

Annual Report 2022

Prairie Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers

The past two years, 2021 and 2022, have been a time of upheaval for the PCAG. First, the 2022 PCAG annual conference was cancelled, for a variety of reasons which have led the Division to reflect on the future model of how our annual conference is planned and organized. As such, we are entering a period of transition, and are hopeful that a strategy will emerge which renews the long-term sustainability of the conference, and indeed the Division. Second, at the AGM on September 23, 2022, there was more turnover than usual of the Executive, with the terms of both the Secretary-Treasurer and President ending, and neither opting to renew. Fortunately, Kamil Zaniewski (Lakehead University) stepped forward to fill the role of Secretary-Treasurer, and later, at a special executive meeting on October 4, 2022, Christopher Malcolm (Brandon University) agreed to fill the role of President. Both positions are filled on "interim/acting" basis until the next AGM in the spring or fall of 2023. The members-at-large from University of Regina, University of Winnipeg, and University of North Dakota agreed to remain on the executive. The members-at-large from University of Saskatchewan and University of Manitoba remained vacant, with no volunteers from either university. Brandon University and Lakehead University retain representation with the President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Past-President (Derrek Eberts, continuing as the immediate Past-President has declined to serve). Fourth, on November 15, 2022, we were informed by the previous member-at-large from University of Saskatchewan that their department was pulling out of the PCAG. This is unfortunate news, and raises questions about the relationship between the national association the institutions at the regional level (CAG members at the U of S are presumably still members the PCAG).

At the special executive meeting on October 4, it was also decided to attempt an annual meeting in the Spring of 2023 and elicit a call for papers for Prairie Perspectives, the journal of the PCAG. As the timeline turned out to be too short, the Spring meeting will not go ahead after all, so the Division will be skipping the conference for 2022-23, and will regroup with optimism that a conference will be held in the Fall of 2023.

Respectfully submitted,



Christopher Malcolm, PCAG President

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