



## Minutes of the CGU Annual General Business Meeting

Monday May 25, 2009, Room 701A Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Meeting called to order at 19:35 by John Pomeroy (CGU President).

### Attendance List:

John Pomeroy, Masaki Hayashi (secretary), Philip McCausland, Hans F. Mueller, Julian Lowman, Gary Jarvis, Brian Branfireun, Tim Duval, Carl Mitchell, Katrina Bennett, Gail Atkinson, Kristy Tiampo, Robert Armstrong, Frank Seglenieks, Julie Fiddell, Faran Ali, Dirk de Boer, Mike Waddington, M. Atlatf Arain, Nigel Roulet, Andy Bush, Sarah Boon, Chrie Westbrook, Kevin Devito, Jim Buttle, Mark Veronnen, Spiros Pagiatakis, Rod Blais, Joseph Henton, Mahmoud Abd El-Gelil, April James, Mohammed El-Biasty, Garth van der Kamp, Ioanmis Harawas, Panagiotis Vergados, Shu Du, Sean Carey

### 1. Minutes of the May 12, 2008 Business Meeting

**Motion:** Nigel Roulet moved that the Minutes be accepted, seconded by Jim Buttle, carried.

### 2. Appointment of Auditors:

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

### 3. Treasurer's Report:

Kathy Young presented a summary report of the financial state of the CGU as of December 31, 2008. The report will be published in the July issue of Elements. Young reported that CGU asset had been in steady decline since 2006 and the CGU was in need of carefully examining the spending. Given a major financial loss in the joint meeting with the Canadian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society (CMOS) in 2007, Brian Branfireun asked if proper arrangements had been made to ensure that we would not lose money in the 2010 joint meeting with CMOS. Pomeroy reported on the arrangements.

**Motion:** Philip MacCausland moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted; seconded by Spiros Pagiatakis, carried.

### 4. New Section Proposals

Draft bylaws for the new Solid Earth Section and Biogeoscience Section had been distributed. Philip McCausland briefly described the objective and function of the Solid Earth Section (SES).

**Motion** – Philip McCausland moved that the Solid Earth Section be approved, Gail Atkinson, carried.

**Motion** – Gary Jarvis moved that the Annual General Business Meeting (AGBM) be temporarily adjourned, seconded by Philip McCausland, carried.

While the AGBM was adjourned, the SES selected the Executives.

AGBM was reconvened. Philip McCausland presented the slate of the Executives:

Kristy Tiampo (President)  
Sam Butler (Vice-President)  
Philip McCausland (Secretary)  
Julian Lowman (Treasurer)  
Hans Mueller (Member at Large)  
Mahmoud Abd El Gelil (Member at Large)

Nigel Roulet briefly described the objective and function of the Biogeoscience Section.

**Motion** – Nigel Roulet moved that the Biogeoscience Section be approved, seconded by Cherie Westbrook, carried.

Roulet announced the meeting of the Biogeoscience Section to select the slate of the Section Executives.

## **5. Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (CNC-IUGG) and the Canadian Societies for Geophysical Sciences (CSGS)**

Pomeroy briefly reported on the CNC-IUGG, in particular on the annual performance review submitted to the National Research Council. Pomeroy thanked Zoltan Hajnal (CNC-IUGG Chair) for his efforts. Pomeroy reported on the progresses in CSGS, in particular the addition of the Canadian Soil Science Society as a new member.

### **5. Future CGU Meetings (2010 and 2011)**

Pomeroy reported on future meetings. The 2010 meeting will be held in Ottawa, May 30-June 2, jointly with the CMOS. The 2011 meeting will be held in Banff, May 15-18. The CGU is discussing a possibility of joint meeting with the Canadian Soil Science Society in 2011.

## **7. 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:

Spiros Pagiatakis (President)  
Gail Atkinson (Vice-President)  
Masaki Hayashi (Secretary)  
Kathy Young (Treasurer)

**Motion:** Philip McCausland moved that the slate for the Board of Directors consisting of Pagiatakis, Atkinson, Hayashi, and Young be approved, seconded by Andrew Bush, carried.

## **8. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Mike Waddington moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Kathy Young, carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:15.

## **9. NSERC Presentation**

David Bowen from NSERC made a presentation on the Discovery Grant.