



The 67th Annual General Meeting
Moot Court, Osgoode Hall, York University, Toronto
Thursday, June 1st, 2017, 3:30pm – 5:10pm

Minutes

- a. **Welcome**
- b. **Memorials** – A moment of silence was observed while the names of the deceased were displayed. Dean Louder was added to the list.
- c. **Awards list**

1. Approval of Agenda*

Motion to accept the agenda, with changes to order John/David
Motion carried

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 66th Annual General Meeting, Friday, June 3rd, 2016, Saint Mary's and Dalhousie Universities, Halifax*

Motion to accept minutes Theresa Garvin/Leith Deacon
Motion carried

REPORTS:

3. The Canadian Geographer – Editor's Report*

Nadine Schuurman reviewed her report, noting the creation of Key Messages, the move to online only, and the new contract, which will allow two Open Access articles per year and the possibility for additional articles to be Open Access for a 6-week period. She also announced the decision to move from a minimum of three reviewers to two, given the difficulty in finding reviewers. The report was adopted by consensus.

4. Officers' Reports:

a. President's Report*

Dan Shrubsole reviewed his report, noting the implementation of the divestment from fossil fuels last year and the successful renegotiation of the Wiley contract. He announced the move of the CAG office from McGill to uOttawa and introduced Kathryn Laferriere, who will be taking over Valerie Shoffey's administrative tasks and other roles outlined in the new job description. In addition to serving the needs of CAG members, other important activities for the CAG moving forward will be to work with other Geographic Organizations to enhance to credibility and visibility of the discipline of Geography, and K-12 geographic education.

Motion to accept the President's Report

Dan Shrubsole/Leith Deacon
Motion carried

b. Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Neil Hanlon reviewed the Financial Statement**, noting that while membership revenues are down, publications are steady, there is at least one more year of SSHRC funding, and revenues from royalties have increased. He also reviewed the 2017 budget, noting the increased office expenses in 2017 due to the move to uOttawa and the \$15,000 that has been allocated to student travel/support for the CAG/IGU Meeting in 2018.

Motion to accept the Financial Statement

Neil Hanlon/Wayne Forsythe
Motion carried

Motion to accept the 2017 Budget

Neil Hanlon/Theresa Garvin
Motion carried

Motion to Appoint KPMG as Auditors for 2018

Neil Hanlon/Derrek Eberts
Motion carried

Membership fees in 2018

- In many years at the Annual Meeting, there would be a motion to increase the CAG membership rates by the rate of inflation. Since we are in a reasonably strong financial position, no increase will be implemented this year. The 2018 IGU-CAG meeting provides an opportunity for us to internationalize the CAG. With this in mind and because IGU members pay no membership fees – these are paid by member countries – the cost of a 2018 CAG membership for all individual categories (i.e., not family or lifetime) will be \$25 and included in the cost of registration. Regular rates will apply for those not attending, but they will not be subject to the annual 2% increase. Those who register at the regular rate and then decide to attend the CAG/IGU Meeting will receive a credit for their 2019 membership.
- Estimated registration fees, included benefits, and student subsidies/supports were outlined. Registration for 2017 membership, available up until the end of 2017, will be necessary for access to travel grants and subsidies.

Motion to accept the \$25 membership fee included in registration to the CAG/IGU Meeting

Neil Hanlon/Evan Cleave
Motion carried

5. Student Councillor Report*

6. Division Reports:

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

7. National and International Affairs:

- a. The Federation for the Humanities and Social Sciences (CFHSS)
- b. CFES Report*
- c. CNC/IGU 2015 annual performance report*

Motion to receive reports

Theresa Garvin/Derrek Eberts
Motion carried

OTHER BUSINESS:

Summary of business identified by the Executive

- A committee is being put together to develop a statement on the responsibilities of members and presenters in communicating research in a respectful manner at national meetings.
- The CAG is working with an Indigenous Peoples Working Group to encourage departments to raise awareness of civic and social issues, including reconciliation, in Geography Awareness Week.
- A partnership has been formed with the RCGS to promote geography education.
- A committee will be formed to create new bylaws on e-voting.
- The Executive had a productive discussion about the value of being a CAG member and is looking at ways to increase the membership value (without increasing fees).
- A suggestion was put forth to create thesis proposal sessions at future conferences as a way to engage more students.

8. Invitation: 2018 AGM

Marie-Pierre Guy-Dorion extended an invitation to the upcoming CAG/IGU Meeting in Québec City, August 6-10, 2018. The theme is Appreciating Difference. It will be held at the Convention Centre and will include renowned luminary speakers, a banquet cruise on the Saint Lawrence River, and field excursions in Québec City and the surrounding area.

Website: <http://igu2018.ulaval.ca> / <http://ugi2018.ulaval.ca>

Winner of the draw for free registration: Shah Tayyab from the University of Saskatchewan

9. Adjournment

* *Written reports available on website.*

** *Written reports available at door.*