

CGU-Geodesy Section Business Meeting
Tuesday 21 May 2002
Trans-Canada Pipeline Pavilion, Banff Centre of Conferences

List of Participants:

Rod Blais	UofC
Ugur Dogan	UofC, Geomatics
Herb Dragert	PGC/GSC (Sidney)
Georgia Fotopoulos	UofC, Geomatics
Joseph Henton	NRCan - GSD
Jianliang Huang	NRCan - GSD
Roy Hyndman	PGC/GSC (Sidney)
Steve Kent	SAIT
Calvin Klatt	NRCan - GSD
Tony Lambert	PGC/GSC (Sidney)
Spiros Pagiatakis	York U
Dean Provins	UofC
Mohammad Rajabi	UofC, Geomatics
Phil Salib	NRCan - GSD
Marcelo Santos	UNB
Nico Sneeuw	UofC, Geomatics
Robert Tenzer	UNB
Petr Vanicek	UNB
Marc Véronneau	NRCan - GSD

Agenda of CGU-Geodesy Section Inaugural Meeting:

- 13:20 – 13:25 Welcome (S. Pagiatakis)
- 13:25 – 14:25 Presentation by Wayne Thatcher (U.S. Geological Survey): EarthScope: A new initiative utilizing GPS and InSAR to understand earthquakes and volcanic processes.
- 14:25 – 14:30 CGU-GS Business meeting: Introduction and call to order.
- 14:30 – 14:35 Acceptance of the agenda
- 14:35 – 14:45 CGU-GC Bylaws and election procedure
- 14:45 – 14:55 Verification and acceptance of nominations of officers
- 14:55 – 15:05 Election of officers
- 15:05 – 15:20 Other business
 - a) CGU executive meeting highlights
 - b) Recruitment of new members
 - c) Committees and workshops
 - d) Visibility (web, publications, newsletter, other)
 - e) Assets, contributions, sponsors
 - f) Next year's CGU-GS sponsored annual meeting
 - g) Geodesy student paper awards
 - h) Other
- 15:20 – Adjourn

Introduction & Call to Order:

S. Pagiatakis Presiding & Presents Agenda & Bylaws

R. Blais accepts agenda & adoption of bylaws.

H. Dragert seconds.

Motion carries unanimously: Agenda accepted & bylaws adopted.

Nominees for CGU-GS Officers Presented:

President: S. Pagiatakis

Vice President: C. Klatt

Secretary: (*open*)

Treasurer: R. Blais

Members-at-Large: M. Santos

N. Sneeuw

2nd Phase - Additional Nominations Solicited:

G. Fotopoulos nominates C. Kotsakis (*not present*) for Secretary.

P. Vanicek nominates M. Santos for Secretary.

Question by P. Vanicek regards geographic distribution of CGU-GS officers.

S. Pagiatakis responds that he hopes for representatives for each geodetic/
geomatics institutes, but he will not coerce or constrain appointments.

Also notes that there are no nominations for (*e.g.*) Laval.

P. Vanicek nominates R. Santerre for Member-at-Large.

P. Vanicek nominates H. Dragert for Vice President.

Summary of Nominations Taken:

President: S. Pagiatakis

Vice President: C. Klatt

H. Dragert

Secretary: C. Kotsakis

M. Santos

Treasurer: R. Blais

Members-at-Large: M. Santos

N. Sneeuw

R. Santerre

M. Véronneau expresses concern that the various disciplines present within the CGU-GS should be well represented.

R. Hyndman nominates H. Dragert for Member-at-Large.

P. Vanicek nominates R. Langley for Member-at-Large.

S. Pagiatakis asks to close nominations for officers in order to maintain agenda schedule.

2nd Summary of Nominations Taken & Individual Acceptance of Nomination:

President:	S. Pagiatakis	<i>(Accepts Nomination)</i>
Vice President:	C. Klatt	<i>(Accepts Nomination)</i>
	H. Dragert	<i>(Declines Nomination)</i>
Secretary:	C. Kotsakis	<i>(Not Present - Accepted)</i>
	M. Santos	<i>(Accepts Nomination)</i>
Treasurer:	R. Blais	<i>(Accepts Nomination)</i>
Members-at-Large:	M. Santos	<i>(Declines Nomination)</i>
	N. Sneeuw	<i>(Accepts Nomination)</i>
	R. Santerre	<i>(Not Present - Accepted)</i>
	H. Dragert	<i>(Accepts Nomination)</i>
	R. Langley	<i>(Not Present - Accepted)</i>

Final Summary of Nominations & Votes Received:

President:	S. Pagiatakis	<i>(15 For - 0 Opposed)</i>
Vice President:	C. Klatt	<i>(15 For - 0 Opposed)</i>
Secretary:	C. Kotsakis	<i>(4 Votes For)</i>
	M. Santos	<i>(10 Votes For)</i>
Treasurer:	R. Blais	<i>(15 For - 0 Opposed)</i>
Members-at-Large:	N. Sneeuw	<i>(10 Votes For)</i>
	R. Santerre	<i>(5 Votes For)</i>
	H. Dragert	<i>(9 Votes For)</i>
	R. Langley	<i>(4 Votes For)</i>

Elections Closed & CGU-GS Officers Presented:

President:	S. Pagiatakis
Vice President:	C. Klatt
Secretary:	M. Santos
Treasurer:	R. Blais
Members-at-Large:	H. Dragert
	N. Sneeuw

Other Business Issues:

Recruitment of new members discussed.

P. Vanicek recommends that CGU-GS should consider inviting distinguished people who are in the field of geodesy but who have not participated in the CGU. The CGU-GS should formally invite these individuals in such a manner that acknowledges their reputation and recognizes their good work.

S. Pagiatakis requests recommendations for CGU-GS committees & workshops and opens the floor for discussion.

Student Participation/Training/Short Course Discussion.

- R. Hyndman recommends topical (*e.g.* GPS) short courses for students.
- P. Vanicek reports the success of past gravity interpretation courses.

Workshops Discussion:

- S. Pagiatakis recommends a more formal inclusion of the geoid modelling workshops that have been held over that last 6 years.
- H. Dragert recommends working with the Earthscope/PBO projects thrusts to develop and promote a Canadian analogue of the US activities.
- P. Vanicek recommends that the issue of sea-surface topography should be discussed (to a greater degree) separate from the current/traditional geoid workshop.
- R. Blais notes that any materials can be included on an archival CD-ROM.
- A. Lambert recommends inviting more speakers involved in the issue of climate change to promote more dialogue (*e.g.*) between satellite gravity missions workers and hydrologists.

Web, Publications, & Newsletter:

- WEB: Geodesy Section (GS) will have a web-site linked from the main CGU web-site. This issue will be addressed by the GS executive.
- NEWSLETTER: R. Blais recommends adding GS information to the regular CGU newsletter.
 - R. Hyndman recommends that the GS-newsletter be web-based.
 - M. Santos recommends that GS information be provided within the CGU newsletter and through email.

Assets & Contributions to the Geodesy Section:

- M. Véronneau asks about where the money for the GS Treasurer will come from.
- S. Pagiatakis responds that various sponsors are being investigated for further funding and that CGU will provide some “seed” money for the GS (which the GS will have to negotiate with CGU).

CGU-GS Sponsored Sessions at the Annual Meeting:

- S. Pagiatakis states the importance of enlarging the number of GS-themed sessions.
- R. Blais notes that the Hydrology Section of CGU has invited Plenary Session speakers and that the CGU should accommodate an GS-invited speaker (provided that the material is appropriate to the plenary theme).

CGU - Geodesy Section Student Paper Awards:

- S. Pagiatakis suggests that the GS follows the model of the Hydrology Section.

I.e. GS should require a short paper/extended abstract in addition to the presentation and include these papers on a CD-archive.

R. Hyndman suggests soliciting a commercial sponsor from the geomatics industry (*e.g.* Shell & Chevron CGU Awards).

Adjournment:

Motion to adjourn by H. Dragert.

Seconded by A. Lambert.

Motion passes unanimously & CGU-GS 2002 Business Meeting is adjourned.