

Annual Business Meeting Minutes

International Association for Great Lakes Research

May 10, 2023, 12:20pm – 1:40pm

1. Call to order

- Executive Director Jérôme Marty and President Jean Adams called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.
- Adams acknowledged that this was the first fully in person IAGLR conference since 2019. Adams extended a thank you to IAGLR's sponsors, as well as to the current board of directors. Adams also took the opportunity to encourage members to run for election for IAGLR's Board of Directors.

2. Approval of meeting agenda

- Adams moved to approve the 2023 Annual Business Meeting agenda.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

3. Approval of 2022 minutes

- Adams moved to approve the 2022 Annual Business Meeting minutes.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

4. President's report

- Adams provided the President's report
- Adams acknowledged the continued success of the Journal of Great Lakes Research. She also brought up our current search for a new lead editor.
- Adams mentioned our upcoming conferences, including IAGLR's next annual meeting in Windsor, Ontario, Canada in 2024.
- Adams acknowledged the lingering effects from the pandemic, as well as the fact that this conference is an indication that we are recovering.
- Adams mentioned that IAGLR hired a new executive director - Jérôme Marty.

5. Treasurer's report

- Treasurer Lizhu Wang provided the treasurer's report.
- Wang provided an overview of our investment funds and the standing of these funds; IAGLR has a balance of \$399 thousand in our Vanguard account, and \$566 thousand in Key Bank.
- Wang also provided a trend in gains/losses over IAGLR's recent history. IAGLR has experienced a net gain in recent years, thanks in large part to the performance of the journal. IAGLR currently has a strong financial standing.

6. Executive Director's report

- Executive Director Jérôme Marty introduced himself, and provided the Executive Director's report. This report primarily focused on his role as executive director, including:
 - o To oversee operations, support the board and membership

- To support the board in transition from management and government
- To increase in the relevance of IAGLR as a resource for decision makers
- To review the current strategic plan with the board and support its implementation
- To represent IAGLR and amplify the voice of the Great Lakes science globally

7. Publication report

- Publication Committee Chair Jim Bence provided the Publication Committee Report.
- Some statistics for 2022-23:
 - 157 articles
 - Highest ever impact factor
 - Cite score of 4.4
 - Time to decision and rejection rate stable
 - Revenues higher than pay for editorial office
- The journal published multiple special sections in 2022-23, with several more in the works.
- Bence extended a thank you to all JGLR associate editors, as well as a thank you to current lead editors Bob Hecky and Stephanie Guildford. Bence also promoted the current search for a new lead editor.

8. Nomination report

- Adams provided the report for the Nominations Committee.
- Adams acknowledged that the IAGLR board is all volunteer based, and that IAGLR is always looking for new board members. Adams encouraged the membership to run for positions on the board. Next year, several positions will be opening up, including secretary, 1 or 2 international board members, 1 U.S. regular member, and 1 Canadian regular member.

9. Membership committee report

- Board member Susie Daniel provided the report.
- Daniel reported that membership has continued to rebound since the pandemic, and that we expect to see this increase continue in the coming years.
- The membership committee is working on providing new benefits to members, as well as making the membership aware of these benefits.

10. Revisions to bylaws

- Adams provided an overview of proposed changes to IAGLR's bylaws.
- Scott McNaught moved to put the proposed changes to IAGLR's bylaws up for a membership vote, Michael Twiss seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

11. Motion of responsibility

- Adams read the 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 2022 be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned.”

- Mary Ginnebaugh moved for the approval of the motion of responsibility, Jess Ives seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.

12. Appreciation Awards

- Adams provided awards to the following recipients:
 - o Associate Editor – Craig Hebert – ECCC
 - o Associate Editor – Nicholas Johnson – USGS Hammond Bay
 - o Associate Editor – Jason Stockwell – University of Vermont
 - o Conference appreciation award – Calvin Hitch
 - o Conference appreciation award – Tim Johnson
 - o Board of Directors appreciation – Andrew Bramburger
 - o Committee Chair appreciation – Mary Ginnebaugh

13. Introduction of new board members

- Adams welcomed the 2023-24 IAGLR Board of Directors, and introduced new members:
 - o Alex Duncan (second term)
 - o Sabina Rakhimbekova
 - o Suzanne Gray
- Andrew Bramburger will rotate off the board. President Jean Adams will become Past President, Neil Rooney will become President, and Donna Kashian will become Vice President.
- Adams handed the gavel to Neil Rooney.

14. Business from the floor

- Adams gave the opportunity for membership to bring any additional business to the floor.
- With no additional business remaining, Paris Collingsworth moved to adjourn the annual business meeting, Alex Maguffee seconded.
- The ayes have it, motion carried.
- **Meeting adjourned.**