

**INTERNATIONAL GEOTHERMAL ASSOCIATION INC.
WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL BRANCH (WPRB)**

1st Annual General Meeting
16 November 2006, Auckland, New Zealand

Minutes of Meeting:

1. WPRB Chairman Jim Lawless opened the meeting at 3:30 PM and welcomed the attendees.
2. Jim Lawless relayed the Chairman's Report to the audience including the following:
 - Appointment of Jim Lawless as the Chairman of the WPRB by the IGA Board in April 2006;
 - Appointment of the WPRB Forum until late 2007;
 - Adjustment of the geographical coverage of the WPRB to include Mongolia;
 - Establishment of membership, including the designated fees (prorated for developed/developing countries, with a student discount, and patterned after the IGA);
 - Current membership according to the list supplied (minus Indonesia) is 556;
 - Conduct of the WPRB's Annual General Meetings (the 1st AGM is in Auckland; the 2nd in Manila in March 2007);
 - Development of the WPRB's By Laws;
 - Designation of the WPRB's Annual Regional Conference (the 2006 Regional Conference is the New Zealand Geothermal Workshop; for 2007, it will be the 28th PNOC-EDC Geothermal Conference; for 2008, it shall be in Indonesia in preparation for the WGC 2010 in Bali subject to approval by INAGA);
 - Incorporation or registration of the WPRB in New Zealand; and
 - Potential future activities.
3. The following motions were then approved by the body:
 - *“That the following persons be accepted as the interim governing Forum of the WPRB until elections are held in late 2007:*
 - a. *Jim Lawless (NZL) – Chairman*
 - b. *Tingshan Tian (CHN)*
 - c. *Alimin Ginting (INA)*
 - d. *Glenn Golla (PHI) – Secretary*
 - e. *Toshihiro Uchida (JPN)*

f. *Kevin Brown (NZL) – Treasurer*

Jim Lawless explained the objectives and reasons for the formation of the Forum.

The motion was proposed by Colin Harvey and was seconded by Brian White. The body unanimously approved the motion.

- *“That the proposed By Laws of the WPRB, as circulated to registered members and tabled at the 2006 AGM, be adopted.”*

Jim Lawless explained to the body that the By Laws are necessary to reflect the WPRB’s objectives, organization and internal mechanics, which are all required for incorporation/registration.

The motion was proposed by Jim Gray and seconded by Bill Wood. The body unanimously approved the motion.

- *“That, for 2007, the annual individual membership fees of the WPRB be set as follow, subject to approval by the IGA Board:*

<i>New Zealand</i>	<i>US\$ 5</i>
<i>China</i>	<i>US\$ 2</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	<i>US\$ 2</i>
<i>Philippines</i>	<i>US\$ 2</i>
<i>Japan</i>	<i>US\$ 5</i>
<i>Others</i>	<i>US\$ 5</i>

Student fee: 50% of the above”

Jim Lawless clarified that the WPRB’s fiscal year is from January 1 to December 31.

The motion was proposed by Glenn Golla; seconded by Jim Gray. The body unanimously approved the motion.

- *“That the 2007 AGM and Regional Conference of the WPRB be held in association with the 2007/28th PNOC-EDC Geothermal Conference in March 2007 in Manila.”*

Jim Lawless added that the plan was to hold the WPRB’s AGM and Regional Conference in Indonesia in 2008 as a “dry run” prior to the WGC 2010 in Bali.

The motion was proposed by Kevin Brown and was seconded by Phil White. The body unanimously approved the motion.

4. The body proceeded in nominating members to the different standing committees of the WPRB. The following registered members were nominated:

- Nominating (Election) Committee: Toshihiro Uchida, Bill Wood, Larry Bayrante
- Finance Committee: Toshihiro Uchida, Alimin Ginting, Mary Stanley

- Audit Committee: Tingshian Tian, Mike Glucina

The body decided to conduct the nominations for the Membership and Information and Education Committees at a later date.

5. New Business / Others

- Bill Wood expressed his thought that the WPRB may be competing with the NZGA with regards to programs and objectives, including potential source(s) of funding.
- Jim Lawless replied that the WPRB will target international agencies (e.g., ADB, World Bank, etc.) although it plans to tap into Trade NZ for funding, too.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 4:19 PM.

Glenn Golla, Secretary