



Minutes of the CGU Annual General Business Meeting

Monday May 30, 2007, Avalon B, Delta Hotel, St. John's, Newfoundland

Meeting called to order at 17:45 by Gary Jarvis (CGU President).

Attendance List:

Gary Jarvis, Masaki Hayashi (secretary), John Pomeroy, Jim Buttle, Dave Bowen, Brigit Views, Joseph Henton, Herb Dragert, Patrick Wu, Kaiwen Xia, Garry Clarke, Colin Farquharson, Kim Welford, Gwenn Flowers, Sarah Boon, Christian Dupuis, Hans J. Mueller, Hugo Beltrami, Karl Butler, Jianling Huang, Zhizhao Liu, Remko Scharroo, Ian Ferguson, Xing Fang, Richard Essery, Philippe Lamothe, Krystopher Chutko, Hugh Geiger, Mahmoud Abd El-Gelil, Ming-Ko Woo, Kathy Young, Phil McCausland, Rod Blais, Ed Johnson, Scott Munro, Lawrence Martz

1. Minutes of the May 15, 2006 Business Meeting

Motion: John Pomeroy moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Gary Clarke, carried.

2. Appointment of Auditors:

Motion: Lawrence Martz moved that van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered Accountants located in the City of Ottawa be appointed auditors for the Canadian Geophysical Union; seconded by Kathy Young, carried.

3. Treasurer's Report:

Jarvis presented a summary report of the financial state of the CGU as of December 31, 2006 provided by Jim Craven. The report will be published in the July issue of Elements.

Motion: Herb Dragert moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; seconded by Rod Blais, carried.

4. 2008 and 2009 CGU Meetings

Jarvis announced that the 2008 meeting will be held in Banff Park Lodge, and 2009 meeting will be in Toronto jointly with AGU and GAC.

5. Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (CNC-IUGG)

Jarvis briefly described the structure and role of CNC-IUGG. The CGU is tasked by National Research Council to oversee the operation of CNC-IUGG. A handout of Power Point slides were distributed to the participants. Hugh Geiger asked if the CGU should attempt to have the Society of Exploration Geophysicists join the new organization, and Jarvis answered that it is not necessary at this point. Gary Clarke suggested that some members of the International Association of the Physics of Earth Interiors would likely be interested in joining CGU. Jarvis explained the need to expand the role and activities of CNC-IUGG and to coordinate a consortium of geophysical societies under the auspices of the

CNC-IUGG. The tentative name of the consortium is Canadian Societies for the Geophysical Sciences (CSGS). This idea had been endorsed by CGU and CMOS Executives, who agreed to have joint annual meetings every four years, starting in 2010 in Ottawa.

John Pomeroy briefly described draft terms of reference for the proposed CSGS, which would operate as a subcommittee of the CNC-IUGG. The CSGS will serve as a mechanism to link and coordinate the geophysical science societies in Canada, a voice from the geophysical sciences to government funding agencies industry, the public, and a way to promote the advancement of the geophysical sciences in Canada. After some discussion regarding the roles of the CSGS, Jarvis requested the CGU members to examine the terms of reference (distributed) and send their comments to the CGU Executives.

6. 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. The regular ticket slate announced to the members was:

John Pomeroy (President)
Spiros Pagiatakis (Vice-President)
Masaki Hayashi (Secretary)
Jim Craven (Treasurer)

However, Jim Craven expressed his wish to resign from the Treasurer a few days ago. Lawrence Martz nominated Kathy Young for the Treasurer, seconded by Hok Woo.

Motion: Scott Munro moved that the slate for the Board of Directors consisting of Pomeroy, Pagiatakis, Hayashi, and Young be approved, seconded by Hugo Beltrami, carried.

7. NSERC discussion

David Bowen made a brief presentation on NSERC grant programs, including recent review results questioning the high success rate of Discovery Grant. Brown advised organizations like the proposed CSGS to send inputs to NSERC on this and other related matters. Marcelo Santos commented that the question 'Is high success rate appropriate?' is ill-phrased, because the high success rate does not mean that low quality applicants are receiving grants. Bowen answered that NSERC does not necessarily view high success rate as an indication of low quality.

8. Adjournment

Jarvis thanked the outgoing CGU Executives, Lawrence Martz and Jim Craven, for their service.

Motion: John Pomeroy moved that the CGU thank Gary Jarvis for his service as the President, seconded by Phil McCausland, carried.

Motion: Hok Woo moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Kathy Young, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:10.