

**Minutes of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers  
(WDCAG) AGM, Western Washington University, WA  
8 March 2008**

**1. Adoption of the Agenda - (Hanlon/Tripp)**

**CARRIED**

**2. Approval of Minutes from WDCAG AGM March 11, 2007** – Approved with friendly amendments (detailed below) – (Hanlon/Garvin)

- a. **Elections** – spelling correction – Vanderburgh; Gilles Viaud should be replaced with Claire Beaney, UCFV; add BC Chairs position held by Alistair McVey

**CARRIED**

**3. Awards (Jim Windsor)**

- a. **W.C. Wonders Award** – Research (Scholarly Distinction) awarded to Dr. Graeme Wynn, UBC (nominated by Greg Halseth and Gail Fondahl, UNBC)
- b. **J.A. McVey Award** – Teaching Excellence award presented to Don McLaughlin, Calgary Secondary School District
- c. **J.L. Robinson Award** – for Meritorious Service to the WDCAG awarded to Dr. Patrick Buckley, WWU (nominated by John Belec, UCFV)

**4. Formalizing position of Chair of Awards Committee to the WDCAG Executive** – Motion proposed to formalize position of Chair of Awards Committee as part of the WDCAG Executive (Hanlon, Wynn).

**CARRIED**

**5. CAG Travel Grant money allocation** – (Brealey/Garvin)

This year's allocation is \$2500 including an unallocated portion from 2007. The following allocation was proposed by Bob Rogerson based conference participation and the following index factor (# students \* index factor based on distance). Bob asked for discretion in allocating remaining \$100 once numbers have been finalized. The following was proposed:

UNBC	\$1000
TRU	\$700
UVIC	No support needed
UCFV	No support needed
SFU	\$200
UBC	\$200
UoA	\$150
UoC	\$100
UoL	\$100
MUC	\$50

Following final conference participation, Bob has proposed the following allocation (with retroactive approval required for an additional \$200 from operating costs):

UNBC (36 attendees)	\$1000
TRU (34 attendees)	\$700
UVIC (22 attendees)	No support needed
UCFV (39 attendees)	No support needed
UBC (9 attendees)	\$200
SFU (8 attendees)	\$200
UBCO (8 attendees)	\$200
UoA (4 attendees)	\$150
UoC (2 attendees)	\$100
UoL (3 attendees)	\$100
MUC (2 attendees, incl. 1 faculty)	\$50

**CARRIED**

## 6. Reports

- a. **Secretary/Treasurer** – written report and financial statement provided; motion to accept the report as submitted (Windsor/Hanlon).

**CARRIED**

- b. **Western Geography, Editor's Report** - Neil Hanlon reported that there are 2 current submissions for the current volume with 1 accepted and 1 rejected. Neil reminded the AGM that manuscripts are needed to meet goal for the next edition to be published in the fall. With regards to type-setting, the services of the previous type-setter have been retained but the cost is now the responsibility of WDCAG (\$250 per volume). Neil also requests any suggestions for special issues be sent to him. Motion to accept report as submitted (Wynn, Windsor).

**CARRIED**

- c. **Newsletter Editor** – written report provided; motion to accept report as submitted (Rossiter/Viaud)

**CARRIED**

- d. **BC Education Chair** – written report provided; motion to accept report as submitted (Wynn/Waldichuk)

**CARRIED**

- e. **Archivist** – Ken Brealey reported that he has sorted through material and removed about 60% of the material initially kept as it doesn't follow the guidelines set out. The next submission to SFU Library is 2011. Motion to accept report as submitted (Menounos/Rossiter)

**CARRIED**

- f. **Awards** – in addition to the awards announced above, Jim Windsor would like to compile a record of past award winners to place on the website. If you have any information please contact Jim. Motion to accept report as submitted (Rossiter/Viaud).

**CARRIED**

- g. **Student representative** – Chelsea Hoffman (rep for BC) asked that evaluations on student presentations be typed and forwarded to students for their information.

- h. President's Report** – written report submitted. Bob asked for some comments about spending some of the monies in the WDCAG operating budget. Neil pointed out that we receive a rebate from CAG each year. The division's major expenses are the Western Geographer and prizes for the student awards. Suggestions presented were to add a poster award to the regular student awards presented at each meeting and/or to fund a \$100 prize to each winner (instead of the existing CAG membership). Discussion ensued and the following motions were presented.

**Motion 1** – (Jiskoot/Gottesfeld) – motion that a single 'best poster award' be added to the annual student competition at future meetings (including this year's meeting).

**CARRIED**

**Motion 2** - (Jiskoot/Gottesfeld) – motion that the prize for each student award (3\*oral presentations: undergraduate, masters, doctorate; 1\*poster presentation) be amended to CAG Student Membership + \$50.

**CARRIED**

**7. Funds for publishing Western Geographer**

See discussion under reports

**8. Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Malaspina University College in 2009.

Michael Tripp invited all participants to MUC for next year's conference.

**9. 2010 Meeting**

The meeting in 2010 will be held at the University of Alberta as announced by Theresa Garvin. The division was reminded that the conference dates may have to be flexible to the Olympic and Paralympic Games in Vancouver in late February and early March.

**10. Nominated Committee Report**

Neil Hanlon reported that only 2 current executive members will remain on the executive in addition to the President (Beaney, Jiskoot). Elections are required for the remaining positions (see below).

**11. Elections**

Vice President – Gilles Viaud (TRU)

Secretary/Treasurer – Craig Coburn (UoL)

Member at Large, east – Theresa G, (UoA)

Member at Large, west – Brian Menounos (UNBC)

Student, east - Amy Christjanseon, (UoA)

Student, west – Alex Martin (UNBC)

BC Education Chair- Alistair McVey

Archivist – Ken Brealey (UCFV)

Newsletter – Ineke Djiks

Western Geographer – Neil Hanlon (UNBC)

Awards Committee – David Rossiter (WWU)

## 12. Other Business

- a. **Conference feedback** – Pat Buckley is interested in developing a template for garnering feedback on conference that can be used to assist planning for future events.
- b. **Student evaluations** – as per question from Student Rep (west) there was a discussion on providing students with feedback on their presentations. It was suggested that the evaluation criteria be clearly posted on the conference website so students are aware of how they will be evaluated and to develop a fixed template for evaluations.

- c. **Student award winners** –

- Doctoral:

- Matthew J. Beedle UNBC [beedlem@unbc.ca](mailto:beedlem@unbc.ca)

- “An annual record of glacier terminus response to climate variability over the period 1959-2004 derived from annual push moraines, Castle Glacier BC”

- Masters:

- Gerald B. Gabrisch, WWU [gerry@gabrisch.us](mailto:gerry@gabrisch.us) (that’s the e-mail I was given)

- “A voronoi diagram approach to defining surface hydrography using LIDAR-generated bare earth sample plots”.

- Undergraduate:

- Mark E. Stephens UNBC (no e-mail on his registration)

- “The development and use of a GIS package for broad-based needs at the Quesnel River Research Centre (central BC)”

- Poster:

- Michael J. Grilliot WWU [grillim@cc.wwu.edu](mailto:grillim@cc.wwu.edu) (Master’s student)

- Sea-level rise and sandy beach profile change.”

- d. **Thanks and congratulations** – Motion presented to formally thank Pat Buckley and the Geography program at WWU for a job well done (Windsor/Viaud)

**CARRIED**

## 13. Motion to adjourn – (Rossiter/Menounos)

**CARRIED**