



CGU Annual General Business Meeting May 16, 2011, Banff Park Lodge, Banff, AB

Attendance: Maria Strack, Emily Fay, Claire Oswald, Dan Moore, Ilja Tromp-von Meerveld, Sarah Boon, Tiffany Lancaster, Merrin Macrae, Jim Buttle, Rich Petrone, Carl Mendoza, Sean Carey, Greg McCulloch, Sam Butler, Honn Kao, Patrick Wu, Dirk de Boer, Rod Blais, Phil McCausland, Claire Samson, Garth van der Kamp, Gordon Young, Hans J. Mueller, Hadi Ghofrani, Azadeh Fereydouni, Kevin Shook, Cherie Westbrook, John Pomeroy, Joseph Henton, Suni Bisnath, Panagiotis Vergados, Robert Kingdon, Kristy Tiampo, Andrew Frederiksen, Fiona Darbyshire, Rebekka Steffen, Holger Steffen, Calvin Klatt, M. Altaf Arain, Brian Branfireun, Nigel Roulet, Scott Munro, Kevin Devito, Scott Brown, Paul Morris

Spiros Pagiatakis called meeting to order at 18:00 pm

Fred Cook (2011 J. Tuzo Wilson medalist) will give a lecture prior to banquet on Wed May 18th and members are encouraged to attend.

1. Agenda:

Motion: Nigel Roulet moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Marcelo Santos, carried.

2. Minutes of the June 1, 2010 Business Meeting

Motion: Brian Branfireun moved to accept the minutes for the annual general business meeting from June 1, 2010, seconded by Gail Atkinson, carried

3. Appointment of Auditors

van Berkomp & Ritz, Chartered Accountants

Motion: Rich Petrone moved to appoint van Berkomp & Ritz as auditors for the CGU, seconded by Joe Henton, carried

4. Treasurer's Report (Petrone, for Kathy Young)

CGU is continuing to make a surplus and we purchased \$20 000 GIC in 2010. Last year's joint assembly netted about \$20 000 which we propose to putting into another GIC and this will move us closer to our goal of \$90 000 reserve.

Spiros Pagiatakis noted that these accounts are not audited and that there is a notice to the reader. After a reduction in balance in 2008, 2009, we are rebounding to a healthy financial situation. Jim Buttle commends Executive with negotiations with CMOS for the last joint assembly that helped CGU profit and improve our financial situation.

Motion: Jim Buttle moved to approve financial statements as presented, seconded by Phil McCausland, carried.

5. Secretariat report (Maria Strack)

Membership has increased over last year, but is still lower than in 2009. All are encouraged to recruit new members. Next year (2012) the general option will be removed as a choice of primary section affiliation.

6. CNC-IUGG (Spiros Pagiatakis)

NRC will only pay our annual membership fees for IUGG if the annual progress report is successful and we received good grades in 2010. This year we have had a revitalization of CNC-IUGG committee with many new members. Zoli Hajnal is commended for his efforts in leading this committee.

7. Canadian Societies for the Geophysical Sciences (CSGS) (Spiros Pagiatakis)

Current members of CSGS are CGU, CMOS, CSSS. Potential members include CWRA/CSHS, CSAFM and these will be officially invited to join CSGS. CMOS has written a position paper on the importance of strengthening geophysical sciences in Canada and CSSS has recently also approved this report.

Future outlook – more structure in governance, higher levels of activity to promote our interests, membership in the

Canadian Consortium for Research (CCR). CGU Executive discussed overlap with CFES and cooperation to strengthen the voice of geophysical sciences to the government.

8. Future CGU meetings (2012 and 2013) (Spiros Pagiatakis)

2012: June 5-8 in Banff at the Banff Centre joint with CWRA. A number of positions are open on the LOC and members are encouraged to participate. The website is active at www.elements2012.ca.

2013: May 26-30 in Saskatoon at the TCU Place joint with CMOS/CGU/CWRA.

2014: Banff, dates TBD and a joint meeting with GAC/MAC and SEDI is being considered.

Jim Buttle suggests that we should consider how successful the last GAC-MAC meeting was and how integrated that meeting was.

Spiros Pagiatakis explained that GAC-MAC had approached CGU for 2013 which we had to decline given our plans to meet with CMOS. Gail Atkinson commented that joint meetings work best when CGU is in the driver's seat so this is why we will invite them. John Pomeroy mentioned that this is a strategic rotation that will help to build the sections and a joint meeting with GAC-MAC will bring members for the Solid Earth Section.

2015: Montreal or Quebec with dates TBD. Discussions of possible joint meeting with AGU and other societies, but this is an IUGG year and will depend on the success of the AGU bid for IUGG.

9. Election of Executive Officers

Incorporation regulations require the election of four members to the Board of Directors each year. The CGU membership elects the Board each year and the Board then appoints the CGU Executive. The nominations announced to the members were:

Gail Atkinson (President)
Brian Branfireun (Vice-President)
Maria Strack (Secretary)
Rich Petrone (Treasurer)

Nominations from the floor were opened, none offered

Motion: Calvin Klatt moved to elect the slate of for the Board of Directors consisting of Atkinson, Branfireun, Strack and Petrone, seconded by Rod Blais, carried.

10. Past and future CGU operations – an overview (Spiros Pagiatakis)

CNC-IUGG is important, but we may expect changes in the support for the membership fees from NRC. We will need to be alert to maintain this funding in order to continue international participation. It is important to strengthen and expand CSGS to have a strong voice for our interests. We need to be alert to NSERC funding and ongoing changes with applicants increasing to Discovery Grants while funding pool remains stable. There is the potential loss of support for young faculty members and use of Discovery Grant success as major criteria for tenure and promotion may not be appropriate. Support from membership will be required to carry on with these issues.

Gail Atkinson thanked Spiros Pagiatakis for his work on the CGU Executive, seconded by Phil McCausland. Carried.

11. Adjournment

Motion: Holger Steffen moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Sam Butler, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 18:45 pm.