

Minutes of the 53rd Annual General Meeting Simon Fraser University, March 12, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 16:39.

Chair: Gilles Viaud; Secretary: Hester Jiskoot; Attendance: 21.

- 1. Adoption of Agenda** (Gill/Wilson) CARRIED
- 2. Approval of minutes from March 27, 2010, AGM** – Approved with friendly amendment below (Gill/Windsor)
 - a. Spelling correction – delete ‘by’
 - b. Spelling correction – Nominating Committee: Zoë Meletis CARRIED
- 3. Awards**
 - a. **J.L. Robinson Award for Meritorious Service to the WDCAG** presented by Neil Hanlon to Dr. Dan Smith (in absentia) of the University of Victoria (nominated by Neil Hanlon)
 - b. J.A. McVey Award for Teaching Excellence and W.C. Wonders Award for Scholarly Distinction were not awarded (no nominations)

4. Student Travel Allocation

The allocation was not decided upon during the AGM, as the student numbers in attendance were unknown. We cannot be as generous as in previous years, as the CAG suspended Travel Allocation and Division Rebates at their 2010 AGM. Although the division allowances may be reinstated at the 2011 CAG AGM, we will have to reduce the travel allocation in order to be able to accommodate student travel for the next two years. (see also written report 5a)

Motion 1: That the travel allowance for 2011 be capped at \$2,000 and that it be only be available to those students travelling from outside the lower mainland region.
(Jiskoot/Viaud) CARRIED

Motion 2: 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 at a later date and shall follow the formula used in 2010.
(Trip/Viaud) CARRIED

The WDCAG Executive voted by email on March 31 to April 4 to accept the following distribution. This distribution follows the formula used in 2010, and is based on a multiplier of number of students times distance travelled, and proportionally dividing up the official travel money allocation of \$2,000.

<i>Institution</i>	<i>Students at WDCAG</i>	<i>Travel money allocated</i>
UVic	39	\$285
VIU	9	\$50
WWU	7	\$35
UBC	31	
Kwantlen	1	
Langara	2	
SFU	37	
UFV	11	
OK-Col	1	\$20
UBC-O	1	\$20
TRU	14	\$275
UNBC	9	\$400
UofA	2	\$130
Kings U-C	12	\$785
UofL*	1	
Total:	177	\$2,000

* Declined WDCAG travel assistance

5. Reports

a. Secretary/Treasurer (Jiskoot)

Written report and statement provided by Jiskoot. Motion to accept report as submitted (Hanlon/Tripp). CARRIED

Some discussion on the fact that cheques sent to department heads/chairs have in some cases been hard to trace. Jiskoot states that Student Travel Allowance cheques are always accompanied by explanatory letter. Secretary-Treasurer in future will additionally send email to WDCAG Executive to announce when the cheques are in the mail.

b. Western Geography (Hanlon)

Volumes 16/17/18 were published in 2010, and one paper has been submitted for Vol 19.

Neil Hanlon will step down and will pass on editorship to Dr. Darryl Carlyle-Moses (TRU) and Dr. Damian Collins (UofA) who have agreed to share the Editorship. Jim Windsor

stated that there were many interesting talks today and that we should encourage our students to submit papers to Western Geography. (Gill/Windsor) CARRIED

c. Newsletter (Beaney)

Written report was submitted by Claire Beaney, and accepted. Despite her maternity leave she will remain the editor of the Newsletter for the next year. She asked for suggestions for a new format. (Wilson/Viaud) CARRIED

d. BC Education Chair

There was no Chair this year, hence no report.

e. Archivist (Brealey)

Written report by Ken Brealey reporting that the archives are in good state and up-to-date in his office. (Gill/Windsor) CARRIED

f. Awards (Windsor)

Jim Windsor stated that awards are given more and more sporadically due to the lack of nominations, while we have to realise that the WDCAG is blessed with some of the finest Geographers. He encouraged the membership to think about next year's nominations and challenged each department to nominate one colleague for one of the three awards. (Non-CAG members would only be eligible for the J.A. McVey Award for Teaching Excellence).
(Windsor/de Scally) CARRIED

g. Other reports - none**h. Presidents Report (Viaud)**

Written report submitted by Gilles Viaud. (Wilson/Hanlon)

CARRIED

6. Next Meeting

The 54th AGM of the WDCAG will be hosted by UBC-Okanagan, Kelowna, BC, on March 8-10, 2012. Fes de Scally conveyed an official welcome, announced that the meeting will be co-organised by him and Ian Saunders, and stated that UBC-O campus construction will be finished in time for hosting the 2012 WDCAG Conference.

7. 2013 Meeting

Geographically the next meeting should be held in Alberta. No volunteers have come forward yet, but the University of Lethbridge and Red Deer College will be contacted for potential willingness to host meeting.

8. Nominating Committee Report (Garvin)

In order for institutional/organisational knowledge be shared optimally, a more formal link is proposed to break the isolation of the conference organisers.

Motion 3: In order to offer better support to the Conference Organising Committees (COC) and achieve better continuity, that each year one member of the upcoming COC be nominated as a councillor on the WDCG Executive for the year prior to the conference. (de Scally/Windsor) CARRIED

A brief discussion on the rising conference cost (especially to students) followed. Larger universities appear to suffer more from this. Two suggestions were proposed: the passing on of a 'conference manual' with list of good practices from year to year (Garvin) and the possibility of seeking more corporate sponsoring (Wilson).

Title	Name	Affiliation
President	Theresa Garvin	UofA
Vice President	Vacant	
Past President	Gilles Viaud	TRU
Secretary Treasurer	Craig Coburn	UofL
Councilor	Fes de Scally	UBCO
Councilor	Alistair McVey	DC
Councilor	Barb McNicol	MRU

Councilor	Zoë Meletis	UNBC
BC Student Rep	Justine Cullen	UFV
Alberta Student Rep	Serena Hamilton McGregor	UofA
BC Education Chair	Tom Waldichuk	TRU
Publications Editor (Ex-Officio)	Damian Collins (Hum)	UofA
	Darryl Carlyle-Moses (Phys)	TRU
Newsletter Editor (Ex-Officio)	Claire Beaney	UFV
Archivist	Ken Brealey	UFV
Awards officer	Jim Windsor	UNBC

Voted in block (Garvin/Viaud)

CARRIED

9. Other Business

a. Student award winners (Waldichuk)

It was suggested that would be helpful if the student presentation/poster score sheets were a little less complicated/repetitive. It was proposed that for the next conference a more streamlined procedure would be looked at, including contacting faculty reviewers more in advance of the sessions. It is also suggested that the responsibility for organising the evaluation of presentations and posters be administered by two volunteers, one in charge of presentations and the other responsible for posters.

During the AGM the count of presentation score sheets was still ongoing (A heartfelt thank you to Tom Waldichuk and assistants for their hard work), but during the WDCAG banquet the following students were congratulated with their awards for best student presentation:

Best Graduate Poster

Megan L. Hendershot and Jeremy G. Venditti (SFU) “*Qualifying Flow Resistance Due to Clusters in Gravel-Bed Rivers.*”

Honourable mention

Leah M. Vanden Bush, Ellen L. Petticrew, and John F. Rex (UNBC)
“*Seasonal Storage and Retention of Marine-Derived Nutrients in the Hyporheic Zone of the Horsefly River, British Columbia.*”

Best Undergraduate Poster

Amy Ganton, Rosaline Canessa and Peter Keller (UVic) “*Comparing Spatial Analysis Methods of First Nations and Recreational Access Closures on the Commercial Dungeness Crab (Cancer Magister) Fishery in British Columbia.*”

Honourable Mention

Kess A. Vanleeuwen (UFV) “*University of the Fraser Valley U-Pass Program: Success or Failure?*”

Best Graduate Presentation

Jamison Miller (SFU) “*Vancouver’s Auratic Geographies: Photography at the Vancouver Art Gallery.*”

Honourable mention

Rheannon N. Brooks, Terry D. Prowse and Ian J. O'Connell (UVic)
"Quantifying Freshwater Ice Across the Northern Hemisphere Using GIS and a Degree-Day Ice Growth Model."

Best Undergraduate Presentation

Cail Smith (UVic) *"The Benefits of Non-Visual Mapping for Individuals and Communities."*

Honourable Mention

Christine LoScerbo and Michael Tripp (VIU) *"Intensive Urban Polyculture Agroforestry on Vancouver Island."*

b. Ineke Dijks Graduate Presentation Award

In response to last year's motion, the Executive has voted unanimously to rename the Graduate Paper Presentation Award, the Ineke Dijks Graduate Presentation Award to honour Ineke's memory, her humanity and intelligence, as well as her dedication to geography and to the WDCAG.

Mike Wilson thanked the WDCAG for this memorial to his late partner and stated that a scholarship was created at Douglas College for awards to returning mature students in Geography/Environmental Science and Earth Science, and he encouraged others to recognize Ineke as a role model.

c. Thanks and congratulations

This year's WDCAG had an attendance of 270 geographers, 190 students, with 140 papers presented.

Motion 4: That the WDCAG congratulate the organisers (Valorie Crooks & Ilja Tromp-van Meerveld & team) at Simon Fraser University for a flawless conference. (Wilson/Viaud) CARRIED

10. Adjournment – 17:40 motion to adjourn (Jiskoot/Wilson) CARRIED



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10. Adjournment

TO: Executive, Western Division of the CAG
FROM: Editor, *Western Geography*
RE: 2011 Status Report
DATE: 4 March 2011

1. Status of Upcoming Volume

One manuscript has been accepted for publication. I have received no new submissions to date.

2. Standing Orders

There are 24 standing orders for a total of 31 copies to institutions throughout Canada and the United States.

3. Editorial Board

The Editorial Board remains unchanged from 2010 and is comprised of the following individuals:

Greg Halseth, University of Northern British Columbia

Stuart A. Harris, University of Calgary

David Ley, University of British Columbia

Ian MacLachlan, Lethbridge University

Ross Nelson, Thomson Rivers University

Robert J. Rogerson, University Canada West

Nadine Schuurman, Simon Fraser University

Dan Smith, University of Victoria

4. Financial Status

The *Western Geography* account at UNBC has a surplus of \$488.92.

5. Promotion

I joined a panel of journal editors for two sessions at the CAG meetings to offer insights about publishing for graduate students and early career faculty.

6. Change of Editorship

In January, I informed Dr Theresa Garvin that I wished to step down as Editor as soon as a replacement could be found. Dr Garvin recently informed me that Dr Darryl Carlyle-Moses (TRU) and Dr Damian Collins (UofA) have agreed to share the Editorship. Pending approval from the Executive, I will begin the transfer of materials and resources to the journal's new institutional home(s), and the preparation of a brief for the new co-editors.

I wish to thank the Executive for its ongoing support, and wish Darryl and Damian every success in moving the journal forward.

Respectfully submitted,

Neil Hanlon, Editor of *Western Geography*

March 12, 2011

TO: The Executive,
Western Division
Canadian Association of Geographers

FROM: Jim Windsor, Chair, WD-CAG Awards Committee

RE: Status Report: WD-CAG Awards, 2011

1. Status of the *J. Lewis Robinson Award for Meritorious Service*

The *J. Lewis Robinson Award for Meritorious Service* was presented, this year, to Dr. Dan Smith of the UVIC Department of Geography.

2. Status of the *William C. Wonders Award for Scholarly Distinction*

There were no nominations this year for the *William C. Wonders Award for Scholarly Distinction* and, accordingly, no award was presented.

3. Status of the *J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence*

There were no nominations this year for the *J. Alistair McVey Award for Teaching Excellence* and, accordingly, no award was presented.

4. Recommendation

A quick check of the WD-CAG website will show that, for the past 2 or 3 years, we have presented the above 3 awards increasingly sporadically. This is entirely due to a paucity of nominations. There is, of course, no requirement that all 3 awards be presented each year. These awards should, in my view, be presented on the basis of merit and not merely perfunctorily. However, I think it obvious to all that this organization is blessed with a membership that includes some of the finest geographers in all of Canada (and, yes, beyond). There are so very many of our peers who are eminently deserving of recognition that, I confess, it is disappointing that so few nominations are received each year. Accordingly, I would like to recommend (strongly, if I may) that all members consider nominating one or more of their peers for one or more of our awards for our 2012 AGM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Windsor, Chair
WD-CAG AWARDS COMMITTEE