

Minutes of the Second Annual General Meeting of the Association of Professional Engineers of the Province of British Columbia. Held at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, December 3rd, 1921, at the Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver, B. C.

The following members signed the roll but a further number who arrived at various times failed to sign the register, making in all an attendance of 150:

A. E. Foreman	T. W. Fairhurst	W. O. Marble	N. H. Hawkins
A. C. Eddy	H. E. Stevens	E. Brydone-Jack	A. S. Gentles
H. G. Y. Crowder	T. C. Botterill	E. H. Verner	F. L. Corbett
Frank K. Sharp	J. H. Scott	P. Philip	R. P. Wilson
W. Anderson	F. Clarke	Basil Dunell	J. Alex Walker
H. P. Archibald	A. G. Pearson	L. B. Preston	J. P. Forde
J. R. Grant	W. H. Powell	J. A. Dawson	R. F. Leslie
C. W. Brockley	D. O. Lewis	R. W. Brock	E. G. Matheson
W. G. Swan	C. J. Heaney	Richard Tench	H. L. Robertson
G. A. Crane	A. C. R. Yuill	J. N. Anderson	A. F. Mitchell
Frank Sawford	J. Y. McCarter	C. E. Webb	F. N. Sinclair
R. C. Campbell-Johnston	J. H. Devey	J. H. Kennedy	P. H. Buchan
A. Stewart	F. O. Mills	M. Montgomery	J. C. Moon
W. J. McKenzie	H. M. Bigwood	Geo. A. Walkem	Chas. Harrison
C. Brackenridge	J. Muirhead	Fred Biggam	A. D. Creer
H. G. Randlesome	W. Doran	G. J. Rayner	J. Linkison King
D. A. Spalding	H. M. Lloyd	J. M. Turnbull	H. H. Baxter
H. N. Frith	W. Jamieson	Joseph Slater	Noel Humphreys
John Green	A. S. Bennett	Jas. Duncan	G. S. Hanes
J. F. C. B. Vance	E. Smith	S. J. Crocker	R. W. Hagen
J. T. Fullerton	H. L. McPherson	J. W. B. Blackman	F. W. Guernsey
E. H. Parker	F. J. Simpson	W. L. Uglov	G. S. Eldridge
Chas L. Bates	Richard Hall	M. L. Wade	W. W. Fraser
G. P. Allen	C. W. Colvin	R. H. Stewart	E. E. Cumming
E. S. Bowerman	A. S. Wootton	Wm. H. Hill	John Peck
F. A. Wilkin	J. P. Hodgson	F. J. Crossland	

Major Swan, in the Chair, called the meeting to order at 11 a.m.

CHAIRMAN: I regret that I could not get Mr. Oliver or the Mayor to welcome you this morning, but as both of these gentlemen have troubles of their own, I shall do it myself. I read a few days ago in the Engineering News a sort of general note on annual meetings, and I am going to suggest that we do not follow along those lines. The note read to this effect: "Annual Meetings usually result in a desultory discussion of many subjects, fruitless except to provide opportunity for the lime light speaker to get something off his chest." We have much to do, and I suggest that we leave any general discussion until the agenda has been finished.

Before going on to the general business I am going to ask four members to volunteer to act as scrutineers to go through the ballot.

Four scrutineers appointed: R. L. Hall, A. C. R. Yuill, H. M. Lloyd, J. Green.

Would you care to have the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting read? I think there are sufficient copies scattered around for all to read. If there is any point in regard to these Minutes that you would like to have discussed, please proceed, otherwise I shall be glad to have a motion as to their disposal.

MAJOR GRANT: I move that the Minutes be taken as read. Moved, seconded by N. H. Hawkins and carried:

"That the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting be taken as read and accepted."

CHAIRMAN: Any Business arising from the Minutes? Has anyone any point to bring up from the Minutes of last year?

CHAIRMAN: I will take a few minutes to give you a brief outline of what your Council has done during this year. We have at the time of this meeting a membership of 740. The total registered membership has been 754; but of that total registered membership we have had some nine resignations and five deaths of members of the Association, which leaves us with 740 members net at this date. In addition, there are some members in arrears, but we have not yet struck these members off the roll, and that matter will be brought up for discussion today as to whether or not you wish to give these delinquent members some further time to make good their arrears. If we adhere to the Act, of course they must be struck off the roll and be considered as ex-members of the Association as from the 31st of January of next year. Of the applications we have received, 116 have been refused admission. Your Council felt that they should be fairly lenient with applicants this year and where a man had been making his living, even if he did not come entirely up to the proper requirements, his case should be considered with a fair amount of lenience and applications have been considered accordingly. It is proposed now that the Association may be considered to be on its feet, that the requirements for membership may be tightened and made more stringent, and we can look forward to the day when it shall be necessary that a man not only have his practical experience, but a certificate from some technical school or college before he can be admitted.

At the last General Meeting, the question of joint quarters, and joint staff was recommended by motion to the incoming Council. After a good deal of discussion with the other engineering bodies in town it was found that it would be practically impossible to combine the joint staff. There were matters which were more or less of a private nature which could only be handled by each organization itself, and for that reason we have accomplished nothing towards the furtherance of that object.

But I am glad to report that we have arranged joint quarters for all the engineering associations with the exception of the Mining Institute, located in the Birks Building on the ninth floor. These joint quarters now house our own Association, the Engineering Institute of Canada, Vancouver Branch, the British Columbia Technical Association, the Vancouver Section American Institute of Electrical Engineers, the Architects Association and the Chemical Association, making altogether some six Associations housed under one roof. Our quarters consist of four rooms including library and are very much in advance of anything we have had heretofore in Vancouver. We find that that library is becoming popular and a great many members find benefit from this new arrangement. We are indebted to the Engineering Institute of Canada for turning over its library, which is one of considerable consequence, and since it was opened we have received several additional donations of books. I hope that any of the members who have any surplus books they would like to donate will do so, or who may feel flush in the way of capital, will purchase some good engineering books and present them to the library, because such a library will prove invaluable if it is kept up to date. We are paying for these quarters, \$110 per month, and with the various Associations coming in, our rental will be reduced from \$70.00 to \$55.00 per month.

At the last Annual Meeting we were given a mandate to pay back the amount of the joint legislation fund, amounting to the sum of \$3,455.00. This has been done.

There is just a word I would like to say to the incoming nominating committee which is to be appointed at this meeting. Last year we appointed our own delegates, and of course the government appointed its quota. We have found that it is difficult to have present with us at the meetings of the Executive, the out of town members. I would not go so far as to say that you should not appoint out of town members, but I suggest that the Nominating Committee give a fair amount of consideration, and be careful to appoint out of town members who can afford to attend meetings of this Council. It is not only important that they should attend in order that we should have a quorum, but we ought to have these members present so that we might obtain their co-operation. During the last year it happened that a member appointed from Victoria was unable to attend at all. The attendance for twenty-one meetings ran from 19 to zero. Seven or eight of the members attended all with the exception of one or two meetings. We had to postpone two or three meetings in the summer on account of being unable to get a quorum. For the good of this Association, like any other Association, it seems to me that we should have as many of our members as possible serve on the Executive. There are several benefits to be derived from this. First, we get the value of the ideas of the different members. We also get new blood as well as new ideas. In the second place there would be no question that the Association was being run to the glorification of a few as will sometimes happen, a situation which causes the balance of the membership to lose interest; and in the third place, the value would be, that members who accept office in good faith to serve and do so, will get some idea of the difficulties to be encountered will be better versed in the affairs of the Association, and will be more sympathetic to other executives which may be elected to office. I mention these points to the Nominating Committee so that the new Committee will have time and opportunity to consider these suggestions before nominations for the next year are considered.

There is a question of the appointment of two committees which should be discussed. A Legislative Committee should be appointed. We have found from the workings of the Act for over a year that there are quite a number of defects. It was thought that we could not immediately go back to Victoria with our Bill, and say we have found mistakes here and there, but it was wiser to try it out for a period of two or more years. I would suggest accordingly that we should go back to the Legislature next fall and ask for the amendments we feel are necessary.

My other suggestion is a Library Committee. Since we have an opportunity of doing something through our members with regard to a library, we ought to have such a committee.

I would like to mention, in passing, the fact that we have been very fortunate in our selection of a secretary (applause). Captain Wheatley, among others, made application when we advertised for a Secretary last Spring, and the fact that he said he wanted the job and wanted it more than any other man that applied, and the fact that he was disabled, was the reason for accepting him and giving him the appointment. We did not expect at that time, I think, that we would get such good value for our money. From my experience, we have been very fortunate, and we have got more than par value for our appointment in his case. (Applause).

There are several other matters which I might refer to, but they are taken care of in the agenda, and any information which I may have or which is in the hands of the Secretary will be available to you when these matters come up later for discussion.

I will call upon the Secretary to read the Report of the Council and the Balance Sheet for the past year.

The Report of Council and Balance Sheet (having been issued to all members) to Oct. 31st, 1921, was then read.

It was moved by W. H. Powell and seconded by F. Sawford:

"That the Report and Balance Sheet be accepted and adopted."

It was amended by A. S. Wootton and seconded by C. Brakenridge:

"That the Report and Balance Sheet be adopted subject to further consideration being given to Annual Fees." Carried.

It was moved by C. Brakenridge and seconded by A. S. Wootton:

"That the Annual Fee be reduced to \$12.00 per annum."

It was amended by P. Philip and seconded by N. H. Hawkins:

"That the question of the amount of the Annual Fee be left in abeyance for twelve months." Carried (by count of hands—85 for and 8 against).

It was moved by A. E. Foreman and seconded by F. Sawford:

"That the Report and Balance Sheet be accepted and adopted." Carried.

It was moved by Dean Brock and seconded by Professor Matheson:

"That Section 8 (a) of the Bylaws shall read "That the Annual Fee of the Association shall be \$15.00 or such less amount as may be fixed by a two-thirds majority at an Annual Meeting as provided for in the Act." Carried.

It was moved by Major Grant and seconded by Mr. Philip:

"That bylaw No. 10 shall read 'Election of Council, No. 10.' Nominations shall be made by a Nominating committee of eleven, appointed by the Annual General Meeting. Additional nominations may be made in writing by any eleven members, and these nominations must reach the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, care of the Association, by the 1st of September in each year. The Nominating Committee shall hold their first meeting in the second week of September of each year. The Nominating Committee shall prepare a ballot and the Secretary shall obtain the assent or dissent of the candidates before issuing the ballots to members. The Nominating Committee shall sit a second time if necessary in the second week of October. All final nominations from the Nominating Committee must be submitted to the Secretary at least six weeks before the next succeeding Annual General Meeting."

"The Secretary within three weeks of the said receipt shall post all necessary ballot papers to each and every member of the Association at the address recorded in the register of the Association, as hereinafter provided for the sending of notices." Carried.

It was moved by A. E. Foreman and seconded by P. Philip:

"That the following new bylaw be introduced:— 'Change of Bylaws;' The introduction of new bylaws, the amendment or repeal of the existing bylaws may be effected at any duly convened meeting of the Association by two-thirds majority of the vote of such members present provided that notice of such new bylaw, amendment or repeal of existing bylaws be given to the Secretary at least 45 days before the meeting and the Secretary shall issue notice of the meeting and notify the members of the proposed bylaw, amendment or repeal of existing bylaws." Carried.

The Meeting then adjourned for lunch.

THE PRESIDENT CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 2.30 P.M.

The President received the report of the Scrutineers and declared: D. O. Lewis, President; J. M. Turnbull, Vice-President; G. A. Walkem, A. E. Foreman, J. Muirhead and H. L. Johnston, Members of Council for the Year 1922.

CHAIRMAN: Will you come up here Mr. Lewis and address the members?

Mr. LEWIS: I don't want to say anything, really; but Major Swan said that I should, and I feel that I should. I feel very happy indeed to come back and live in British Columbia once more. All my interest has been for many years in British Columbia, and I think there is a great amount to do, not only in the interests of the public, but so far as the engineers are concerned; and I can assure you the interest in the engineers of British Columbia will be the very nearest thing to my heart always and will continue to be. I will try to do the best I can. (Applause).

It was moved by H. M. Bigwood and seconded by F. O. Mills:

"That consideration of the formation of chapters should be referred to the incoming Council." Carried.

The following Nominating Committee were appointed:

W. Anderson	F. J. Crossman	R. P. Tench	R. L. Hall
R. C. Campbell-Johnston	C. W. Brockley	H. W. Frith	J. P. Hodgson
W. H. Hill	H. P. Archibald	R. P. Wilson	

A long discussion then took place dealing with the respective lines of activity of the Engineering Institute of Canada, Vancouver Branch, the British Columbia Technical Association and this Association and leading from this general discussion to a particular discussion of:

"Had the Council of the Association exceeded the powers granted them by the 'Act' during their term of office."

It was moved by F. Sawford and seconded by A. S. Wootton:

"That the incoming Council be instructed to invite the Council of the B. C. T. A. to join in a discussion with a view to the two Associations co-operating." Carried.

It was moved by W. H. Powell and seconded by Dean Brock:

"That this meeting go on record as saying that the duties of the Professional Engineers shall be confined to the administration of the Act which we have." On count of hands—20 in favour; 85 against.

The Chairman declared the motion lost and that the reading of this motion should be taken and read in conjunction with the following motion of Mr. H. N. Bigwood.

It was moved by H. M. Bigwood and seconded by P. Philip:

"That this meeting approves the action of the Council in endeavouring to benefit members who are without employment and will support the incoming Council to making similar efforts in the future." Carried, unanimously.

It was moved by A. S. Wootton and seconded by F. Sawford:

"That a vote of condolence be extended to W. Smail and R. Tench on their recent bereavements." Carried.

It was moved by A. S. Wootton and seconded by F. Sawford:

"That an honorarium of \$250.00 be voted to Mr. R. Snodgrass as a token of appreciation of his services as Secretary to the Joint Legislation Committee during the period of its successful effort to secure the passage of the Professional Engineers' Act." Carried.

It was moved by J. A. Dawson and seconded by Professor E. G. Matheson:

"That this meeting recommend that the incoming Council take the necessary steps to amend the Act and bylaws so that each of the Divisions of Engineering mentioned in clause 2 (b) of the Act, shall be represented on the Council of the Association." Carried.

As an amendment to a motion proposed by H. L. Robertson, the following motion was moved by J. P. Hodgson and seconded by N. H. Hawkins:

"That this Council be given the full support of this meeting in carrying out the full duties of the Act, and prevent any unauthorized person from practising as a Professional Engineer." Carried.

It was moved by J. Hodgson and seconded by R. P. Wilson:

"That the Council should at a later date convene a meeting in order to discuss the fixing of rate of fees, if the Council found it was legal, and within the scope of the Act." Carried.

It was moved by F. J. Crossland and seconded by N. H. Hawkins:

"That the Council be empowered to issue to registered members in good standing a pocket card showing their recognized status under the Act." Carried.

It was moved by A. E. Foreman and seconded by W. H. Powell:

"That a vote of thanks be extended to W. G. Swan, the retiring President and the Council." Carried.

It was moved by F. Sawford and seconded by A. S. Wootton:

"That a vote of thanks be extended to E. A. Wheatley, the Secretary." Carried.

Meeting Adjourned.

W. G. SWAN,

President.

E. A. WHEATLEY,

Secretary.