



Minutes of the CGU Annual General Business Meeting

Monday May 15, 2006, Max Bell Building Auditorium, Banff Centre

Meeting called to order at 18:00 by Gary Jarvis (CGU President).

Attendance List:

Gary Jarvis, Masaki Hayashi (secretary), Scott Munro, John Pomeroy, Jim Buttle, Garth van der Kamp, Rod Blais, Nigel Roulet, Brian Branfireun, Spyros Beltaos, Dan Moore, Hok Woo, Phil Graniero, Sam Butler, George Spence, Tim Duval, Carl Mitchell, Cathy Hogan, Gro Lilbaek, Xing Fang, Warren Helgason, Chad Ellis, Pablo Dornes, Lawrence Martz, Philip Marsh, Carl Mendoza, Artu Ellmann, Daniel R. Roman, Jianling Huang, Calvin Klatt, Marc Veronneau, Marcelo Santos, Ibraheem Ali, Stefan Pohl, Dru Heagle, Hugh Geiger, Muhammad Asif Soofi, Spiros Pagiatakis, Ian Ferguson, Colin Farquharson, Kim Welford, Dirk de Boer, Faran Ali, Hans Mueller, Gwenn Flowers, Sarah Boon, Eleanor Sonley

1. Minutes of the May 9, 2005 Business Meeting

Motion: Nigel Roulet moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Spiros Pagiatakis, carried.

2. Election of the Board of Directors and Executive Officers

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.

Motion: Calvin Klatt moved that the slate for the Board of Directors be as follows:

Gary Jarvis (President)

John Pomeroy (Vice-President)

Masaki Hayashi (Secretary)

Jim Craven (Treasurer)

seconded by Brian Branfireun, carried.

3. Appointment of Auditors:

Motion: Spiros Pagiatakis moved that van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered Accountants located in the City of Ottawa be appointed auditors for the Canadian Geophysical Union; seconded by Hok Woo, carried.

4. Treasurer's Report:

Jarvis presented a summary report of the financial state of the CGU as of December 31, 2005 provided by Jim Craven. The report will be published in the July issue of Elements.

Motion: Rod Blais moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; seconded by Garth van der Kamp, carried unanimously.

Executives travel expense. The CGU have three executive meetings every year, one at the annual meeting, one in September, and one in February. Attendance of the September and February meetings is typically low, due to high travel cost. Jarvis proposed a maximum of \$500 to cover airfare for one trip to subsidize the travel cost.

Motion: Nigel Roulet moved that the CGU fund the travel expense of executives up to \$500 towards airfare to attend one executive meeting per year under the supervision of Treasurer, seconded by Dru Heagle, carried.

5. 2007 and 2008 Meetings

2007 in St. John's, Newfoundland with Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society.

2008 in Banff, tentatively at Banff Park Lodge, potentially with Canadian Geomorphology Research Group.

2009, joint meeting with GAC and AGU in Toronto is being discussed.

6. PAGSE

Peter Johnson, the CGU representative to the Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE), presented an overview of the PAGSE, and asked the CGU for any ideas that should be brought to the House of Commons Finance Committee through the PAGSE. The PAGSE meets regularly with the Presidents of NSERC, SSHRC, CIHR, and CFI. The membership of the PAGSE consists mostly of academic societies like the CGU.

7. CNC-IUGG

Jarvis presented an overview of the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (CNC-IUGG). He reported the NRC pays the IUGG membership fee (\$18,000/yr) for Canada, and the CGU is partnering with the NRC to coordinate geophysical science in Canada. Jarvis sought inputs from the CGU members regarding the role of CNC-IUGG and the CGU's role in enhancing the activities of the CNC-IUGG.

Peter Johnson commented that the NRC may be trying to transfer the obligation to pay membership fees for international organizations (such as IUGG) to another agency. Hok Woo commented that such a move by the NRC would have negative effects and suggested that the CGU should lobby against such a move. Nigel Roulet pointed out a need for us to lobby aggressively to promote geosciences and environmental sciences.

8. Joint meeting with CMOS 2007

Cathy Hogan, the Executive Director of the CMOS/CGU/AMS 2007 meeting presented an overview of the meeting.

9. Adjournment

Motion: Hok Woo moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Calvin Klatt, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:10.