

Report from Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers Submitted by Shannon Fargey, President (fargey@uvic.ca)

2026 Regional Divisional Summary for CAG Executive – May 1, 2026

WDCAG Award Winners 2026

Crystal Huscroft (TRU)- J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence

Dr. Ian O’Connell (UVic)- J. Lewis Robinson Award for Meritorious Service

WDCAG Annual Meeting 2026 March 5-7

Our division successfully held 67th annual meeting on the traditional, ancestral and unceded territory of x^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam) at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver in March. There were 213 registered participants, 157 were students.

This year’s theme is ‘Place, Power, Processes.’ Engage it how you wish. ‘Power and Place’ could suggest research exists within fraught histories and contested futures. ‘Place and Process’ might suggest to someone that landscape processes are not always best understood as universal abstractions, but in some profound sense unfold differently depending on the context of place.

The Annual AGM was held on March 7.

Agenda for 2026 Annual Division Meeting

1. Welcome/Reflection on WDCAG 2026
2. Update on Budget
3. Update on ‘Western Geographies’
4. Action items for Executive 2026-2027
 - Host for 2027 meeting
 - Update constitution- WDCAG Meeting Profits/Deficit
 - Petition for improved and consistent financial support for WDCAG Annual Meetings
5. Executive Update – Vacant Positions (seeking nominations)
6. Other Business

Update to Executive Members

- President- Shannon Fargey (UVIC) (2025-2027)
- Vice-President- Adam Hawkins (UNBC) (2025-2027)
- Secretary-Treasurer- Shannon Fargey (2025-2027)
- Members at Large:
 - Sophie Norris (UVic) (2025-2027)

- Zoe Meletis (UNBC) (2026-2028)
- Luke Bergmann (UBC) (2026-2028)
- Jessica Craig (VIU) (2026-2028)
- Awards Officer- Sophie Norris (UVIC) (2025-2027)
- BC Education Chair-Tom Waldichuk (TRU), Glen Thielmann (Secondary Education Rep and UNBC)
- Western Geographies Editor, Archivist, Newsletter Editor, Webmaster- Daniel Brendle-Moczuk (UVIC)