



MINUTES - CGU Annual General Business Meeting

June 11, 2018

Scotiabank Convention Centre

Niagara Falls, Ontario

Attendees: Murray Richardson, Brian Branfireun, Nadine Shatilla, Sean Carey, Pierre-Michel Rouleau, Tim Moore, Claire Currie, Andrew Schaeffer, Pascal Audet, Henry Wilson, Colin Whitfield, Sam Butler, Colin McCarter, Carl Mitchell, Pete Whittington, Maria Strack, Merrin Macrae, Claire, Oswald, Chris Wellen, Genevieve Ali, April James, Laura Brown, Martin Brummell, Justin Murfitt, Jianliang Huang, Jared Lapierre, Phil McCausland, Dan Moore, Tim Duval, Fiona Darbyshire, Gordon Young, Omid Bagherpur, Anna Foster, Eisha Mirza, Alexis Robinson, Julian Lowman, Kelly Biagi

Richard Petrone called the meeting to order at 5:39PM on June 11, 2018

1. Approval of the Agenda

Motion by Strack, seconded by Moore. Carried.

2. Approval of Minutes of the May 29, 2017 Business Meeting

Motion by Oswald, seconded by Whittington. Carried.

3. President's Remarks

Petrone – Thanks to Carl Mitchell and Julian Lowman and other volunteers for organizing the Annual Meeting. Over 500 abstracts and registrations – excellent. This year we are asking CGU members to volunteer, as CGU is as good as its volunteers. We are looking for a Volunteer Coordinator. Someone to help CGU with organizing members to encourage and solicit volunteers, and to focus on finding items for

Elements. We are also looking for an Awards Coordinator. This person will use the Strategic Operations Protocol that Kristy Tiampo developed. An important position for CGU.

Petrone – The executive has been talking about the equity and diversity at CGU. The study published last year reminds us that we can do more, and that we can take a leadership role on this issue, including in the STEM fields. We need to determine the current state of diversity in CGU membership and for our annual conferences. Then, based on these data, develop a plan to address equity and diversity issues. We have struck an Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Sub Committee, co-Chaired by Jackie Cockburn and Claire Osborne. If you want to be involved, please contact Cockburn, Osborne, or other executive members now.

4. Motion to appoint of Auditors

van Berkom & Ritz, Chartered Accountants

Motion by Martin, seconded by McCrae. Carried.

5. Treasurer's Report

Brown – Estimated CGU holdings is at approximately \$120,000. Last year CGU made a profit of \$60,000 from the UBC meeting, which allowed for section transfers. In 2018 we are projected to make a profit. We are working on making a clearer prescribed transfer to Sections. Estimate for this year is just under \$10,000 revenue. We will bring in a profit for this meeting. Student travel grants are now included in conference budgets.

Petrone – We are improving how to run a conference, and be revenue positive. We are going to put together a protocol for organizing conferences going forward.

5. CGU 2019 – IUGG in Montreal

Darbyshire – Head of local organizing meeting for IUGG/CGU/CMOS Meeting in 2019 in Montreal. IUGG is the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics. Typical assembly has people from 80-90 different countries. Will be a very multidisciplinary meeting. Usually IUGG meets as a single entity, but the 2019 meeting is combined with CGU and CMOS. The meeting will be similar to previous CGU/AGU meeting in 2015. Meeting is downtown Montreal, at very convenient location.

Darbyshire – LOC is made of 14 members and represents all 8 discipline. There is also a Scientific Program Committee, led by Spiros Pagiatakis. The other members represent the 8 Sections. Two conference organizers: a lead organizer for the meeting, and sub-organizer for the scientific program. July 8 and 18, 2019 is reserved for meeting. July 9 to 17, 2019 is for scientific sessions. There will be 9 Union lectures (plenary talks), 9 Union symposia and more than 60 joint symposia. Symposia related to individual Associations + CGU + CMOS. There will also be public lectures. Opening and closing ceremonies, and field trips. Additionally, there will be CGU and CMOS events, such as meetings and

banquets.

Darbyshire – In October abstract submission will open, and will close in February. Early-bird registration will start soon after this. Program will be published by end of May, 2019. <http://iugg2019montreal.com> for more information.

Oswald – How do sessions work?

Darbyshire – IUGG does not put out a call for proposals. Usually everything is decided from top down. For this meeting we are working with IUGG to have a modified process. If you have ideas, please send this information to Pagiatakis as soon as possible. We need input from CGU now. Need session titles, brief description, and sections. The deadline is soft, but by end of this month.

Whittington – 10 days is a long conference. How will this work?

Darbyshire – The schedule is in its final working. The different sections are active at different days. There are a few days in the middle of the meeting in which all sections are present. See website (<http://iugg2019montreal.com>).

6. Future CGU Meetings (2020, 2021)

Petrone – 2020 meeting is in Banff, and 2021 meeting is possibly in Ottawa. Hopefully 2020 meeting will be early in the summer. 2022 meeting is in Saskatoon with CMOS.

7. Report from NSERC Officers

Lancaster – Responsible for NSERC DG Geosciences Section, with Andrea who is Deputy Director (replacing Dave Bowen). Federal budget is largest investment in Canadian Science. Need more diverse students and trainees. There will be increases in the awards amounts this year, though amount is not yet known. Canada Research Coordinating Committee will improve coordination between the three granting agencies, plus NRC and CFI. Committee on Discovery Research – members available to take comments and concerns. Geoscience director is Diana Allen. Very low acceptance rate of external reviewers for applications. Geoscience success rate is slightly better than NSERC DG in general. Success rate for men and women – geosciences is pretty good. 80% success rate for women and 78% for men. A lot of training going to making committee members open to diversity issues. The success rate for Geoscience RTI is 22%, slightly higher than NSERC total 20%. Starting next year, new application process for Northern Research Supplement – application will be additional module for DG.

8. Questions from members

Moore – Thanks to executive for all their hard work.

9. Adjournment

Motion by McCausland, seconded by Strack. Carried.