MINUTES
Annual Business Meeting
International Association for Great Lakes Research
University of Toronto
Toronto, Ontario

19 May 2010

1. Call to order

2. Approval of Agenda – Stephen Hensler, Julie Leidel

3. Approval of 2009 Minutes – Stephen Hensler, Amanda Hopinski

4. President’s Report (Linda Campbell, term ending)
   - Editor (Marlene Evans) 4-year review positive, renewed 5-year term
   - Business manager (Wendy Foster) – new contract (been with IAGLR for 20 years!)
   - IAGLR office moved to new NOAA space (still in Ann Arbor)
   - partnership with Elsevier for journal

5. Treasurer Report (Steve Lozano, term ending)
   - tough economy but accounts still in the black
   - royalties from Elsevier greater than expected ($14K projected, $29K rec’d)
   - cash reserves excellent
   - plan to invest some cash reserves in higher yielding funds (instead of more conservative Money Market funds)

6. Endowment Committee (Bob Heath & Steve Lozano)
   - Canadian charitable status on hold (expensive, requires minimum investment from members annually – not seen as viable right now) but all paperwork now completed and archived. Thanks to Lynda Corkum (past president) and John Weir (U Windsor School of Law) who worked pro-bono to complete this task.
   - “endowment fund” losing money due to economy; exploring new investment strategies

7. Membership Committee (Joe Makarewicz & Rob Letcher)
   - overall membership up by 1. Regular members down, young professional and student membership increasing
   - 99% North American (77% US, 22% Cdn); would like to increase international profile
   - membership survey (Feb 2010)
     o generally positive; online access issues resolved
     o results available online soon

8. Conference Committee (Bob Heath)
- 2009 conference profitable
- 2010 biggest ever (49 session, 638 presentations (269 poster + 369 oral)
- 2011 – Duluth, 2012 – Cornwall, 2013 – Purdue
- 2011 – Randall Hicks / Stephanie Guildford (Duluth Entertainment Convention Centre, May 30 - June 3; theme: Big Lakes / Big World)
  - hotel 5 minutes from venue, can walk to everything, free shuttles to most hotels, most hotels inexpensive (<$100) (30% discount for students)

9. Website Committee (Stephen Hensler & Chiara Zuccarino-Crowe)
   - E-communication in partnership with Outreach (640 subscribers)
   - website: 61,951 hits / month; website programming map project near completion
   - facebook & twitter accounts
   - Large Lakes of the World page near completion

10. Outreach Committee (Frank Litchkoppler & John Poulopoulos)
    - Vallentyne Award to Carol Swinehart
    - 4 web releases
    - 17 media hits for conference

11. Awards Committee (Linda Mortsch & Peter Dillon)
    - moved awards ceremony to Opening Ceremony (this year only, but Board would like input)
    - Standard Operating Manual and timelines reformatted
    - new awards from Elsevier (Young Scientist, Highly Cited)
    - Certificates of Recognition
      - 2010 conference: Miriam Diamond, Paul Helm, Ralph Smith, Bob Heath
      - Outgoing Board: Ron Hites (past-president), John Poulopoulos (Outreach) Kristen DeVanna (student)
      - Associate Editors: Paul Doskey, Tim Johnson, Tom Nalepa, Steve Renzetti, Ron Rossmann, Bill Schertzer, Bill Sonzogni, Marty Stapanian

12. Publications Committee (Marlene Evans & Gerry Matisoff)
    - Elsevier for 1 year (15 months)
      - fully electronic
      - instant access through Science Direct
      - streamlined online review
      - online access at not cost
    - review of Pubs / Editor /Elsevier interaction to be reviewed (Campbell / Lozano / Evans to complete in 2011)

13. Journal
    - 80% increase in submissions since move to Elsevier
    - more global papers
    - reduced handling time with 25 AEs
    - 60% acceptance rate
    - accepted papers appear within 3-5 weeks as “in press” electronic access
- no page charges
- no charge for colour online but charges apply for print (authors submit both colour and B&W to journal office if not wanting to pay for print)
- 4 issues, 64 papers, 9 notes, 1 commentary
- Project 80 papers, 750 pages in 2011
- improved access through Science Direct, search engines
- impact factor growing
- special issues:
  - 1 in 2009 (Watershed Mgmt & Nearshore Water Quality (Makarewicz))
  - 3 in 2010 (Climate Change (Wuebbles), Lake Whitefish (Brenden), Lake Michigan Lower Food web (Fahnensteil))
  - 4 in the works for 2011 (Lake Simcoe (Winter), St. Mary’s River (Moerke), Lake Malawi Fisheries (Hecky), Lake Winnipeg (Wassenaar))
  - 2 already proposed for 2012 (Lake Champlain, Great Lakes Mysids)
- future directions
  - hot topics
  - re-organise Editor’s office (Editor in Chief and several thematic Editors to share workload)
  - consider move to 6 issues per year (from 4)
  - increase impact factor
  - expand international scope while building on regional (Laurentian GL) strengths

14. Business from the Floor
- none

15. Business from the Board
- none

Motion of Responsibility
- Jan Ciborowski and seconded by Matt Simcik
- unanimous

Board member changes
- incoming: Stephen Hensler (website), Tom Holsen (treasurer), Prosper Zigah (student);
- out-going: Steve Lozano (treasurer), Ron Hites (past-president), Kristen DeVanna(student)
- Officers for 2010-11: Bob Heath (President), Rob Letcher (VP), Stephanie Guildford (Secretary), Tom Holsen (treasurer)

Motion to Adjourn
- Ralph Smith, Satyendra Bhavsar

Minutes taken: Jan Ciborowski and Tim Johnson (May 19, 2010, Hart House, Toronto, ON)
Respectfully submitted
Stephanie Guildford
Secretary