



CAGONT Annual Report 2025

The Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division (CAGONT) held its Annual Meeting at Toronto Metropolitan University on November 14-15, 2025. The conference website can be found [here](#).

Numbers of note:

- Attendees: 125
- Sessions: 19 (12 regular, 6 thesis proposal, 1 poster)
 - This includes 7 special sessions (4 by the CAG Urban Geography Study Group, and 2 by the Health and Health Care Study Group; 1 by Kailyn Seo and Jada Hollingsworth)
- Total papers/posters: 106, including:
 - 59 papers
 - 30 thesis proposals
 - 17 posters
- The opening event had three speakers:
 - Opening Remarks and talk on *GIS and Spatial Analysis* (Evan Cleave)
 - Keynote: *Community Listening for Just Urban Transitions: An Experience in Toronto* (Elisa Privitera)
 - Discussion on *Graduate Students and the CAG* (Ben Woodward)

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Emmanuel Kyeremeh and the rest of the organizing committee, as well as the entire Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the Toronto Metropolitan University that made the conference a tremendous success.

The **Student Presentation Award** was given to:

- Anthony Loschivo (York University)
- Joey Zhang (University of Toronto)

The **Thesis Proposal Award** was given to:

- Nathaniel Leung (University of Waterloo)
- Milan Rosen (University of Waterloo)

The **Best Student Posters** were awarded to:

- **Jadzia Elrington** and **Lina Kanan** (University of Toronto)
- **Imran Smlatic** (University of Toronto)

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). There were no recipients this year.

The CAGONT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on November 15, 2025. Some terms on the Executive Committee came to an end and elections were held. The executive currently consists of the following members:

- **Evan Cleave, Toronto Metropolitan University**, Past-President (2025-2026)
- **Jesse Sutton, McGill University**, President (2025-2027)
- **Emmanuel Kyeremeh, Toronto Metropolitan University**, Vice President (2025-2027)
- **Andrea Rishworth, University of Toronto Mississauga**, Secretary (2025-2027)
- William Nicholson, Brock University, Treasurer (2025-2027)
- **Gabrielle Wong, University of Toronto**, Student Representative (2025-2026)
- **Joan Kaburia, University of Waterloo**, Student Representative (2025-2026)
- **Zoe Nicholadis, University of Toronto**, Student Representative (2025-2026)

A number of executive members completed their terms this year. **Evan Cleave** (Toronto Metropolitan University) ended his term as President (2023-2025) and became Past President (2025-2026). **Jesse Sutton** (McGill University) completed his term as Vice President (2023-2025) and became President (2025-2027). **Emmanuel Kyeremeh** (Toronto Metropolitan University) ended his term as Host Representative (2024-2025) and became Vice President (2025-2027).

CAGONT would like to thank **Francesca Cardwell** (University of Waterloo, Treasurer, 2023-2025), **Amanda Norton** (University of Toronto Mississauga, Student Representative, 2024-2025), **Ben Woodward** (University of Waterloo, Student Representative, 2024-2025), **Tara Chen** (University of Waterloo, Student Representative, 2024-2025), and **Manuel Spiller** (Western University, Student Representative, 2024-2025) who completed their terms.

On May 2, 2025, CAGONT hosted the first *Undergraduate Research Symposium*. There were nine undergraduate presentations from students at universities across Canada. **Evan Cleave** hosted the event and **Ben Woodward** chaired the presentations.

There are currently 298 members of CAGONT, including:

- 80 Regular Members
- 18 Retired Members
- 147 Student Members
- 15 Postdoc Members
- 7 AAG Associate Members - Regular
- 4 AAG Associate Members – Student
- 27 Other Members (Past CAG-ACG Presidents, Lifetime Members, low-income, retired, RGS-IBG Associates, Family, and CAG-ACG Student Award winners)

The President, **Evan Cleave, Toronto Metropolitan University**, provided the following financial information:

- Total balance from previous year (October 2024): \$13677.40
- Revenue: \$8208.50
- Expenses: \$7308.62
- End of year balance (October 2025): \$14577.28

Revenue accrued included:

- CAG Divisional Rebate: \$1000.00
- CAG Travel Grant: \$2000.00
- 2024 conference registration: \$5208.50

Expenses incurred included:

- Student travel support: \$1000.00
- Executive travel support: \$247.50
- CAGONT awards: \$700.00
- 2024 CAGONT conference expenses: \$5361.12

The CAGONT account is held centrally by the Canadian Association of Geographers.

For the 2026 CAGONT Annual Meeting funding will be made available for students from Ontario educational institutions to defer the costs associated with attending (\$50 per student). Guidelines are established each year and are normally published on the pertinent Annual Meeting website. To be eligible, students must be members of the Canadian Association of Geographers in the year that the meeting is held and must present at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee would like to remind students about the Student competitions that are hosted at the CAGONT conference each year. Additional information about this competition and previous winners can be found at: www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards.

More details on the **2026 CAGONT Annual Meeting** will be announced in the spring of 2026. More details will follow.

Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2026!

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