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Report on 19th CFES Council Meeting

April 20-21, 2018 Tabaret Hall, University of Ottawa

Mary-Louise Byrne attended the meeting as a representative from Canadian Association of Geographers.

The Friday meeting agenda included reports from the president, the financial director, Geoparks, international activities, the Resourcing Future Generations meeting upcoming in Vancouver, and CanGeoRef. Minutes from 2017 Council Meeting and AGM were approved.

The Saturday meeting agenda included discussions about PAGSE, Geoscientists Canada and the Geoscience and Canada Brochure, reports from the Nominating Committee, Outreach and the Budget.

The president reported on changes in Board membership noting the appointment of Charlie Jefferson as the Secretary and as a new Director and Kathy Dunnell as Director of Media Liaison. He noted that the finances are likely to need a dip into the reserves to cover the projects proposed for the upcoming year. The CFES website continues to evolve with a strong social media presence. Media Liaison will continue to work with the Science Media Centre in Ottawa and with PAGSE using Science Pages to keep Parliament informed on science that affects policy-making. CFES continues to work with the Canadian Geoscience Education Network to develop information tools as outreach to K-12 Earth science. The Geoscience for Canada Brochure is nearly complete. International activities are ongoing with a voice through the Canadian National Committees: CNC for Geoparks, CNC for IUGS, and CNC for IGCP. Geoparks is the most active and is now a UNESCO program. CanGeoRef continues to incorporate references into the system. A new financial agreement with AGI will be sought. The full president's report is attached.

The financial director presented a proposed budget that will require funds to be taken from reserves. After the meeting and discussion, this proposal was supported unanimously.

Geoparks continue to develop. There are currently two active Geoparks in Canada: Stonehammer and Tumbler Ridge. There a number that are in review including Bonavista, Saguenay Fjord, Temiskaming Rift Valley, and the Cliffs of Fundy. A full report is attached.

In addition to the above reports, we received a Powerpoint presentation about RFG2018 in Vancouver, an example of Science Pages, a draft of the Geoscience and Canada brochure, Curriculum Vitae for the nominated new directors, a brochure for the Canada Prize, and information on how to contact the Science Media Centre.

Respectfully submitted

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