

## CGU Annual General Business Meeting

**Attendance:** Claire Samson (meeting Chair), Xing Fang, Masaki Hayashi, Chris DeBeer, Nicole Couture, Laura Thomson, Maria Strack, Pete Whittington, Phil McCausland, Claire Currie, Pascal Audet, John Crowley, Joe Henton, Sam Butler, Andrew Fredericton, Fiona Darbyshire, Gordon Young, Yara Mhajerani, James Craig, Sean Crey, Colin McCarter, JJonathon Price, Nazila Sedaei, Aime Kayembe, Chris Wellen, Rich Petrone, Carl Mitchell, Brian Branfireun, Garry Rogers, Ismael Foreghe, Thalia Nikolaidou, Claire Oswald, Andrew Ireson, Yonas Dibike, Daniel Peters, Barret Kurylyk, Sam Zipper, Justin Murfitt, Martin Brummell, Jaclyn Cockburn, Brian Burrell, Genevieve Ali, Richard Janowicz, Henry Wilson, Colin Whittfield, James Bela, John Pomeroy, Jeffrey McKenzie

Samson called the meeting to order at 17:35, May 29, 2017, Room 2012 of the Earth Science Building, UBC, Vancouver, BC.

### 1. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion:** McCausland moved to adopt the agenda, seconded by Whittington. Carried.

### 2. Minutes of the May 30, 2016 Business Meeting

**Motion:** Strack moved to Accept the minutes for the annual general business meeting of May 30, 2016, seconded by Fredericton. Carried.

### 3. President's remarks

Samson – The past few years have been difficult financial for CGU, but we have turned the corner and situation is already improving. Due to CGU's financial situation, the Executive Director position ending. Great thanks to Gordon Young for all of his contributions as Executive Director. Situation is not all gloom – while support staff have decreased, member volunteerism is increasing. For example, CGU is actively recruiting a Volunteer Coordinator from the members. Furthermore, membership and student membership is at its highest in recent years.

### 4. Appointment of Auditors (van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered Accountants)

**Motion:** Carey moved to appoint van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered accountants as auditors for CGU, seconded by DeBeer. Carried.

### 5. Treasurer's Report

Petrone – Past few years have been financially difficult. Revenue now increasing and expenses decreasing due to increased membership and more conference income. CGU is projected to be 'in the black' for the next two years. The current meeting is projected to have \$30,000 in revenue. Section transfers are returning. The amount will be on a per section member basis, and will be transferred as needed. CGU is now budgeting for student travel.

**Motion:** Cockburn moved to accept the Treasurer's report, seconded by Oswald. Carried.

## **6. Future CGU Meetings (2018, 2019)**

Mitchell – The 2018 meeting will be in Niagara Falls, Ontario, from June 10-14, 2018. The meeting city includes a new conference centre, the Niagara Falls, and a wax museum. For the meeting, CGU will be joined by Computational Infrastructure for Geodynamics (CIG) and the Canadian Society of Soil Science (CSSS).

McKenzie – The 2019 meeting will be in Montreal, Quebec, from July 8-19, 2019. CGU and CMOS will be the Canada hosts of the 27<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the IUGG in the Palais des congrès. There will be 5000 scientists from over 100 countries to celebrate the 100 year anniversary of the Union. The Chair of the Scientific Program Committee is Spiros Pagiatakis (York U) and the Chair of the Local Organizing Committee is Fiona Darbyshire (UQAM).

## **7. Election of Officers of the CGU Board of Directors**

Slate presented as:

President: Rich Petrone

Vice-President: Carl Mitchell

Secretary: Jeffrey McKenzie

Treasurer: Laura Brown

Past-President: Claire Samson

**Motion:** Cockburn moved to accept the presented slate of officers, McCausland seconded. Carried.

## **8. Report from NSERC officer – Rowni Sharp, NSERC**

Results from the recent grant competitions were summarized.

## **9. Adjournment**

**Motion:** Strack moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Darbyshire. Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 18:40.