

CGU Annual General Business Meeting

Attendance: Maria Strack, Gail Atkinson, Jeffrey McKenzie, Claire Samson, Gordon Young, Peter Ashmore, Roger Phillips, Chris Wellen, Kristopher Chutko, Daniel McParland, Mark Johnson, Colin McCarter, Scott Ketcheson, Tobias Weber, Pete Whittington, Jackie Cockburn, Genevieve Ali, Chris Spence, Jacek Scibek, Lauren Somers, Caroline Aubry-Wake, Michel Barali, Claire Oswald, Daniel Roman, Bill Quinton, Tiffany Lancaster, Dave Bowen, JW Kim, Daniel Peters, Dan Moore, Ian Ferguson, Kabir Rasouli, Ron Hyndman, Iliana Tsalis, Elaheh Mokhtari, Michael Sheng, Thalia Nikolaidou, Dimitrios Piretzidis, Ismael Foronghi, Spiros Pagiatakis, Hugo Beltrami, Kelin Wang, Rod Blais, Marcelo Santos, Ebrahim Ghaderpour

Gail Atkinson called the meeting to order at 18:15, May 6, 2015, Palais de Congrès, Montreal, QC.

1. Minutes of the May 5, 2014 Business Meeting

Motion: Pete Whittington moved to accept the minutes for the annual general business meeting of May 5, 2014, Kelin Wang seconded. Carried.

2. Election of Executive Officers

Slate presented as:

President: Claire Samson

Vice-President: Brett Eaton

Secretary: Jeffrey McKenzie

Treasurer: Rich Petrone

Past President: Brian Branfireun

Motion: Spiros Pagiatakis moved to accept the slate of officers as presented, seconded by Dan Moore. Carried unanimously.

3. President's remarks

Claire Samson thanked members leaving the Executive for their contribution. Gordon Young will be continuing as Executive Director. The many new Executive members look forward to working for the CGU.

Outreach program: Creekside communication is now revamping our website and we will now be on social media. It is also the role of the membership to provide content to keep the website/newsletters exciting and up to date.

4. Appointment of Auditors

van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered Accountants,

Motion: Gail Atkinson moved to appoint van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered accountants as auditors for CGU, seconded by Hugo Beltrami. Carried unanimously.

5. Treasurer's Report

Rich Petrone – Several years ago we made a decision to try to push the CGU forward by making investments to help grow. This included hiring an Executive Director and more recently hiring a communication company – Creekside. In general accounts are stable, but expenditures have increased.

Motion: Jackie Cockburn moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Colin McCarter. Carried.

6. Future CGU meetings

2016 – Fredericton

Marcelo Santos introduced the meeting at Fredericton, NB. This will be joint meeting with CMOS. All members are invited to attend, propose sessions and build a strong meeting next year.

2017 – Vancouver

A number of other societies will be approached and the membership will be notified as information becomes available.

2018 – It is not decided yet where the meeting will be in 2018.

2019 – Canada has a bid in place to hold the IUGG meeting in Montreal. Decision will be made this summer at the IUGG assembly and will be shared with the membership.

7. Report from NSERC officer – Dave Bowen, program officer with 1506

As of May 1, 2015 when you apply to NSERC you are agreeing that research will be published in an open access format.

For next year you can use a CCV to apply for RTI instead of a Form 100. CCV has been improved based on feedback, but additional input for improvement will still be accepted.

There is currently in place a re-evaluation of allocations to the Evaluation Groups. No group will lose money, but new money will be allocated to groups depending on these metrics.

The value of the PDF is now \$45 000 per year and an increased number have been offered.

Results from the recent grant competition were summarized. There was a 66% success rate for ECR, 78% renewals, lower for non-ECR that were not holding a grant. Evaluation group has decided to fund as many ECRs as possible.

RTI reviewed through Environmental Sciences had 34% success rate. Quota system remains in place at the University.

8. Adjournment

Motion: Gail Atkinson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Marcelos Santos. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 18:40.