



**CGU Annual General Business Meeting
June 6, 2012, Banff Centre, Banff, AB**

Attendance: Gail Atkinson, Colin Whitfield, Fiona Darbyshire, Andrew Frederiksen, Dimitroios Bolkas, Patrick Wu, Cordon Young, Sean Carey, Tim Duval, Murray Richardson, Richard Petrone, Mike Waddington, D. Scott Munro, Rod Blais, Daniel Roman, Dan Moore, Terry Prowse, Gary Jarvis, Joe Henton, Sarah Boon, Cherie Westbrook, Jeffrey McKenzie, Nick Kettridge, Jim Byrne, Claire Samson, Maria Strack, Marcelo Santos, Spiros Pagiatakis, Phil McCausland

Gail Atkinson called meeting to order at 17:36.

1. Agenda

Motion: Dan Moore moved to accept the agenda as presented, seconded by Terry Prowse. Carried.

2. Minutes of the May 16, 2011 Business Meeting

Motion: Sean Carey moved to accept the minutes for the annual general business meeting of May 16, 2011, seconded by Spiros Pagiatakis. Carried.

2. Appointment of Auditors

van Berkom, Chartered Accountants

Motion: Andrew Frederiksen moved to appoint van Berkom, Chartered accountants as auditors for CGU, seconded by Rod Blais. Carried.

3. Treasurer's Report (Richard Petrone)

CGU made ~\$3000 from the annual scientific meeting in 2011 which is typical meetings when CGU meets alone. Net assets were up by ~\$14 000 from the previous year. MOU for next year's joint meeting with CMOS and CWRA is still under negotiation.

We will reinvest GICs that have matured this year and are moving close to our goal of \$90 000 cushion for CGU.

We should make a fairly healthy profit from the 2012 meeting although final registration numbers are not yet available (\$12 – 15 000). A point was raised from the delegation that it would be worthwhile to evaluate CGU-HS participation in this meeting relative to other sections to evaluate the draw of meeting with CWRA on membership participation.

Motion: Patrick Wu moved to approve financial statements as presented, seconded by Mike Waddington. Carried.

4. President's Remarks (Gail Atkinson)

CGU has enjoyed active Section participation over the last year. CGU is also in a healthy financial situation partially due to our joint meetings in recent year.

Gary Jarvis – Although the bottom line may be helped by large joint meetings, is this better for the scientific status of the meeting? In some cases it can help to broaden the range of topics that are covered. There are benefits to small meetings as well.

Gail Atkinson - In the next few years we are planning to survey to the membership about what they want in meetings of CGU (location, size of meeting, etc).

Marcelo Santos - Will we be in Banff Centre or Banff Park Lodge for future Banff meetings?

Gail Atkinson – this depends on numbers, Banff Park Lodge can only accommodate ~400 people, so joint meetings with larger number would need to be held at the Banff Centre.

It was also noted that rates for accommodation at Banff Centre may be too high for some as some Universities may have restrictions on room rates.

Dues for regular members will increase next year (2013) from \$40 to \$45 to keep up with inflation.

We have been working with sister societies in CSGS to pursue joint interests and raise profiles of geophysical research.

In order to take CGU to the next level we have decided to hire an Executive Director. Our hope is that this position will provide continuity for Executive, increase membership, increase sponsorship, assist with conference organization. Job description is in the works and should be posted by July. Ideas for potential candidates were called for. This would be a part-time contract position.

Gary Jarvis raised a question about the financial drain of the Executive Director on the CGU assets.

Gail Atkinson – we hope that after the first year this position would be self-supporting through increased membership revenue and sponsorship and hopefully increase the overall profile of the Union. The success of the position in meeting these goals will be assessed on an annual basis.

Some members expressed concerns about using the Brewster's BBQ location in light of Brewster's corporation plans to build a viewing platform in the National park. The Brewster BBQ venue is actually not connected to the larger Brewster corporation, but share the same name. They are a small family run business.

5. Future CGU meetings (2013 and 2014)

2013: Saskatoon with CMOS and CWRA

2014: A few societies have been invited to join us in Banff including SEDI but nothing is confirmed.

2015: AGU has accepted our invitation to meet in Montreal. GAC-MAC have been invited and may join us.

2016: CGU has accepted an invitation to meet jointly with CMOS in Fredericton.

6. Election of Executive Officers

Nomination: Gail Atkinson (President)
 Brian Branfireun (Vice-President)
 Maria Strack (Secretary)
 Rich Petrone (Treasurer)

Nominations from the floor were opened. None offered.

Motion: Marcelo Santos moved to elect the slate of for the Board of Directors consisting of Atkinson, Branfireun, Strack and Petrone, seconded by Claire Samson. Carried.

7. Adjournment

Motion: Fiona Darbyshire moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Phil McCausland. Carried.

Meeting adjourned 18:04