



Canadian Association of Geographers  
Association Canadienne des Géographes

69<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting  
Wesley Convocation Hall, University of Winnipeg  
Thursday, May 30, 2019, 3:00pm - 5:00pm

## Minutes

### **Executive Committee at opening of the AGM:**

President: Sanjay Nepal

Secretary-Treasurer: Joe Leydon

Past President: Dan Shrubsole

#### Division Presidents:

Atlantic: Peter Bush

Ontario: Wayne Forsythe

Prairies: Derrek Eberts

Quebec: Martin Simard

Western: Claire Hay

#### Councillors:

Matt Farish

Jennifer Silver

Nancy Worth

Nathalie Gravel

#### Student Councillor:

Laurel Ann Muldoon (absent)

### **Welcome**

#### 1. Approval of Agenda\*\*

Motion to accept the agenda

Wayne Forsythe/Nadine Schuurman  
Motion carried

#### 2. Approval of the Minutes of the 68<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting, Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Centre des congrès de Québec, Québec City.\*

Motion to accept minutes

Dan Shrubsole/Claire Hay  
Motion carried

#### 3. Announcements

- a. Memorials – a moment of silence was observed while the names of the deceased were displayed.
- b. Undergraduate Awards – the award winners, identified by departments, were announced. They receive a complimentary 1-year membership to the CAG in 2020. Congratulations to all winners, and thank you to all the departments who submitted candidates.

### **REPORTS**

#### 4. *The Canadian Geographer (TCG)* – Editor's Report\*

Nadine Schuurman reviewed her report. She recapped the new design, workflow and online-only format of the journal, and stated that her top priority is maintaining the reputation of the journal. She clarified that the new contract with Wiley (as of January 2018) allows for the publication of two Freely Available (FA) articles per year, which is not the same as Open Access (OA), as well as several other articles that can

be designated FA for a period of 6 weeks. Nadine reminded the membership that TCG is no longer eligible for the SSHRC grant, which is now only available to fully OA journals. The 2017 Impact Factor was 1.477; the Impact Factor for 2018 is not yet available. Nadine highlighted some of the stats, including the top-cited papers of 2018, of the last 5 years, and of all time, as well as main download sources.

Motion to receive the Editor's Report

Wayne Forsythe/Nancy Worth  
Motion carried

## 5. Officers' Reports:

### a. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

#### i. Financial Statements 2018

Joe Leydon reviewed the Financial Statements and reported that the Association is in a strong financial position. He explained that the deficit in 2018 was much lower than originally projected at the AGM last year in Quebec City. The membership revenues decreased in 2018, which was expected due to the arrangement that registration to the joint IGU-CAG-NCGE meeting would include CAG membership, but they were still higher than predicted. He explained the major differences between 2017 and 2018, which are largely due to categorization changes between KPMG in 2017 and the new auditors, Andrews & Co., hired in 2018, expenses relating to the IGU-CAG-NCGE meeting, and to supports now provided by the central CAG office (such as event registration services to Regional Divisions and Study Groups).

Motion to accept the 2018 Financial Statement\*  
1 abstention

Dan Shrubsole/Tom Waldichuck  
Motion carried

#### ii. Budget 2019

Joe reviewed the budget for 2019, noting that the standard commitments to the central office, *The Canadian Geographer*, and the student travel grant, in addition to an honorarium to support the publication of GeogNews, support for the Wiley Lecture and for the Study Groups, will be met within the projected balanced budget.

Motion to accept the 2019 Budget

Joe Leydon/Wayne Forsythe  
Motion carried

#### iii. Increase in the per diem for executive attendance at the Annual General Meeting

The current per diem of \$70 for up to five days to cover costs associated with attendance at required business meetings of the executive (accommodation and registration not covered) is insufficient, acting as an impediment to attracting members to the executive and excluding those without access to research funding.

The motion to increase the per diem to \$150 for 3 days was amended to cover up to 5 days following a friendly amendment from the floor.

Theresa Garvin/Martin Simard  
Motion not carried

The motion to increase the per diem to \$150 for 3 days was further amended to cover up to 4 days following a subsequent friendly amendment from the floor.

3 oppositions

Derrek Eberts/Wayne Forsythe  
Motion carried

#### iv. Increase in regular membership fee

The annual membership fee increase of 2% was paused in 2017 for the 2018 calendar year. Proposal to resume a 2% increase for 2020 for regular membership only. Current rate is \$137, increase to \$140.

Motion to approve a 2% increase in regular membership fees for 2020

1 opposition

Joe Leydon/Derrek Eberts  
Motion carried

v. Increase to the conference levy

The conference levy has not been increased in many years. The levy is applied to all registrants at the conference and paid to the CAG by the LOC; it is the only guaranteed source of revenue from the conference. The proposed increase is \$5 in each category. The increased levy should not lead to higher registration fees, as the CAG is now providing additional support to the LOC (e.g., registration software, translation).

Motion to approve a \$5 increase in the conference levy starting in 2020

Joe Leydon/Wayne Forsythe  
Motion carried

Motion to appoint Andrews & Co. as Auditors for 2019

Dan Shrubsole/Claire Hay  
Motion carried

b. President's Report\*

i. Discussion: Diversity and Inclusivity in CAG Awards

The President, Sanjay Nepal, announced that a committee will be formed to review the current criteria for awards in an effort to make them more inclusive and equitable. The president will release a formal response to concerns raised by the Canadian Women and Geography (CWAG) study group on the historical unfairness in the nomination and adjudication of CAG awards.

ii. CAG Statement on Collegial Conduct and Respectful Exchange

Councillor Matt Farish summarized the intent behind the statement, which will be publicly available on the CAG website and possibly in other areas, such as on conference websites and registration platforms. The document in its current form has been endorsed unanimously by the CAG Executive Committee. It is a living document and feedback is welcomed from the CAG membership.

Motion to receive the President's Report

Derrek Eberts/Tom Waldichuk  
Motion carried

6. Division Reports

- a. Atlantic\*
- b. Québec\*
- c. Ontario\*
- d. Prairie\*
- e. Western\*

Motion to receive all Division reports

Wayne Forsythe/Dan Shrubsole  
Motion carried

7. National and International Affairs

- a. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS) – Sanjay Nepal is the CAG representative for the CFHSS.
- b. The Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences (CFES) Report\* – Mary-Louise Byrne is the CAG representative for CFES.

Motion to receive the reports

Wayne Forsythe/Neil Hanlon  
Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS

8. Invitation: CAG 2020 Annual Meeting and Conference

The 2020 CAG Conference will be held at the University of Victoria in British Columbia from May 25 to 29, 2020. The tentative theme is Resilience on a Dynamic Planet. This conference will be held in conjunction

with the Association of Canadian Map Libraries and Archives (ACMLA) and the Canadian Cartographic Association (CCA).

9. Nominations from the floor to the Elections Committee

In 2020 the CAG will be seeking nominations for two Councillor positions. The Elections Committee is composed of four members: Vice-President as Chair, two members chosen from the floor at the AGM, and one member of the Executive Committee. Evan Cleave and Ben Moffat volunteered from the floor.

A big thank you on behalf of the CAG to the Local Organizing Committee of this event, and a special thanks to Matt Dyce, Ryan Bullock, and all the student volunteers.

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn

Derrek Eberts/Bernard Thraves

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\* Written reports available on website.

\*\* Written reports available at door.