking for potential volunteers to sign up for various volunteering opportunities. Duraid considered such action as seemingly not being fair chance (as he did not campaign to fill the position). Rajendra mentioned that election is part of the process. Duraid still felt he was not treated fairly. Daniel and Susana expressed that the process was fair (in their opinion). Wayne asked the attendees to accept the objection or not by show of hands. An attendee asked if that does mean that we question what is in the by-laws. It appeared, Duraid did not understand the by-laws and did not prepare for an election. Question was called by the chapter chair if all accept the objection as then we would postpone the election of the Vice-Chair. In support of the objection 12 hands were raised, the chair of the Nominating Committee abstained and everyone else was against Duraid's objection.

Duraid decided to remain as nominee for the Vice-Chair position.

Bozena asked nominees to present themselves and their objectives in 1.5 minutes each prior the election. Duraid and Nigel, then Amy and Jaclyn presented themselves.

Votes were collected in a box for ballots, then count of ballots started by the Nominating Committee Chair. Meanwhile the chapter chair presented past year's activities. During the past year chapter activities were invigorated from previous apathy. The vice-chair talked about the Licensure Assistance Program, stating that 33 pairs of interns and guides were set up.

The chapter chair thanked all volunteers for their service and asked the Registrar to hand out service awards as follows:

- For 5 years of service to: Rajendra Jain and Cyrus Jeejeebhoy
- For 10 years of service to Bozena Bednarska, who will be entitled to use the abbreviation of FEC as "Fellow of Engineers Canada"

The treasurer's report followed and a questions and answers period.

ELECTION RESULTS:

There were 52 ballots.

- Chapter Chair – Bob Loree by acclamation.
- Vice-Chair – 2 ballots were spoiled; Duraid obtained 19 votes and Nigel Birch 31 votes.
- Treasurer – Daniel Crosthwaite by acclamation.
- Incoming Secretary – 2 ballots were spoiled; Amy obtained 9 votes and Jaclyn 41 votes.
- Wayne Kershaw will be Past Chair.

Incoming Chair Bob Loree congratulated all new officers and asked for attendees to volunteer in sub-committees.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business.

CONCLUSION:

Chapter chair Bob Loree then declared the AGM of 2015 closed.