

2024 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

27 May 2024 (Monday), 5:30 – 6:30 PM EDT

**CGU Annual Meeting
Conference Room 2228 Richcraft Hall**

Attendees:

Executive:

- Ismael Foroughi, NRCAN (President) [IF]
- Michael Sheng, UNB (Secretary) [MS]

Membership

- Catherine Robin [CR]
- Robert Kingdon [RK]
- Spiros Pagiatakis [SP]
- Michael Bremner [MB]
- Dechen Wangmo [DW]
- Connor Brierley-Green [CB]
- Soran Parang [SoP]
- Alice Wang [AW]
- Karen Simon [KS]

Regrets:

- Jianliang Huang, NRCAN (Vice President) [JH]
- Evangelia Myrto Tzamali, York University (Student Member) [MT]
- Yan Jiang, NRCAN (Treasurer) [YJ]
- Tom James, NRCAN (Member-at-Large) [TJ]
- Elena Rangelova, U of C (Member-at-Large) [ER]

Agenda:

1. Approval of agenda [IF]
 - a. Moved RK, Seconded SP
 - b. Approved Unanimously
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting [IF] (2023 CGU GS AGM)
 - a. Moved SP, Seconded MS
 - b. RK Abstained, otherwise approved unanimously
3. President's report [IF]
 - a. News from CGU Executive
 1. JH is stepping down as VP
 2. MT is stepping down as student member

- ii. Number of abstracts received
 - 1. 24 abstracts received across 4 oral Geodesy sessions (2 of which are new).
 - 2. Hoping to connect better with GNSS groups as they are a major component of geodesy.
 - iii. Geodesy promotional activities
 - 1. As decided at the 2023 meeting, promotional activities were organized for this year. Last year a funding proposal for 1472\$ was approved by CGU towards this goal. In addition, 500\$ was added to this from the Geodesy Section internal budget.
 - a. Geodesy Section T-Shirts
 - b. Print of Geoid2022 on puzzles
 - 2. Geodesy field trip: We were hoping to hike King mountain but it is closed to vehicles at the moment. Instead, the trip will take place to Dominion Observatory after last session, then to Calvin Klatt's residence for a BBQ.
 - iv. Update on GIA Workshop
 - 1. Decided not to hold in Ottawa because the last meeting (2019) was also in Ottawa. Moved to Sydney, BC for 2025, Geodesy Section will not be involved in the organization
 - v. IAG Delegates
 - 1. Catherine Robin (Senior member) has been replaced by Ismael Foroughi. Michael Sheng has replaced Ismael as junior member.
 - b. Upcoming scientific meetings
 - i. Saskatoon 2025 (Joint with CMOS)
 - 1. As decided last year, all meetings going forward will now take place on university campuses.
 - ii. CGU 2026 location undecided.
 - c. Discussion of student fees waived again for Ottawa
 - d. CR: In terms of attracting more people, can we expand beyond the "normal" groups (Solid Earth, GIA, etc.)? Perhaps forming additional joint sessions?
 - i. Agreed.
4. Vice President's Report [JH] – Delivered by IF
- a. Report on participations in 2024 CGU Meeting
 - i. See President's report
5. Treasurer's report [YJ] – Delivered by IF
- a. Current financials summary
 - i. Present Balance: \$3302.08
 - ii. Yearly expenditures to date: \$1401.34
 - iii. 240\$ transferred based on memberships from CGU account
 - iv. 1472\$ for promotional materials from CGU as well.
 - v. 500\$ to be transferred from current balance for the student paper award at the end of this meeting.

6. Secretary's report [MS]
 - a. Current membership numbers summary

2024:
 Primary Geodesy: 15 + 6 Students (1 SE, 2 Hydro)
 Secondary Geodesy: 8 + 7 Student (3 SE, 1 Hydro, 1 Biogeoscience)

2023:
 Primary Geodesy: 11 + 4 Students
 Secondary Geodesy: 9 + 4 Student (2 SE, 2 Hydrology)

New Members in 2024:
 Primary: 5 + 6 Students
 Secondary: 3 + 7 Students
7. New business [IF]
 - a. Vice President Election
 - i. MS volunteered to become Vice President, Unopposed.
 - b. Secretary Election
 - i. No one expressed interest, to be left temporarily vacant
 - c. Student Member Election
 - i. Yuying (Alice) Wang volunteered to become student member, Unopposed.
8. AOB [IF]
 - a. SP: How many geodesy researchers, graduate students, affiliates, etc. exist in Canada? Can we reach out to the other disciplines? There are lots of potential for joint sessions, workshops, collaborations, etc. Geodesy has become one of the more prominent geosciences lately (internationally) but we tend to be quite quiet about what we're all about. Emphasis should also be made to have professors have their students registered as student members.
 - b. IF: Especially true for the General affiliation memberships, we can send a notice to the whole of CGU to invite them to join the Geodesy section.
 - c. SP: Common elements in work being done across Canada, expect that there are lots of research activities that are not being shared amongst the geodesy section. We should be trying to create a community of geodesists and communicating/collaborating better. Can we list the members and their research interests on our website? This would be a good start.
 - d. CR: Can we tie into what is already happening (national publication lists, CGU newsletter if this still exists, etc.). What about looping in industry? There are lots of companies involved in geodesy-related work in Canada. Perhaps a social media presence as well would be useful. Future AGMs should also be held in a hybrid format.
ACTION: IF to follow up on this with CGU executive to circulate such a message.
9. T-Shirts [IF]
 - a. Geodesy T-Shirts were distributed to members under the requirement that they be worn during the rest of the CGU 2024 meeting (particularly while presenting).
10. Adjournment [IF]
 - a. Moved RK, Seconded SP