

2023 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

9 May 2023 (Tuesday), 3:30 – 5:00 PM MDT

CGU Annual Meeting

In-Person in the Cedar Room, Banff Lodge Park, and Virtual via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: (Attendee list to be updated.)

Executive:

- Ismael Foroughi, NRCan (President) [IF]
- Michael Sheng, UNB (Secretary) [MS]
- Yan Jiang, NRCan (Treasurer) [YJ]
- Tom James, NRCan (Member-at-Large) [TJ]
- Elena Rangelova, U of C (Member-at-Large) [ER]
- Evangelia Myrto Tzamali, York University (Student Member) [MT]

Members:

- Marcelo Santos [MSa]
- Spiros Pagiatakis [SP]
- Calvin Klatt [CK]
- Mahmoud Abdel Gelil [MG]

Regrets:

Executive:

- Jianliang Huang, NRCan (Vice President) [JH]

Agenda:

1. Approval of agenda [IF]
 - a. Amendment, Election of the IAG delegate
 - b. Moved MSa, Seconded ER
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting [IF] (2022 CGU GS AGM)
 - a. Moved MS, Seconded CK
3. President's report [IF]
 - a. News from CGU Executive
 - i. Current stats on the CGU meeting in Banff
 - ii. Updates to the website
 1. Website is now updated with student awards for the past several years.
 2. Geodesy section logo: Official communication to use this logo going forward. Website to be updated ASAP.
 3. Executive reports will also be included.
 - b. Upcoming scientific meetings
 - i. Ottawa 2024 (CGU only)
 1. University of Carleton: last week of May

2. Banquet to be held at the National Art Center
- ii. Saskatoon 2025 (Joint with CMOS)
 1. University of Saskatchewan
 2. Going forward, all CGUs will be hosted at universities due to the reduced costs associated with these venues.

4. Vice President's Report [JH]

- a. Report on participations in 2023 CGU Meeting
 - i. 2 sessions, 1 Geodesy, 1 joint with Solid Earth
 - ii. Received 8 abstracts and one invited talk to the Geodesy session
 - iii. Waiting on report for Geodesy-related talks from the SE joint session.

5. Treasurer's report [YJ]

- a. Current financials summary
 - i. As of today, balance \$3544.45 in account
 - ii. Received check of \$156 from union this year
 - iii. Moved account from Calgary to Victoria
 - iv. 500\$ for student award still to be issued
- b. SP: What is the plan for using the funds in this account for the benefits of members (most importantly students)?
- c. IF: We should use it to increase awareness, maybe make T-shirts for members to wear during conference to increase visibility.
- d. MSa: Whatever the case, it should help the students, maybe use it to cover some travel to future conferences or to subsidize student registration.

6. Secretary's report [MS]

- a. Current membership numbers summary

2023:

Primary Geodesy: 11 + 4 Students

Secondary Geodesy: 9 + 4 Student (2 SE, 2 Hydrology)

2022:

Primary Geodesy: 11 Regular Membership

Secondary Geodesy: 7 + 1 Student

New Members in 2023:

Primary: 3 + 4 Students

Secondary: 5 + 4 Student

- b. Membership for students is likely to be waived again next year.

SP: Can we have a list of all geodesy graduate students across Canada? There are likely at least 15-20, why are we not getting ALL geodesy students in Canada to register? There is no other way that we can increase numbers across Canada.

MSa: Typically, GNSS students/professors are not as interested in CGU because there are other conferences/meetings that they prefer to go to. The last time that GNSS-related researchers were included in CGU was when we included a GNSS specific session in the conference and even then, they came to the session but then left and most did not become members.

SP: GNSS research sees themselves outside of our section but would be upset if they were told they are not geodesists, why is this? There needs to be a conscientious effort made to reach out to students. We need people from other places, research groups, etc.

7. New business [IF]

- a. Geodesy sessions for the next CGU meeting
 - i. Unification of height systems (Can, US, Mex)
 - ii. MSa: Quantum technology in geodesy
 - 1. Several options for invited speakers internationally
 - 2. Opens doors to other fields, researchers, etc.

MSa: Is there an option in CGU to offer a reduced registration fee for single-day/single-session registrations? Will there be an option to participate in sessions remotely next year? If so, will there be a reduced registration fee for this?

Action: IF to raise at next CGU Executive Meeting.

TJ: International workshop on GIA in Fall 2019, funded externally, ~65 participants. There's been interest in reconstituting something like this soon. TJ has formulated a proposal already and circulated for funding options. Could this kind of workshop be directly involved with CGU or at least along-side the CGU meeting?

IF: Fully support this endeavour.

Action: IF to bring forward to greater CGU executive and set up meetings for future discussion.

Action: TJ provide list of abstracts from the last workshop from 2019 for circulation.

b. IAG Delegate Election:

- i. Current Delegates: Catherine Robin and Ismael Foroughi
 - 1. Catherine's term is ending, Ismael taking over as senior member. Need to elect a new junior member.
- ii. CGU to provide new delegates to IUGG for the next 4 years
 - 1. Major roles are to provide a report on geodetic activities in Canada and vote on IAG executives.

Action: IF to contact IUGG delegate for further instructions on the process.

CK: Currently the delegates are both from NRCan, it would be nice to have some involvement from academia here as well.

8. Adjournment [IF]

- a. Moved CK, Seconded MSa