

Annual Business Meeting Agenda
International Association for Great Lakes Research
Brockport, NY
12 June, 2019, 12:20 - 1:40 pm

1. Call to order
 - President Michael Twiss called the meeting to order at 12:46 and acknowledged that the meeting was taking place on Seneca territory.
2. Approval of meeting agenda
 - Paul Sibley moved to approve the meeting agenda and Bob Heath seconded. Unanimously passed
3. Approval of 2018 minutes
 - Euan Reavie moved to approve the 2018 annual business meeting minutes and Mark Burrows seconded. Unanimously passed.
4. President's report (Michael Twiss)
 - Michael updated the membership about actions arising from the 2018 membership survey, including the revised Lake Letter, additional advocacy activity through involvement in the Consortium of Aquatic Science Societies, and the formation of a new working group focused on professional development.
 - IAGLR responded to the US federal furlough by creating opportunities for federal scientists to visit partners for personal enrichment.
 - The 2019 conference included a revamped student presentations protocol to increase the robustness of the competition and reduce judge fatigue.
 - The IAGLR board has been focusing on clarifying the strategic direction of the association. In doing so, the proposed mission and goals are:
 - Mission: To advance understanding of the world's great lake ecosystems
 - Goals (in no order):
 1. Achieve membership diversity that reflects IAGLR constituencies
 2. Achieve greater membership engagement
 3. Expand international breadth
 4. Grow the endowment
 5. Increase the strength of all IAGLR communications (website, Lakes Letter, Journal)
 6. Increase positive impact on policy decisions
 7. Maintain smooth transition of IAGLR business and contracts
5. Membership committee report (prepared by Owen Stefaniak and presented by Michael Twiss)
 - Membership is steady over the past 3 decades
 - The membership survey is being used to drive strategic planning
6. Treasurer's report (prepared by Scott McNaught and presented by Michael Twiss)
 - Investment accounts (\$803,374) and bank accounts (\$142,496) are stable enough to support the organization in perpetuity, if managed well.

- IAGLR has been working with John Hartig on an Erb Foundation grant (\$100,000 over two years) to summarize and communicate outcomes of Areas of Concern work. This type of opportunity to collaborate on grants is available to IAGLR members.
7. Publication Report (prepared by Jim Bence and presented by Michael Twiss)
 - IAGLR now has two regular publications: The Journal and the Lakes Letter.
 - The Journal is doing well, with >130 articles published in 6 issues, and an impact factor of 2.35 (2017). Downloads are increasing and the average time to decision is decreasing.
 - The contract with Elsevier ends in Dec 2020, and we are in discussions with them around terms of a future contract.
 8. Nomination report (prepared by Paul Sibley, presented by Michael Twiss)
 9. Update on the State of the Lake meetings
 - The State of Lake Superior meeting was hosted by Michigan Technological University in Houghton, MI.
 - The State of Lake Huron meeting will be in Saginaw, MI, Oct 8-11, hosted by Saginaw Valley State University
 10. Update on the European Large Lakes Symposium (ELLS)
 - The first joint IAGLR-ELLS conference, in France, in 2018, was a success.
 - A second joint IAGLR-ELLS conference will be held in Petrovadosk, Russia, in 2021
 11. 2020 Conference update
 - The IAGLR 2020 annual meeting will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba.
 - Michael mentioned the possibility of the 2022 meeting being co-hosted with several other associations as part of the Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, which is planned for June, 2022, in Grand Rapids, MI.
 12. 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 May 17, 2017, be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned.”
 - Jim Bence so moved. Doug Kane seconded. Unanimously passed.
 13. Introduction of new board members
 - Michael introduced the new, incoming board members: incoming Canadian student member, Sarah Larocque, incoming Canadian regular member, Trevor Pitcher, and incoming US regular member, Jean Adams.
 14. New Vice-President and President
 - Michael introduced the incoming President, Paul Sibley, and the incoming Vice-President, Ed Verhamme.
 15. Business from the floor
 - Doug Kane asked for the group to consider adding a basketball game to future conferences. He was invited to lead that initiative.
 16. Appreciation Awards
 17. Meeting adjourned
 - Paul Sibley moved to adjourn the meeting and Mary Ginnebaugh seconded.