1.0) Call Meeting to Order

Having confirmed a quorum of 50 regular CIPS members, the meeting was called to order by the Chair, T. Armstrong I.S.P., ITCP at 1:00 p.m. The Chair welcomed those attending the meeting.

2.0) Approval of Previous Minutes –

It was moved by D. Risling I.S.P., seconded by D. Conrad I.S.P., ITCP and CARRIED that:

*The minutes of the May 7, 2008 AGM meeting be approved as distributed.*

3.0) Chair’s Report

T. Armstrong presented his Chair’s Report as follows:

Two years ago CIPS embarked down a path of governance change that has required significant internal reorganization which is still continuing today. Yet throughout this period of change CIPS has remained true to our vision of providing leadership in information systems and technology. CIPS volunteers have led initiatives both domestically and internationally that demonstrate CIPS to be a leader in the Canadian IT industry.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper has recognized CIPS’ leadership by stating: “The association has promoted high ideals of competence and ethical practices through certification, accreditation programs, and professional development. I would like to commend CIPS members for carrying out their responsibilities with integrity, expertise and professionalism…Your efforts have made positive and lasting contributions to Canada’s economic growth and competitiveness.”

This annual report looks at the work and accomplishments of CIPS members this past year and while my report to you examines only a few of these, it will demonstrate the breath of our activities at a National level. While outside the scope of this report, I am also equally pleased by many of the professionalism activities occurring within the Provincial Societies.

CIPS continues to address issues and concerns affecting the IT profession and industry. Early in the year, Greg Lane, I.S.P., ITCP, past chair of the CCITP, responded to the federal budget by calling upon the Canadian Government to develop a renewed ICT strategy for Canada. CIPS stated that “in order to ensure the long-term recovery of the IT sector in Canada, a concerted effort from government, academia and industry is required”. Greg initiated conversations through some controversial topics that got the industry talking and thinking, which
included the elimination of tax on technology, repatriation of Canadian IT professionals working abroad and incentives to stimulate more students to participate in IT related fields of study.

Through the efforts of Martin Kratz and Patricia Glenn, I.S.P, ITCP, CIPS also provided positions on *Copyright Reform* and *Improving Canada’s Digital Advantage: Strategies for Sustainable Prosperity*. While these CIPS members led the development of these positions, all CIPS members were asked to participate in the formation of these CIPS positions through calls in our *CIPS Connections* e-newsletter and through our social media channels. If you are unfamiliar with these papers you will find them posted on the CIPS website http://www.cips.ca/papers.

Greg Lane was also appointed the new Chair of IP3 (International Professional Practice) this past year. CIPS is a founding member of IP3, which has made great progress since its inception late in 2006. CIPS’ own ITCP designation is internationally recognized under IP3’s IP3P accreditation. Late this summer, CIPS received word that through Greg’s leadership the IP3 Board had agreed that Societies who have been accredited by IP3 will accept the certification of individuals from other accredited societies. This puts CIPS’ ITCP holders on equal footing with its counterpart in Australia today, and in the future with other designation holders in Japan, New Zealand and South Africa, as they become IP3 accredited in the coming year.

CIPS leadership on the IP3 extends beyond Greg. Roger Hart, I.S.P., ITCP, and Stephen Ibaraki, FCIPS, I.S.P., ITCP hold positions of CEO and Chief Officer Strategic Relations for the IP3. Gina van Dalen CAE, Manager of Professional Standards in the National office provides administrative support to the IP3. Stephen in particular was instrumental in the formation of a Global Industry Council for the IP3, which includes senior industry leaders such as Maggie Johnson, Director of Education and University Relations for Google, Alex Lin, CEO and Founder of ChinaValue, and Tan Moorthy, Vice President of Research and Head of Education for Infosys. There is no doubt that CIPS has provided the required leadership for the IP3 which will continue to grow and spread the message of the importance of professionalism in IT worldwide.

This past year, CIPS has undertaken a number of partnerships. One of these in particular is CIPS’ involvement with CATA Alliance’s important initiative in Advanced Security. This initiative develops a strategic perspective of the advanced security industry’s strengths and ability to meet its needs. CIPS also signed a formal partnership with the National Association of Computer Consulting Business Canada (NACCB Canada). The combined membership of CIPS and NACCB has an accumulated joined force of over 100,000 voting and taxpaying individuals across Canada. The purpose of this partnership is to increase the voice of CIPS and the NACCB to senior officials at all levels of government on a consistent basis to support the Canadian IT industry. CIPS and NAACCB members have also been jointly working on a two-part program to provide a mechanism to promote awareness of the SR&ED program within the IT community, with the goal of encouraging the growth of the industry through investment in innovation and renovation. Initially focusing on providing awareness to small and medium businesses, the second part of the program will focus on IT contracting companies and their contractors. Thank you to Dan Eng, I.S.P., ITCP and Keith Lovatt for leading this project on behalf of CIPS.
CIPS also signed Memorandum of Understandings related to accreditation programs with both the Coalition for Tomorrow’s IT Skills (CCICT) and the Canadian Council of Technicians and Technologists (CCTT). Through the involvement of CIPS members we continue to be active partners with the International Federation for Information Processing (IFIP), the Seoul Accord, the Association of Public Sector Information Professionals, (DPI) and the Institute of Certified Computer Professionals. We initiated discussions with ICTC for CIPS’ involvement in the delivery and management of the I-Advance program in Canada. CIPS has put a proposal before the ICTC for our joint collaboration. This has been met favourably by ICTC and we look to engage them in negotiations that would formalize our joint collaboration and explore how CIPS’ designations might fit into the I-Advance program. CIPS is also in discussion with ACM, as we look to update our 30+ year old reciprocal membership agreement to bring more shared member value between our organizations.

CIPS understands the importance of students in the advancement of the IT Industry in Canada. As a result of this, CIPS under the leadership of Jay Payette, I.S.P., ITCP developed a Youth Engagement Strategy (YES) to engage students and young professionals to consider careers in the IT industry, while increasing their exposure to CIPS and our message about the importance of professionalism. Ongoing youth initiatives include a youth marketing review and website modernization. We have upgraded our website recently and our members can expect new exciting features in the upcoming months. The Youth Engagement Strategy also includes a social media strategy which will be implemented over the next year.

Following the approval of CIPS’ YES and learning’s from our sister association, the ACS, CIPS’ accreditation councils worked on the development of an Academic Engagement Strategy (AES). The strategy is expected to be presented to the CCITP before the end of this calendar year with implementation commencing in 2011.

Numerous CIPS benefits were introduced this year for our members to take advantage of, along with previous partnerships being expanded. A new benefit for all new and renewing CIPS members was a one-year free subscription with Trend Micro, a global leader in Internet content security. CIPS also launched its CIPS-McGraw-Hill Online Bookstore, with members now being able to receive a 40% discount on selected McGraw-Hill computing titles and references. A new benefit for CIPS I.S.P. holders is that they can now obtain the NPA CNP at a special reduced fee and process until the end of 2010. Meanwhile CIPS also continues its partnerships with associations like Info-Tech Research Group, which provides our members with free research reports and tools.

The CIPS association would not be what is today without the incessant hard work of its many volunteers, staff, and most importantly members. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for continuing to embrace our professionalism initiatives. CIPS will continue to make our voice heard within the IT industry and provide more value to our members, while building a solid base for the Society’s future.
It was moved by D. Hartley, I.S.P., ITCP, and seconded by D. Conrad, I.S.P., ITCP, that:

_The Chair’s report be accepted._

### 4.0) Director of Finance Report

Don Burdeyney, I.S.P., ITCP, the Director of Finance was unable to attend the meeting. In his absence the Chair asked for approval of past audited financial statements.

#### 4.1) Approval of 2007-2008 audited statements

It was moved by B. Byers, I.S.P., ITCP, seconded by J. Muir, I.S.P., ITCP and CARRIED that:

_The 2007-2008 audited statements be approved._

#### 4.2) Approval of the 2008-2009 audited statements

It was moved by T. Boxall I.S.P., ITCP, seconded by R. Baker I.S.P., ITCP and CARRIED with Ian McLeod, I.S.P., ITCP abstaining that:

_The 2008-2009 audited statements be approved._

It was noted that the 2008-2009 statements had different amounts in two instances from the previous year statements and that these changes should have been noted.

Subsequent to the meeting, members present at the SGM indicated that the variances were in fact explained in the auditor’s notes to the statements.

#### 4.3) Approval of the 2009-2010 audited statements

It was moved by D. Lindskog I.S.P., ITCP seconded by P. Dudley I.S.P., ITCP and CARRIED that:

_The 2009-2010 audited statements be approved._

#### 4.3) Appointment of Redford & Lane as auditors

It was moved by W. Sutherland, I.S.P., ITCP, seconded by G. Cole I.S.P. and CARRIED with one member abstaining and one member opposed that:

_Redford & Lane be appointed as the Society’s auditors for 2010-2011._
It was noted that Redford & Lane have been the Society’s auditors for a number of years. The members present at the SGM requested that CIPS consider whether it was time to change the Society’s auditors. T. Armstrong indicated that he would ask the Director of Finance to consider this question for the following year and will ask for a report back to the members at the next AGM. **ACTION: BURDEYNEY**

5.0) Adjournment

There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.