

CGU Annual General Business Meeting

Minutes (taken by Kelin Wang)

Monday May 20, 2002, 17:45

**Maxbell Building Auditorium, Banff Centre
Banff, Alberta**

Meeting called to order at 17:49 by Dave Eaton (CGU President).

Attendance List:

Kelin Wang, Dave Eaton, Garth Van der Kamp, Dan Moore, Charles Hurich, Gary Jarvis, Ron Kurtz, Bernd Milkent?, Herman Ugalde, Andrew Palmer, Rick BourBonniere, Don Russel, Karl Butler, Marcelo Santos, Petr Vanicek, Jianliang Huang, Robert Tenzer?, Alain Pietroniro, Spyros Beltaos, Philip Marsh, Bill Quinton, Terry Prowse, A. Ghosh Bobba, Ayodele Adediran, Robert Armstrong, Eliane Raymond, Hans F. Mueller?, Moritz Heimpel, Kaz Adamowski, Sean Carey, Mike Waddington, Peter Lafleur, Jonathan Price, Joseph Henton, Herb Dragert, Rod Blais, Tony Lambert, Roy Hyndman

1. Acceptance of Minutes of the May 15, 2001 Business Meeting

MOTION: Al Petroniro moved that the Minutes be accepted; seconded by Roy Hyndman. No discussion. Carried unanimously.

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

2. Message from the President (Dave Eaton)

Upcoming conferences

The 2003 annual meeting will be held at the Banff Centre May 10-14 with the theme "Challenges and opportunities for the geophysical sciences in Canada". That there has been a healthy growth in meeting participation by the CGU Hydrology Section members, but there is a declining trend in solid earth participation. We will make an effort to encourage solid earth participation in the 2003 meeting. In addition to the regular meeting sessions, proposals are solicited for thematic workshops and special sessions (e.g. new research projects NEPTUNE, POLARIS, MariProbe, etc.). One successful model to follow is the Climate System History and Dynamics group. Proposals should be submitted by email to cgu@pgc.nrcan.gc.ca by August 31, 2002. CGU will provide limited funding to support invited speakers for these special sessions or workshops.

2004 Joint CGU/AGU meeting in Montreal

The program committee will be established in the summer of 2002. Nominations for membership should be sent to cgu@pgc.nrcan.gc.ca. A local organizing comm will be struck in 2003. We need help for Francophone CGU members willing to assist in translation of abstracts, meeting program, and press release.

CGU-CMOS Fusion Committee

This is an ad hoc committee. It has identified areas of common interest: hydrology, climate, GPS science, offshore research, natural hazards, etc. It has discussed plans for future joint activities:

2003: sponsor sessions at each other's annual meetings.

2004: A joint workshop (Prairie drought?)

2005: Joint science meeting .

Eaton asks members for ideas about this path.

Opportunities for member involvement

A few of members of our Executive have served a fairly long time: Treasurer (Kurtz, since 89), newsletter editor (Jarvis 6 years), secretary (Wang, 3 years). Volunteers and nomination are solicited to fill these positions. CGU does its lobbying in Ottawa through sponsoring PAGSE. (Breakfast meetings with MP's). CGU is eligible for recommending a speaker and welcomes input from members. Nominations should be send to cgu@pgc.nrcan.gc.ca. Dan Moore mentioned Hok Woo was a speaker last year. Woo was recommended by CMOS.

CGU Lecture tour (Fall, Spring)

CGU organized a successful one by Peltier three years ago. We may consider two tours (two people) in a year, perhaps each with 6 stops. Ideas from the membership are welcome. CGU will covers transportation for the lecturers.

3. CGU Geodesy Section (CGU-GS)

Eaton summarized the history of CGU and welcomed the initiative of forming the new section. Spiros Pagiatakis gave a brief speech. He noted that geodesy has evolved dramatically in the past few years and produced exciting new observation and that there is a strong need for improved collaboration. He explained that the GS bylaws followed the Hydrology Section example. Copies of the bylaws were distributed at the meeting and would be ratified at the GS inaugural meeting of May 20..

MOTION: Tony Lambert moved that the CGU accept the bylaws for the Geodesy Section and duties of its officers as contained in the documents tabled at this meeting. Seconded by Vanicek. Carried unanimously.

4. Election of the Board of Directors

Incorporation regulations require the election of four members to the Board of Directors each year. The CGU membership elects the Board every year, and the Board then appoints the CGU Executive. In practice, two-year term.

MOTION: Nigel Roulet moved that the slate for the Board of Directors be as follows:

David Eaton

Philip Marsh

Kelin Wang

Ron Kurtz

Seconded by Brian Branfireun. Carried unanimously.

Officer positions announced after brief meeting

5. Appointment of Auditors

MOTION: ___ (Didn't get the name) moved that McIntyre & McLarty, Chartered Accountants located in the City of Ottawa be appointed auditors for the Canadian Geophysical Union; seconded by Robert Armstrong. Carried unanimously.

6. Treasurer's Report

Ron Kurtz provided a summary of the financial state of the CGU as of December 31, 2001. Total income during the 2001 fiscal year was (less than 2000) \$17,900 including the second (and final) payment of \$6,850 of the net proceeds from the Banff 1999 meeting, \$16,984 net proceeds from the Banff 2000 meeting, \$28,836 in support funds from a variety of sources for the Ottawa 2001 meeting, \$4,000 student support grant from the GSC, and return of \$10,000 in seed funds from GeoCanada 2000. Total expenditures were \$26,123 resulting in a free balance of \$106,969 (plus \$47US) at the end of 2000. Expenditures include \$10,000 contribution to GeoCanada 2000 for CD-ROM production. A copy of the financial summary for 1997, 1998, 1999 and 2000 is attached to the Minutes.

MOTION: Jarvis moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; seconded by van der Kamp. Carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment:

MOTION: A member moved that the meeting be adjourned; seconded by another member (names not recorded). Carried.