



CGU Annual General Business Meeting

Attendance: Genevieve Ali, Edward Bam, Andrew Ireson, Markus Schnorbus, Rajesh Shresthi, Sean Carey, Chris Spence, Warren Helgason, Mazda Kompanizare, D. Scott Munro, David Peter, Dan Moore, Dirk de Boer, Chris DeBeer, Philip Marsh, John Pomeroy, Marcelo Santos, Tom Edwards, Garth van der Kamp, Kegan Farrick, Sam Butler, Tim Duval, Scott Ketcheson, Cherie Westbrook, April James, Julian Lowman, George Sutherland, Colin McCarter, Vito Lam, Richard Petrone, Robin Thorne, Claire Oswald, Christopher Wellen, Darryl Carlyle-Moses, Tiffany Lancaster, Rebecca Harrington, Yajing Lin, Justin Adams, Jaclyn Cockburn, Pascal Audet, Kristy Tiampo, Dan Thompson, Jeffrey McKenzie, Gordon Young, Bill Quinton, Maria Strack, Brian Branfireun, Carl Mitchell

Meeting called to order at 17:42, May 5, 2014

1. Minutes of the May 27, 2013 Business Meeting

Motion: Brett Eaton moved to accept the minutes for the annual general business meeting of May 27, 2013, seconded by Sam Butler. Carried.

2. President's remarks

The annual meeting this year, joint with Canadian Society of Soil Scientists (CSSS) has exceeded expectations for attendance. Rod Blais is recognized for his work in coordinating the science program. Local organizing committee and science committee are also thanked.

Gordon Young is thanked for his work as Executive Director related to outreach, MOUs for future meetings, and website updates with our new webmaster Pokong Lai. His contract has been extended for another year.

Student scholarships and union level awards will be awarded at the banquet on Tuesday. Section awards for presentations and posters will not be awarded at the banquet but will be announced following the meeting.

3. Appointment of Auditors

van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered Accountants,

Motion: Dan Moore moved to appoint van Berkomp, Chartered accountants as auditors for CGU, seconded by Jeff McKenzie. Carried

4. Treasurer's Report

Rich Petrone - Joint conference with CMOS in 2013 resulted in a net profit of \$13 000. Membership dues income is holding steady. We have assets of just under \$160 000. This provides a nice cushion for fronting costs related to future meetings (e.g. Vancouver 2017). There is also enough in reserve now to start committing funds to other initiatives including a part-time position related to enhance web presence and public relations.

Net profits from this meeting are estimated to be between \$14-20K that will be split evenly with CSSS.

Motion: Sean Carey moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Jeff McKenzie. Carried.

5. New section proposal: Earth Surface Processes

We have had productive discussion with other geophysical societies where members are often traditionally not members of CGU.

Brett Eaton – Canadian Geomorphology Research Group (CGRG) involvement in the past has largely been through a committee in hydrology. CGRG is by its constitution actually members of various other organizations (CGU, GAC, and CAG), leading to fracturing. Earth Surface Processes is an emerging discipline with a journal, and section in the AGU, but a home is needed for this discipline in CGU.

CGRG has given strong support for the creation of this Earth Surface Processes Section.

Motion: Brett Eaton moves to create a new section of CGU titled "Earth Surface Processes", seconded by Dan Moore. Carried unanimously.

Discussion:

Carl Mitchell – what is the potential membership for this section?

Brett Eaton – CGRG has membership of ~200, so probable initial section size would be 60-70, possibly up to 160 in

the next few years.

Branfireun – Canadian Quaternary Association (CANQUA) has also expressed interest, which is another 200 people

John Pomeroy – how would this link to current CGRG?

Brett Eaton – CGRG is formally associated with GAC, CAG and CGU, but cannot become wholly part of one group. Joining CGU would not change member status with CGRG. Having more CGRG members as members of CGU would bring a more unified voice to Canadian Geophysics.

Branfireun – there are already members of CGU who would be willing to act as Exec for this Section.

6. Future CGU meetings (2015, 2016, 2017)

2015 – Montreal, joint with AGU, GAC and MAC. Jeff McKenzie is sitting on LOC. Claire Samson, the current VP will also be involved in science program.

Membership asked to starting thinking about special sessions and joint sessions

2016 – Fredericton joint with CMOS. Marcelos Santos is largely involved in LOC.

2017 – Vancouver with Brett Eaton on LOC. This will help to capitalize on strength of Earth Surface Processes researchers on west coast. Suggestions for societies to join us are also invited.

Pomeroy – suggested a future Ottawa meeting in order to be vocal with NSERC and federal government

Branfireun – Gordon Young will be communicating with membership about suggestions for future meeting venues and views on role of CGU.

7. Report from NSERC officer – Tiffany Lancaster, program officer with 1506

Branfireun – there is an informal meeting on Wednesday at lunch about process of Discovery Grant competition. All are welcome to attend.

2014 competition results: Average across all evaluation groups: Early Career Researchers (ECR; within 2 years of starting research careers) – 66%, Established researchers (ER) holding grant – 80%, ER not holding grant – 37%

Geoscience evaluation group: ECR – 69%, renewals – 71%, ER not holding – 32%, with average grant totals slightly above the overall average.

ECR were funded two bins lower than ER. Criteria are evaluated the same way, but they are not really on the same playing field, so funding of lower bins is allowed. ECR are given a \$5000 supplement to help get their program started.

A wide variety of topics are evaluated in the EG1506, so full breadth of knowledge may not be present on the EG. But this can be gained from other evaluation groups using the conference model, calling on members from other EGs.

RTI had quota of 500 submissions in this competition cycle with 468 were submitted, and each EG has about 34% success rate. GS was linked with EE in this competition with 64 applications total of which 20 were funded.

DAS (accelerator supplement) – 14 awards were given in GS.

NSERC recognizes difficulties in CCV. Any suggestions for improvements are welcome. Some edits are underway and should be completed and active as of mid-May 2014.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Rich Petrone moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Scott Ketcheson. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 18:32.