

**Minutes of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers  
(WDCAG) AGM, University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge AB.  
March 12, 2005.**

**1. Adoption of Agenda** - (Mike Wilson/Robert Rogerson).

Carried

**2. Approval of the Minutes from WDCAG AGM March 20, 2004.** (Robert Rogerson/Neil Hanlon).

Carried

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes** - None.

**4. Action Items.**

a. CAG Travel Grant disbursement. Craig Coburn noted that some decision must be made regarding this fund. All of the travel funds must be spent or returned to the CAG by the next financial reporting period. Discussion ensued relating to various methods of disbursement. The consensus reached was that each of the departments with student representation that had traveled the furthest should be given an equal division of the travel grant. There were four departments that qualified (UVIC, UNBC, CNC, and OUC), they will be granted a stipend of \$375 each to be awarded to the student group at each institution (Dan Smith/Ivan Townshend)

Carried

b. Renaming of Certificates of Merit to: J.L. Robinson Award for Meritorious Service to the Division.

Carried

c. Chris Sharpe Quiz for first year students. Information presented. d. Issue of missing US memberships in Western US was discussed.

**5. Reports.**

a. **Secretary/Treasurer Report.** Craig Coburn reported a balance of \$7096.04 as of February 29, 2005. Revenue for the year ending February 29, 2005 was \$2500, while expenses amounted to \$357.23. Revenue exceeded expenditures by \$2142.77.

Motion - Craig Coburn/Mike Wilson. That the Secretary/Treasurer's report be accepted as presented.

Carried

b. **Western Geography** - Editor's Report. Volume 13/14 of Western Geography was less expensive to print in Toronto and will be printed and distributed soon. Volume 15 is forthcoming and has 30 orders for 37 copies. There will be a slight price increase for this issue from \$14 to \$18 to ensure a profit of \$4.50 per copy. The editor is seeking student papers for volume 15. The editor also requested that a search begin to find a new editor for Western Geography. The cost of printing of Western Geography was off-set by the new president of College of New Caledonia, a letter of thanks will be sent by the president of the WDCAG.

c. **Newsletter Editor's Report.** The newsletter still suffers from a lack of contributions. It would be good to get club write-ups from the geography clubs and departments. A vote of thanks was extended to Ineke Dijks for long service as editor.

d. **Presidents Report.** Ben Moffat circulated a written report and a brief discussion followed.

Motion - Ben Moffat/Neil Hanlon. That the Secretary/Treasurer's report be accepted as presented. The president noted that there was no representation from the larger universities in the Western Division and reported that there were very few faculty members at these institutions that were members of the CAG. A discussion on how to improve this situation followed. It was resolved that the president should write a letter to department chairs at UofA, UofC, UBC, and SFU to encourage participation in the CAG and in the WDCAG.

## **6. Presentations.**

- a. The president presented "mugs of thanks to Tom Waldichuck for bringing students to division meetings and for past service.
- b. A mug of thanks will be sent to Valerie Shoffey for her continued support of the WDCAG.
- c. The J.L. Robinson award was given to Jim Winsor and Robert Rogerson for meritorious service.

## **7. Next Meeting.**

To be held at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, BC, March 11-12, 2006.

## **8. Elections.**

- a. President - Neil Hanlon (UNBC - 2 year term).
- b. Vice-President - Open this year.
- c. Past-President - Ben Moffat (MHC).
- d. Secretary-Treasurer - Craig Coburn (UofL).
- e. Members at large –
  - Tom Waldichuck (TRU)
  - Ian MacLachlan (UofL)
  - Gilles Viaud (TRU)
  - Glen Hvenegaard (Augustana University College.UofA).
- f. Student Members –
  - Rachel Clasby (UNBC)
  - Casey Vandenberg (UofL)
- g. Publications - Jim Winsor (CNC).
- h. Newsletter Editor - Ineke Dijks (Surrey, BC).

## **9. Other Business.**

- a. Student Presentation Awards.
  - i. Eric VanGalen (UofL).
  - ii. Jacqui Stevens (UNBC).
  - iii. Becc Cummings (Uvic).

## **10. Adjournment.**