



Minutes of the 47th Annual General Meeting

Executive Present:

- Allister MacIsaac (AM) - President
Patrick Mah (PM) - Vice President
Adam Gmeinweser (AG) - Past President
Renato Macciotta (RM) - Program Chair
Don Lewycky (DL) - Registration
Kim Askew (KA) - Treasurer
Ken Froese (KF) - Website
Christina Tatarniuk (CT) - Secretary
Seán Mac Eoin (SM) - CGS Regional Director
Hilton Barnes (HB) - NAIT Representative
Paul Leveille (PL) - U of A Student Representative
Murray Innes (MI) - Member-at-Large
Junwen Yang (JY) - Member-at-Large

Meeting Date:

May 7, 2015

Location:

U of A Faculty Club
University of Alberta
Edmonton, AB

Absent: Lijun Deng (LD) - U of A Representative, Armando Abello (AA) - Member-At-Large, Ala Abu Obeid (AAO) - Member-at-Large

Action Item

Table with 2 columns: Action, Item. Contains 3 main sections: 1. Review of Previous Minutes, 2. President's Report, 3. Program Chair Report.

Action	Item
	<p>very successful wine & cheese event and included the fall CCLT, joint CSCE talk as well as several other excellent lectures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Looking forward to next year
4. CGS Regional Director Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seán Mac Eoin's report is attached to these minutes. He highlighted some points from his report for the meeting ➤ The 67th CGS Annual Conference/ IAH was held in Regina this past year and was very successful ➤ The 68th CGS Annual Conference is planned for Quebec City in the coming year, Sept. 20 to Sept. 23, 2015 ➤ New President of CGS, Doug VanDine, and the New Executive Director is Michel Aubertin ➤ The 5th Edition of the CFEM is coming out this year ➤ GSE is a notably active and enthusiastic society with the largest local society membership and largest CGS membership outside Ontario
5. Treasurer's Report	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The Treasurer's Report, Balance Sheets, and Income Statement are attached to these minutes ➤ Currently we have a balance of \$44,180 ➤ Our cash account has decreased \$4,076 mainly due to the sponsoring and subsidizing of events ➤ We have accrued \$5,926 in revenues from memberships and events this year ➤ The GSE intends to continue to subsidize events for our members ➤ Thanks to the sponsoring companies for their support; Thurber – provided wine at the wine & cheese, Stantec – provided prize money for retaining wall competition and Mobile Augers – provided wine at the AGM ➤ Thanks to Don Mackenzie for auditing the books
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Kim Askew – Motion to accept the financial Report ➤ Seconded by Don Lewycky ➤ Motion Passed
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Motion by Kim Askew to nominate Don Mackenzie to audit next year ➤ Seconded by Roger Skirrow ➤ Motion passed
6. Other Business	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ None
7. Election of Executive	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Nominations of the Executive for 2014 – 2015 are attached to these minutes ➤ No new nominations had been received ➤ Nominated executive carried forward ➤ Proposal to accept nomination made by Allister MacIsaac ➤ Seconded by Kevin Biggar ➤ Motion Passed
8. Award Presentations	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The 2014 NAIT Award was presented to Kevin Tomusiak ➤ The recipient was introduced by Hilton Barns

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ The Stan Thompson Award was presented to Don Mackenzie➤ The recipient was introduced by Murray Innes➤ Don Mackenzie is the owner and manager of Garrity & Baker and is also a chartered accountant who has audited the books for the GSE for several years➤ Don Mackenzie thanked his partners, people in the industry and the GSE for the award
9.	Feature Presentation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presentation by Dr. James K. Mitchell, Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University➤ Topic: Lessons Learned to Date
10.	Ceremonial Handing over of President's Gavel
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Presented by Allister MacIsaac to incoming President, Ken Froese➤ The meeting was adjourned by the incoming President



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President's Report

May 7, 2015

This evening's Annual General Meeting brings an end to another successful and eventful year for the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton (GSE). Our membership this year exceeds 200 and consists of a diverse mixture of new and long-standing members. A diversity of membership is indicative of continued success, on the part of the society, in maintaining interest through valued events.

It has been a very good year for events, which is evidenced by the majority of them being quickly sold out. This is a positive sign leaving the executive with the future task of accommodating larger venues for membership. We have been successful in attracting excellent speakers for luncheons and evening functions in addition to the Cross Canada Lectures, in conjunction with the Canadian Geotechnical Society.

The GSE's financial position is excellent, thanks to a successful symposium last year and the sound financial management of the executive. The GSE's strong financial position facilitated subsidization of events this past year for its membership and will continue into the coming year. It is the society's intention to continue to support valued events and the sponsorship of students as well as capital maintenance. Our positioning allows us to continue to attract world class speakers and a high level of value for membership.

It is important that I take this opportunity to briefly highlight additional value of GSE membership for all of you. The society will continue to provide social and professional value as well as development to all of you and other members of the geoscience community. I urge all of you to reach out to your working peers within your organizations and other firms to seek out and maintain membership. The society will become more valued in numbers through individual and organizational interest.

I want to thank the current executive for their sound judgement and advice and supporting me in my role. Many of the executive are long-standing members and have provided invaluable support throughout the year. Your time is very much appreciated by myself and membership. I also want to acknowledge the executive's keen interest in laying out the framework for a new incoming executive and thoughtfulness for future years of succession.

It has been a privilege to have served as your president this year. It has also been a pleasure to better acquaint myself with the executive and membership. This is something of great value to me that I take away from the experience. Thank you all for the opportunity.

Respectfully Submitted,

Allister MacIsaac

GSE President, 2014---2015

Thursday May 7th, 2015

Report from the Event Chair of the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton – period 2014 – 2015

Renato Macciotta

Dear GSE membership,

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Event Chair of the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton for the period 2014-2015. We have had several high level speakers this year covering a variety of topics regarding the practice of Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental engineering. The quality of this year's talks was only matched by the outstanding response of our membership to these events. Following the last few years, attendance to GSE events has kept growing steadily, such that we have about 90 members confirmed for our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, May 7th. This should be a motivation for us and our successors in the GSE executive to try our best to deliver you high quality events in the years to come.

The following is a brief summary of the events held during the period 2014-2015:

September 16, 2014 – Wine and Cheese (Attendance = 52)

Alma Ornes – Recipient of the Morgenstern Award

“Effects of vugs on the strength and stiffness of carbonate samples under uniaxial compression”

Elena Zabolotnii – Recipient of the CGC Sponsorship

“Notes on Long Term Stability in Regina Clay Embankments”

November 6, 2014 – Monthly Event (Attendance = 55)

Tim Keegan

Matthieu Sturzenegger

“Construction of a composite barrier wall/rock shed structure at mile 109.43 of CNR's Ashcroft Subdivision”

November 25, 2014 – CGS/CFG Fall 2014 Cross Canada Lecture Tour (Attendance = 47)

Ryan Phillips

“Pipeline-soil interaction: Flowing hot and cold”

January 28, 2015 – Monthly Event (Attendance = 55)

Roger Skirrow

“Government of Alberta Response to the 2013 Flooding”

February 19, 2015 – Joint Canadian Society for Civil Engineers, Edmonton Section

Steven Chan

“Climate Change Impacts on Edmonton’s Drainage Infrastructure”

March 25, 2015 – Annual talk at NAIT (Attendance = 31)

Ward Wilson

“Innovations in Oil Sand Tailings Geotechnique”

April 13, 2015 – Annual soil wall model contest at the University of Alberta

May 7, 2015 – Annual General Meeting

James Mitchell

“Lessons from the Lives of Two Dams”

Coming also this year:

May 12, 2015 – CGS/CFG Spring 2015 Cross Canada Lecture Tour

Nicholas Sitar

“On the Importance of Kinematics in the Analysis of (Large) Landslides”

May 22, 2015

Malcom Bolton and Paul Vardanega



*Report from the Canadian Geotechnical Society Section Director
for the year 2014 to 2015 to the
Geotechnical Society of Edmonton*

This is my second report to the membership of the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton in my role as Canadian Geotechnical Society (CGS) Section Director over the 2014 to 2015 term.

There have been some changes in the organisation of the CGS. We have a new President, Doug VanDine, based in Victoria, BC. The post of Secretary General, held until recently by Victor Sowa, has been reconfigured and renamed to that of Executive Director (Directeur Général). Our new Executive Director is Michel Aubertin, who joins us from the École Polytechnique in Montréal.

The CGS Executive Committee and the full Board of Directors are listed on the CGS website (www.cgs.ca). Currently, three of the Directors are based in Edmonton.

The 67th Canadian Geotechnical Conference was held at the end of last September in Regina, Saskatchewan, and was very successful. At the conference, the highest honour of the CGS, the R.F. Legget Medal, was presented to Emeritus Prof. Peter Byrne, University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

The 68th Canadian Geotechnical Conference will be held in Québec from 20th September to 23rd September this year. (This is earlier than usual.) The conference theme is “The Northern Challenge for the South.” (Du défis du Nord au Sud.) The 7th Canadian Permafrost Conference will be held in parallel with the CGS conference.

Preparations are under way for work on the 5th Edition of the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual, with the identification of chapter authors and reviewers.

The Cross-Canada Lecture Tour has a long history. Twice each year, the CGS and the Canadian Foundation for Géotechnique arrange a lecture tour, and the GSE has been fortunate to be able to host both Fall 2014 and Spring 2015 lectures. The Fall 2014 Tour Lecture was given by Dr. Ryan Phillips, of C-Core, entitled, “Pipeline-Soil Interaction: Flowing Hot and Cold.” The Spring 2015 Tour Lecture will soon be presented by Dr. Nicholas Sitar, of the University of California at Berkeley, entitled, “On the Importance of Kinematics in the Analysis of (Large) Landslides.”

I encourage all GSE members to become members of the Canadian Geotechnical Society also and to experience the benefits, one of which is on-line access to both current and past issues of the Canadian Geotechnical Journal. I also encourage members to take advantage of Early Bird pricing, and to register for the Annual Conference in Québec.

The GSE is an active and enthusiastic Society, as can be seen from the other reports to the membership. The GSE measures well against the rest of Canada, having the largest membership and the largest CGS membership outside of Ontario. It is a pleasure to work with such a successful and supportive team.

Prepared by Seán Mac Eoin, M.Sc., P.Eng., Section Director for Northern Alberta.





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Treasurer's Report, 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year

May 7th, 2014

It has been my pleasure to serve as the Treasurer of the Geotechnical Society of Edmonton for the period of 2014-2015. The GSE has been using the software program Simply Accounting to track financial matters since 2009. Attached are the GSE financial records for the 2014-2015 season. This includes the unaudited comparative balance sheet and income statement as of May 4, 2015. Please note that this does not include this AGM, or the remaining two events of the year that will be held later in May.

This year, the GSE continued to subsidize events for its members, such as the technical presentations, the AGM, and the cost of bringing in speakers. As in previous years, the community continued to be generous. The GSE had a several donations this year, most notably:

- Thurber Engineering covered the cost of wine at the Wine and Cheese Event;
- Stantec donated prize money for the Retaining Wall Competition; and
- Mobile Augers provided wine at the AGM.

On behalf of GSE, we thank these companies for their support. This year the GSE continued to support students by subsidizing our events to encourage their attendance and through the annual CGC sponsorship award. The GSE also invested in new boxes for the Retaining Wall Competition this year. The GSE membership numbers remain strong this year, increasing slightly from last year with approximately 311 members, resulting in membership dues of \$2,660.

Our assets consist of cash and short term GIC's of \$7,209 (including interest) and a CFG recallable loan of \$10,000.00; the GSE has no liability. Year to date, the GSE has realized \$5,926 in revenue from memberships and admissions for lunch and dinner technical talks. We have incurred expenses of \$10,002 of the course of the year, resulting in our cash account having decreased by \$4,076 in comparison with the beginning of the fiscal year. This is largely attributed to sponsoring and subsidizing events. The end result is that we continue to remain in good financial standing, with an account balance of \$44,180. A lot of this balance is attributed to success of the Landslide symposium that was held in Spring of 2014. The GSE intends to continue to subsidize events for our members with continued technical presentations in the coming year as well as potential for additional events and short courses.

At this time I would like to make a motion to accept the GSE financial record for the 2014-2015 fiscal year. (Second, Pass).

Furthermore, Don McKenzie has been so kind as to volunteer his time again this year. I would like to make a motion to nominate Don McKenzie as auditor for the GSE books for this past year. (Second, Pass)



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I would like to thank all the members of the geotechnical community, as the finance of the society depends heavily on the support of members and companies. Again, it has been my great pleasure to serve on the executive this past year and I look forward to continuing with the GSE next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Askew, P.Eng.

2014-2015 Treasurer, Geotechnical Society of Edmonton

Geotechnical Society of Edmonton
Income Statement 09/01/2014 to 05/04/2015

REVENUE

General Account Revenue

Courses	0.00
Donations	0.00
Lunches & Dinners	3,231.18
GSE Memberships	2,660.00
Conference	0.00
Sponsorships	0.00
Other Revenue	34.65
Symposium Courses	0.00

Net Revenue 5,925.83

TOTAL REVENUE 5,925.83

EXPENSE

Expenses

Awards	804.50
Sponsor UofA project	0.00
Endowment Principal to UoA	0.00
Administration Costs	725.75
Bank Charges	0.00
Bursaries & Honorariums	0.00
Courses & Symposiums	0.00
Guest Expenses	1,105.62
Meetings Venues & Catering	4,952.64
Student's Conference Reimbursement	-536.32
UofA MSE Wall Contest	2,950.00
Unkonwn expense	0.00

Total Program Cost 10,002.19

TOTAL EXPENSE 10,002.19

NET INCOME -4,076.36

Geotechnical Society of Edmonton Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 09/01/2014	As at 05/04/2015	Difference
ASSET			
Current Assets			
General Account	48,257.16	44,180.80	4,076.36
Petty Cash	200.00	200.00	0.00
Money Market GIC	7,209.11	7,209.11	0.00
Guaranteed Investment Certificate	0.00	0.00	0.00
CFG Recallable Loan	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Deposit to Geotech Conf Ltd	0.00	0.00	0.00
U of A Donation for Project	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Prepaid Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>65,666.27</u>	<u>61,589.91</u>	4,076.36
TOTAL ASSET	<u><u>65,666.27</u></u>	<u><u>61,589.91</u></u>	4,076.36
LIABILITY			
Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Loan	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advance due to CGS re GeoCon...	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bank Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
EQUITY			
Members Equity			
Balance	65,666.27	65,666.27	0.00
Current Earnings	0.00	-4,076.36	4,076.36
Total Members Equity	<u>65,666.27</u>	<u>61,589.91</u>	4,076.36
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>65,666.27</u></u>	<u><u>61,589.91</u></u>	4,076.36