

## CGU Annual General Business Meeting

**Attendance:** Gail Atkinson, Aaron Berg, Rod Blais, Brian Branfireun, Laura Brown, Scott Brown, Sean Carey, Nora Casson, Byung-Gon Chae, Junghae Choi, Neville Crasto, Fiona Darbyshire, Yunas Dibike, Tim Duval, Brett Eaton, Kegan Farrick, Andrew Frederiksen, John Gibson, Masaki Hayashi, Joseph Henton, April James, Gary Jarvis, Marc Jeronneau, JW Kim, Meghan Kline, Tony Lambert, Colin McCarter, Jeff McKenzie, Samson Mengister, Carl Mitchell, Dan Moore, Haus F. Mueller, D. Scott Munro, Oyekunle Ola, Spiros Pagiatakis, David Peters, Jon Price, Bill Quinton, Parinaz Rahimzadeh, Daniel Roman, Claire Samson, Marcelo Santos, E. Sinem, Ric Soulis, Chris Spence, Trish Stadnyk, Maria Strack, Robin Thorne, Kara Webster, Amanuel O. Weldeyohannes, Cherie Westbrook, Colin Whitfield, Pete Whittington, Ming-Ko Woo, Gordon Young

Meeting called to order 17:14, May 27, 2013

### 1. Minutes of the June 6, 2012 Business Meeting

**Motion:** Joe Henton moved to accept the minutes for the annual general business meeting of June 6, 2012, seconded by Rod Blais. Carried.

### 2. President's remarks (Gail Atkinson)

Atkinson thanked Executive for support over the last two years and membership for their participation in the Union. Gordon Young was introduced at the Executive Director. Membership is encouraged to provide input on meeting locations, membership drives, new initiatives, etc.

Branfireun thanked Atkinson for her work as President.

### 3. Appointment of Auditors

van Berkom & Ritz, Chartered Accountants

**Motion:** Dan Moore moved to appoint van Berkom, Chartered accountants as auditors for CGU, seconded by Peter Whittington. Carried.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Branfireun reporting. Report from accounts shown with balance of \$108 968, but an additional ~\$43 000 was made from last year's annual meeting.

Executive is investigating low-risk investment option for some of the standing balance. Revenues from this year's meeting will likely be lower than last year but meeting will make a small profit.

**Motion:** Jonathan Price moved to approve draft financial report as presented, seconded by Cherie Westbrook. Carried.

### 5. CGU Bylaws (Gordon Young)

Legislation has changed regarding not-for-profit organizations and bylaws must be updated to be in compliance with these regulations introduced by Corporations Canada. Previous bylaws have been in place since 1994. In essence the CGU does not change under the new bylaws, but changes have been made in bylaw structure to meet requirements. Main changes include: a change in the official board members to include Past-President and addition of flexibility for additional 3 officers; explicit terms of office for board members now stated.

**Motion:** Andrew Fredeiksen moved to approve new bylaws as proposed, seconded by Brett Eaton. Carried unanimously.

**Motion:** Ric Soulis moved to give the Executive the power to make minor changes to the bylaws if required by Corporations Canada so long as they do not change the intent of the bylaws, seconded by Phil McCausland. Carried.

**6. Future CGU meetings (2014, 2015, 2016) (Gail Atkinson)**

2014: Meeting again with Banff at Banff Park Lodge joined with CSSS and Mantle Convection Workshop.

2015: Montreal with AGU and GAC-MAC

2016: Meeting again with CMOS in Fredericton.

**7. Cooperation with UGM (Mexican Geophysical Union) (Brian Branfireun)**

Mexican Geophysical Union (UGM) contacted CGU about one year ago asking for us to sign an MOU along with AGU for cooperation between the Unions. In November of this year, the MOU will be signed at the annual meeting of UGM. Membership invited to attend the meeting. UGM has extended an invitation to CGU to propose special sessions for the UGM annual meeting. Those interested in being more involved are encouraged to contact Branfireun.

**8. Election of Executive Officers**

Nomination:                Brian Branfireun (President)  
                                     Claire Samson (Vice-President)  
                                     Maria Strack (Secretary)  
                                     Rich Petrone (Treasurer)

Nominations from the floor were opened. None offered

Motion: Sam Butler moved to elect the slate of for the Board of Directors consisting of Branfireun, Samson, Strack and Petrone, seconded by Merrin Macrae. Carried.

**9. Additional items**

Cherie Westbrook: in the past few years we have not had any women plenary speakers. CGU is encouraged to invited more women. Branfireun clarified that women have been invited but have not taken up the invitation. An effort will be made to include women as some of the plenary speakers in 2014.

Dan Peters asked if there was any restriction to who could be elected to the Board of Directors. Young responding. There is no restriction on board membership and government employees could be appointed to the board. However, government employees may not always have permission to speak freely, so it might be prudent not to have both president and vice-president as government employees.

Concern raised on quorum under the new bylaws of 10%. This is a requirement of the new regulations.

**10. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Dan Roman moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marcelo Santos. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 17:50.