

DECISION AND ORDER OF THE DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE PANEL OF THE ASSOCIATION OF
PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS OF ONTARIO

Panel: Mike Jones, P. Geo. (Chair), Todd McCracken, P. Geo. and Donald Johnston (Public Member)
Hearing Date: December 8, 2016
Complaint: C-117

Between:

Association of Professional Geoscientists of Ontario

Association

And

Peter Thomas George, P. Geo. #0620

Member

DECISION AND REASONS FOR DECISION

This is a Discipline Hearing initiated by the Association in response to complaints in respect of the behaviour of the Member.

It was alleged by the Association that the Member is guilty of professional misconduct, negligence and incompetence as defined in the Professional Geoscientists Act 2000 and Ontario Regulation 258/02.

A Hearing before this Tribunal concerning the allegations was scheduled for and convened on December 8, 2016 at Victory Verbatim, 222 Bay Street, Toronto, Ontario at 10am or thereabouts.

The Member, residing in Cochrane, Alberta, did not attend the Hearing. Present in the hearing room, in addition to the Panel Members, were Ms. Carol Street, Independent Legal Counsel to the Panel, Mr. Richard Steinecke, Counsel for the Association, Mr. Gord White (Executive Director of APGO) and Mr. Aftab Khan (Registrar, APGO).

On hearing the submissions of Richard Steinecke, the Tribunal found that the Member was properly served with the Notice of Hearing, as appeared from the Affidavit of Service, filed as Exhibit 1. The Tribunal elected to proceed to hear a Motion by the Association in the absence of the Member pursuant to Section 7 of the Statutory Powers Procedure Act.

Mr. Steinecke then submitted documentation showing that the Member had been charged and agreed to a Consent Order with the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of British Columbia (APECBC) in which the Member acknowledged that he had demonstrated unprofessional conduct, incompetence or negligence on the basis of conduct similar to that set out in the allegations that are the subject matter of this Hearing. By email to the APGO, the Member acknowledged having signed the Consent Order, indicated that he is no longer working as a geoscientist and resigned his membership with APGO.

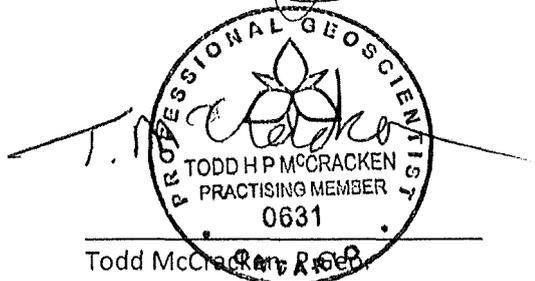
Mr. Steinecke asked the Tribunal to order that the allegations against the Member in this proceeding be adjourned to an indefinite date, to be brought back on before a differently constituted Panel of the Discipline Committee in the event that the Member reapplies for registration with APGO. The Tribunal concluded that the requested Order is appropriate in the circumstances, and it was so ordered.

This Tribunal further ordered that the Member be notified of this Decision and Order, and that the Decision be made publicly accessible.

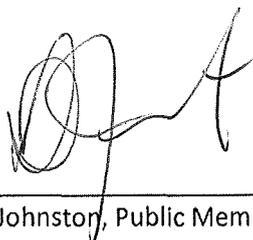
Dated July 2, 2017



Mike Jones, P. Geoscientist



Todd McCracken, P. Geoscientist



Donald B. Johnston, Public Member