

Minutes of the 52nd Annual General Meeting The University of Alberta, March 27, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 pm, Viaud President/Chair, Goehring recording the minutes.

1. **Adoption of Agenda** (Rogerson/Moffat) CARRIED
2. **Approval of minutes of March 7, 2009** – Approved with friendly amendment below (Moffat/Garvin)
 3. Change “an obituary” by “*a memorial*”. CARRIED
3. **Awards**
 - a. **J.A. McVey Award for Teaching Excellence** presented by Craig Hawein to Dr. Pam Shaw of Vancouver Island University (nominated by Craig Hawein)
 - b. J.L. Robinson Award for Meritorious Service to the WDCAG and W.C. Wonders Award for Scholarly Distinction were not awarded (no nominations)
4. **Student Travel Allocation**
 - Motion 4.1. As the student numbers in attendance at the conference are unknown at the time of the AGM, student travel allocations shall be determined by the WDCAG Executive by e-mail correspondence by at a later date and shall follow the formula used in 2009. (Windsor/Smith) CARRIED
 - Motion 4.2. That the travel allowance for 2010 be capped at \$4,500.00. (Rogerson/Hawein) CARRIED (4 abstentions)

The WDCAG Executive voted by email on April 12 and 13 to unanimously accept the following distribution. This distribution follows the formula used in 2009, and is based on a multiplier of number of students times distance travelled, and proportionally dividing up the official travel money allocation of \$4,500. An additional \$15 was added to round up the amounts.

<i>Institute</i>	<i>Students at WDCAG</i>	<i>Travel money allocated</i>
UVic	11	\$755
SFU	1	\$75
UBC	11	\$705
UBC-O	8	\$400
TRU	20	\$890
UFV	11	\$665
UNBC	15	\$615
VIU	6	\$410
Total:		\$4,515

5. Reports

a. Secretary/Treasurer (Jiskoot/Viaud)

Written report and statement submitted by Jiskoot (presented by Viaud). Accounts remain operated by Financial Services at the University of Lethbridge. The balance as of March 22, 2010 is \$9,697.52. Once the printing and mailing costs associated with the publishing of the Western Geography are added, the balance in the WDCAG account will be \$7,901.51.

(Windor/Hawein)

CARRIED

b. Western Geography (Hanlon/Windsor)

Written report submitted by Hanlon, Editor (presented by Windsor). Volumes 17/18/19 (collected as one volume) were published online in December of 2009 and printed and distributed in text (315 copies) February/March 2010. A call for papers for Volume 20 has been distributed. It was noted that the Western Division is now the only regional division of the Canadian Association of Geographers that publishes its own journal. Two suggestions were entertained in discussion. The first was that the concept of “themed” editions be considered in the future. The second was that the Western Division approach the Prairie Division with the possibility of collaboration on future editions of the Western Geographer.

(Windsor/Evenden)

CARRIED

c. Newsletter (Beaney)

Written report submitted by Beaney. No newsletter was produced last year due to her extended maternity leave. Two editions of the newsletter will be produced this year (spring and fall). All member departments will be contacted soon for updated contact information.

(Beaney/Viaud)

CARRIED

d. BC Education Chair (McVey)

Written report submitted by McVey (presented by Viaud). In BC, enrolment in Geography 12 has dropped by 25% from 2002/2003 to 2008/2009. McVey conveyed some concern and frustration as to these trends. He recommends that each Department of Geography in BC should make a determined effort to liaise with their local geography high schools teachers.

He has requested to step down as Chair, but is willing to remain on the committee to work with the new Chair. (Viaud/ Windsor)

CARRIED

e. Archivist (Brealey)

Written report submitted by Brealey (presented by Viaud). Other than the addition of newsletters, program and some advertising associated with the Annual General Meeting in Nanaimo in 2009, the status of the Archives has remained the same as in the previous year at this time. In discussion it was revealed that the archivist at SFU who set up and supervised the WDCAG Archives has now retired. It was suggested that the WDCAG Archivist establishes contact with the new archivist in charge of the storage at SFU.

(Evenden/Viaud)

CARRIED

f. Awards (Rossiter)

No report submitted.

g. Other reports - _ none

h. Presidents Report (Viaud)

Written report submitted by Viaud. Congratulations were offered to the host of last year's WDCAG Conference at Vancouver Island University. A reference to the passing of

colleagues Ineke Dijks and Harry Foster was made. Viaud also indicated a commitment to increase student participation within the WDCAG and the discipline of Geography during his term as President. The organizing committee and the student volunteers of the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences at the University of Alberta were commended for hosting the 2010 WDCAG Conference for 2010. (Viaud/Windsor) CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

The 53rd AGM and Conference of the WDCAG will be hosted by the Department of Geography at Simon Fraser. Dates are TBA.

7. 2012 Meeting

It was suggested that UBC Okanagan and Kwantlen Polytechnic University be contacted for potential willingness to host the meeting.

8. Nominating Committee (Rogerson)

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| a. Vice-President: Theresa Garvin (Rogerson/Windsor) | CARRIED |
| b. BC Student Representative: Winter Moon (Rogerson/Windsor) | CARRIED |
| c. Councillor: Barb McNicol (Rogerson/Windsor) | CARRIED |
| d. Councillors: Zoë Meletis (Rogerson/Beaney) | CARRIED |
| e. Councillor: Alistair McVey (Rogerson/Beaney) | CARRIED |
| f. Awards Officer: Jim Windsor (Rogerson/Viaud) | CARRIED |
| g. Education Chair: Sally Hermanson (Rogerson/Beaney)
(She later declined) | CARRIED |

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9. Other Business

a. Student award winners (Beaney)

Best Graduate Poster

Winter Moon and **Olav Lian**, Department of Geography, University of the Fraser Valley. "A study in the comparison of 2 radiometric dating methods for the re-interpretation of a key lithostratigraphic section, Lynn Valley, BC."

Honourable mention

Jeff Suter and **Pete Kershaw**, Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, University of Alberta. "Subarctic dendroecology using *Betula glandulosa* Michx. (dwarf birch)"

Best Undergraduate Poster

Rheannon Brooks, Water & Climate Impacts Research Centre, Environment Canada and Department of Geography, University of Victoria; **Terry Prowse**, Water & Climate Impacts Research Centre, Environment Canada and Department of Geography, University of Victoria; and **Ian O'Connell**, Department of Geography, University of Alberta. "Development and Validation of a GIS-based Freshwater Ice Thickness Model for the Northern Hemisphere."

Honourable Mention

Pearce Sanders and **Darryl Carlyle-Moses**, Department of Geography, Thompson Rivers University. "Throughfall in Three Contrasting Coniferous Forests on British Columbia's Thompson Bonaparte Plateau."

Best Graduate Presentation

Eric Kopetski, University of Northern British Columbia. "You want me to Grow Trees? The Social Implications of Agroforestry in the Quesnel Area."

Honourable mention

Sarah Poirier, University of Victoria; **Rosaline Canessa** and **Rick Rollins**, Vancouver Island University. "The effectiveness of interpretation at changing visitor behaviours during wildlife viewing tours in Tofino, British Columbia."

Best Undergraduate Presentation

Samantha Brennan, **Jon Corbett** and **Aiden Whitely**, UBC Okanagan. "Participatory Forest Fire Mapping in the Okanagan."

Honourable Mention

Tracy Thompson, Vancouver Island University. "Redefining 'Unsuccessful' Research in Rural Costa Rica"

b. Motion

That the executive explore the possibility of naming a WDCAG Award, (Graduate Paper Presentation) for Ineke Dijks, in perpetuity. (Waldichuk/Windsor) CARRIED

c. Motion

That the WDCAG President, on behalf of all members of the Division, convey in writing condolences to Mike Wilson for the passing of his wife, Ineke Dijks. (Windsor/Smith) CARRIED

10. Adjournment – 17:30 motion to adjourn (Windsor/Viaud)

CARRIED