

**Minutes Annual Business Meeting
International Association for Great Lakes Research
McMaster University
Hamilton, Ontario 28 May 2014 12:10**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of meeting agenda
 - Agenda amended to add business from the floor after motion of responsibility
3. Approval of 2013 minutes
 - Motion made by Bob Heath and seconded by Hunter Carrick.
4. President's report (Jerome Marty)
 - Jerome introduced members that comprise the IAGLR board, its various committees, and key individuals involved with the organization beyond the board.
 - Jerome summarized successes from the 2014 conference and the 2013-2014 year:
 - 44 sessions, 359 abstracts, 105 students in attendance
 - Thank you to sponsors and exhibitors
 - Recent increase in membership due to more student members
 - We are in a good financial state allowing us to sustain current initiatives such as scholarships/awards as well as developing new ways to expand the organization.
 - Our journal is also growing; we are consistently using our maximum page limits and have several special issues scheduled for the coming year.
 - Jerome ended by highlighting that global change is affecting the Great Lakes, but the funding climate is also changing across various fields (e.g. government, academia, etc.).
5. Membership committee report (prepared by Scott Higgins, presented by Jerome Marty)
 - Overall, membership has increased. Regular memberships has remained relatively stable in recent years. Student and young professional memberships have increased.
6. Treasurer's report (prepared and presented by Christine Mayer)
 - Christine provided an executive summary of IAGLR's financial status highlighting that the organization is in a strong financial position with revenue having equalled or exceeded expenses in recent years, and that we are building on the current plan to better support scholarships.
 - She provided an overview of income and expenses. Recently, conference revenues have slightly exceeded expenses; membership fees approximately offset costs associated with the business office, web services, etc.; journal costs and expenses balance out; other support is provided by exhibitors and sponsors.
 - In the future, we plan to continue to limit increases in membership fees and conference registration fees, increase spending for awards and invest in the journal as permitted by the budget, and develop a long-term financial plan that ensures continued support for scholarships.
 - Christine thanked the past treasurer and the current chair of the endowment committee, as well as all members for their support, contributions, and involvement.
7. Publication Report (prepared by Jim Bence, presented by Jerome Marty)
 - We are in the process of negotiating contract requirement and renewal of our contract with our new Elsevier representative Kate DeBlanger.
 - The number of submissions to the journal, and the impact factor of the journal have increased. Our rejection rate has increased correspondingly.

- We are nearing our regular issue page limit for 2014. Several supplemental issues are planned and in progress for 2014 and 2015.
 - Bob Hecky presented comments from the editors in which he thanked all those that contribute to the journal. He specially thanked the associate editors.
8. Nomination report (prepared by Stu Ludsin, presented by Jerome Marty)
- The board consists of 12 board members (previously increased).
 - We are seeking to fill 5 positions
 - The timing of the vote for new candidates has been changed, and will now be initiated in the fall and last for 6 weeks.
 - Jerome encouraged members to vote and asked that they read the biographical sketches provided to inform their vote.
9. 2015 Conference update
- Conference alternates between Canadian and US locations
 - Next year the conference will be in Burlington, Vermont. Conference co-chairs will be Ellen Marsden and Jason Stockwell.
 - Jerome asked members to consider hosting or suggest locations for the 2016 conference in Canada.
10. Motion of Responsibility:
- “Resolved, that all acts, contracts, proceedings, and payments of money made by the Officers and Directors of the Association in their conduct of affairs of the Association since the last Annual General Meeting held June 5, 2013, be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned.”
 - Moved by Aaron Fisk, seconded by Tom Holsen.
 - All votes for, none against.
 - Motion carried.
11. Business from the floor
- No new business presented from the floor.
12. Introduction of new board members
- Jerome introduced our new board members: Thomas Hook (US regular member), Michael Arts (CAN regular member), Sue Watson (CAN regular member), Ruth Briland (US student member).
13. Outgoing board members
- Jerome acknowledged and thanked our outgoing board members: Jim Bence, Scott Higgins, and Samantha Oliver.
14. New Vice-President and President
- Jerome announced our new Vice-President: Sue Watson.
 - Jerome welcomed and passed the gavel to the new President: Doug Kane
 - Doug encouraged members to get involved and stated that he looks forward to serving as president.
15. Meeting adjourned by Doug at 12:42