

Annual Business Meeting Minutes
International Association for Great Lakes Research
May 21, 2024, 12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Agenda Items

1. Call to order

- President Neil Rooney called the meeting to order.
- Neil Rooney started by thanking the sponsors for making the annual meeting possible. Neil thanked the board of directors from the previous year, and encouraged IAGLR members to run for the board.
- Neil stated that IAGLR is a 501(3)(c) non-profit, and that the purpose of the annual business meeting was to report to the membership on the board's activities during the previous year.

2. Approval of meeting agenda

- Paris Collingsworth moved to approve the 2024 Annual Business Meeting agenda, Lizhu Wang seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

3. Approval of 2023 minutes

- Jean Adams moved to approve the 2023 Annual Business Meeting minutes, Les Warren seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

4. President's report

- President Neil Rooney provided the President's report.
- IAGLR finalized and defined IAGLR's core values and beliefs
 - o Collaboration
 - o Diversity and Inclusion
 - o Excellence
 - o Learning
 - o Stewardship
- Strengthened commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - o First international student board member
 - o Second year of IDEA+ scholarship
 - o Second cohort of Large Lake Champions
 - o Continuing support for Indigenous and Black participation at IAGLR conferences

5. Treasurer's report

- Treasurer Lizhu Wang provided the Treasurer's report, providing an overview of IAGLR's financial standing – IAGLR is in good shape, continuing to regrow following the COVID pandemic.
- Provided a gains/loss overview, to show the trend of IAGLR's fiscal year balance since 2006.

6. Executive Director's report

- Executive Director Jérôme Marty provided the Executive Director's report.
- Jérôme focused on oversight of operations, and supporting the board and the membership. Jérôme also worked on promoting IAGLR mandates and programs (policy brief, UNEP, WWQA, IJC/GLFC, ACARE, CASS)
- IAGLR's membership portal has been revamped which allows for greater engagement among IAGLR members. IAGLR has started producing annual reports. Lastly, the Lakes letter is in a transition period.
- Jérôme stated that he was proud of IAGLR staff and their accomplishments over the past year.

7. Publication Committee report

- Publication Committee Chair Jim Bence provided the Publication Committee report, providing an overview of journal stats in 2023.
- There were three special sections published in 2023, and additional special sections are in the works.
- Jim gave a big thank you to the associate editors, as well as Bob Hecky and Stephanie Guildford for their contributions as lead editors.

8. Nominations Committee report

- Past-President Jean Adams provided the Nominations Committee Report.
- Jean called on the membership to consider running for the board; terms are 2-4 years. IAGLR will be advertising for 4 positions to begin serving in 2025.

9. Membership committee report

- Board member and Membership Committee Chair Susie Daniel provided the Membership
- Membership continuing to rebound since the pandemic, as well as additional members from ACARE.
- Susie covered some of the membership benefits
 - o Member portal
 - o Conference registration
 - o JGLR subscription
 - o Lakes Letter
 - o E-Notes
 - o Eligible to run for the board
 - o Student travel awards to annual conferences

10. Motion of Responsibility

- Neil read the motion of responsibility.
- Motion of responsibility
 - o "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 in May 2023 be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned."

- Jim Bence moved for the approval of the motion of responsibility, Alex Maguffee seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

11. Appreciation Awards

- President Neil Rooney provided appreciation awards to the following individuals:
- Conference Appreciation Awards
 - o Catherine Febria
 - o Carol Miller
 - o R. Michael McKay
- Committee Chair Appreciation Awards
 - o Jennifer Boehme
 - o Michael Twiss
 - o Paul Sibley
- Board of Directors Appreciation Awards
 - o Alfred Achieng
 - o Jean Adams
 - o Susan Daniel
 - o Rene Shahmohamadloo
 - o Less Warren
- Editor Appreciation Awards
 - o Ronald Hites (posthumous)
 - o Robert McLaughlin
 - o Stephanie Guildford & Robert Hecky

12. Introduction of new board members

- President Neil Ronney welcomed the new 2024-25 board of directors, and introduced new members:
 - o Alex Maguffee (Second Term) – Secretary
 - o Ronald Semyalo – International Board Member
 - o Zanko Zandsalimi – International Student Board Member
 - o Jada Langston – U.S. Student Board Member
- Jean Adams will rotate off the board, Neil Rooney will become Past President, Donna Kashian will become President, and Paris Collingsworth will become Vice President.
- The was proceeded by the ceremonial passing of the gavel.

13. Business from the floor

- Neil Rooney opened the floor for business from the membership.
- No business from the floor.

14. Meeting adjourned

- Paris Collingsworth moved to adjourn the annual business meeting, Les Warren seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.
- **Meeting adjourned.**