

Real Property Institute of Canada
Annual General Meeting
February 3, 2005 – Ottawa, Ontario

1. Welcome

The President, George Plank, welcomed all attendees to this AGM.

2. Approval of February 5, 2004 Annual General Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 2004 AGM will be posted to the RPIC web site.

3. President's Report

The past 12 months have been exciting times for RPIC. Last year we celebrated another successful National Workshop where more than 400 people joined us in what has clearly become the premier event for the federal real property community. The Workshop boasted an excellent series of speakers who shared their knowledge and expertise with us. It offered exciting entertainment and a terrific exposition area. The Organizing Committee for the Workshop received a number of useful comments on making the Workshop better. Peter Linkletter and the Organizing Committee have incorporated those comments into this year's Workshop.

RPIC has also delivered five breakfast sessions in the National Capital Region which were extremely well received and attended. The demand for more has us going back to the drafting board to add even more discussion sessions on those issues and concerns of greatest importance to the membership.

The Board has also successfully introduced a new web portal for RPIC. While the full capabilities of the technology have not yet been rolled out, we now have the potential to provide greatly enhanced services to our community. The challenge for the upcoming year will be to make full use of this capability.

We in the federal public service are living in very interesting times. The Treasury Board Secretariat is making significant changes to the policies that govern real property management. The Expenditure Review process will also be wrapping up shortly with new and exciting recommendations that could revolutionize how we plan for, manage and fund our portfolios. Changes in contracting processes will have a major impact on how we deliver our programs. Innovative new partnerships, such as the NR-5, are developing as a means to share significant scientific and science based assets that were unheard of just a couple of years ago.

There has never been a more important time for RPIC. These changes will have immense impacts on our real property community and RPIC must be there to communicate with, and solicit feedback from, our members. We not only have the opportunity but also the obligation to provide our community members with the most timely and meaningful information and to translate these changes into real-life considerations... where the rubber hits the road, so to speak.

Can RPIC really do this? I think we can, but more importantly, I think we must. We have to use all of the tools we have to maximum advantage if we are to accomplish these goals. And we have to think outside the box when it comes to delivery. If the government can change its methods of operation so significantly, then RPIC must be ready to do so as well, by seeking out new, cost-effective methods of delivery, by considering partnerships that we may not have entertained before and by seeking out new sources of revenue generating activity.

To complicate matters just a little more, it is with regret that I must announce that we will be experiencing some changes at the Board level. A number of members have completed their time with us and will be leaving, including myself. I would like to take this opportunity to thank you both from a personal level and, on behalf of the community you have served for so many years. On a personal level, I would like to say thank you very much. It has been both a pleasure and an honour working with each and every one of you. I will have very fond memories of our hours together at the RPIC table. On a professional level, I would like to thank all of you for your dedicated and committed efforts on behalf of RPIC and its membership. Many of you have been active RPIC Board members since the Institute's inception and to say that you will be dearly missed is an understatement.

But as the "Old Guard" moves on, an opportunity is created to welcome new RPIC Board members, ones who will bring renewed energy, fresh ideas and perhaps, a different perspective.

4. Treasurer's Report

Howard Dudley reported that RPIC is meeting its legal obligations and though the Institute is not fiscally sound it is close as outlined in the audited financial statements. The Institute has implemented fiscal restraint and is finding more and better ways to deliver activities. The Board is empowered to select an auditor and will engage Parker Prinns and Seel to undertake the audit for the upcoming fiscal year.

MOVED by Howard Dudley, seconded by Peter Linkletter to accept the Treasurer's Report.
Carried

5. Board Elections

Members of the Executive Committee serve for a one-year term and must be re-elected each year. Directors are elected for a two-year term. The proposed for the Slate for 2005-06 is:

Tony Varriano, President
Michael Blaschuk, First Vice-President
Tara Dinsmore, Second Vice-President
Gilles Champoux, Treasurer
Karen Anderson, Director
Veronica Barnes, Director
Judith Boulay, Director
Terry Homma, Director
Robert Kilpatrick, Director
Anita Rosenfeld, Director
Jean-Pierre St-Amand, Director

MOVED by Murray Ballantine, seconded by Marc Landry to accept the Slate as presented.

6. Other Business

Sincere appreciation and congratulations were extended to Workshop Chair, Peter Linkletter, Workshop Co-chair, Veronica Barnes, and the Workshop Organizing Committee for delivering a valuable and successful professional development event in 2005.

7. Adjournment

MOVED by Peter Linkletter, seconded by Michel Falardeau to adjourn.
Carried