



6th Council of Presidents (CoP) and 116th CGC Meetings
18-19 November, 2006

Château Frontenac, 1 Rue des Carrieres, Québec City
09:00 - 17:00; Saturday, November 18, 2006; salle Québec
09:00 - 15:00; Sunday, November 19, 2006; salle Saint-Louis

DRAFT MINUTES

Attendees:

1. **Ansdell, Kevin**, Geological Association of Canada **GAC**
2. **Bonham, Ollie**, Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists **CCPG**
3. **Burns, James**, Canadian Geoscience Council **CGC**
4. **Haidl, Fran**, Canadian Geoscience Education Network **CGEN**
5. **Hanmer, Simon** Natural Resources Canada **NRCAN** *facilitator*
6. **Holysh, Steve** International Association of Hydrogeologists, Cdn Chapter **IAH**
7. **James, Don**, Committee of Provincial Geologists **CPG**
8. **Keane, Chris**, American Geological Institute **AGI**
9. **Kuhn, Oliver**, Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists **CSEG**
10. **Major, Serge**, Canadian Institute of Mining **CIM**
11. **Marquis, Robert**, Geological Association of Canada **GAC**
12. **Moore, Richard**, Prospectors & Developers Assoc of Canada **PDAC**
13. **Mummery, Bob**, Canadian Geoscience Council **CGC**
14. **Ollerhead, Jeff**, Canadian Association of Geographers **CAG**
15. **Packard, Jeff**, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists **CSPG** *facilitator*
16. **Perret, Didier**, Canadian Geotechnical Society **CGS**
17. **Raeside, Rob**, Council of Chairs of Cdn Earth Science Depts **CCCESD**
18. **Reinson, Gerry**, Canadian Society of Petroleum Geologists **CSPG, CGC**
19. **Thorleifson, Harvey**, Canadian Geoscience Council **CGC**
20. **Tremblay, Pierrette**, Mineralogical Association of Canada **MAC**
21. **Young, Ian**, Canadian Geoscience Council **CGC**

09:00, Saturday, 18 November 2006

1. Welcome, Introductions

Harvey Thorleifson opened the meeting at 9 am

2. Approval of Agenda

The agenda previously circulated was discussed and confirmation of the new Finance Director was added. A motion to approve the revised agenda was moved by Holysh and seconded by Packard. The motion was carried.

3. Minutes of the 115th Council Meeting

A motion to approve the minutes of the 115th Council meeting held in Calgary on June 11th 2006 as circulated (<http://www.geoscience.ca/minutes.html>) was made by Holysh and seconded by Reinson. The motion was carried.

4. Action Items

Thorleifson reported that letters to CCPG regarding professional mobility and to the Prime Minister regarding the Canada Prize proposal had been prepared and sent.

Council of Presidents

- **Facilitators: Simon Hanmer & Jeff Packard**

Planned agenda items

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| 5. Protocol to be followed on the weekend to merge CoP and CGC – <i>CoP Facilitators</i> | 0910 |
| 6. Motions to affirm President & Finance Director nominees – <i>CoP Facilitators</i> | 0920 |
| 7. Introductory remarks by the new President – <i>Ian Young</i> | 0925 |
| 8. Presentation on the American Geological Institute – <i>Chris Keane</i> | 0935 |

Break **10:20**

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| 9. Discussion on AGI Operations and Structure | 1035 |
| 10. General discussion on strategic issues – <i>Ian Young</i> | 1050 |

It was agreed that the CoP could be regarded as the prospective membership of the renewed organization, and would dictate its governance. A motion moved by Packard and seconded by Hanmer to affirm CoP ratification of Ian Young’s nomination as President was passed unanimously, and a motion moved by Young and seconded by Packard to affirm James Burns as Financial Director was also passed unanimously. A general discussion led by Ian Young was held on a new name for the organization, priorities, head office location, timelines for next steps, organizational model, scope of the earth science community, the potential for recruitment of an Executive Officer and Administrative Officer, budget, and next steps.

Lunch **12:00**

Shared Services Working Group Reports, updated action items & timelines

Copies of the reports are available at www.geoscience.ca/nextMeet.html

11. Insurance and Liabilities – PDAC	1300
12. Memberships – CSPG	1315
13. Student Chapters – CANQUA	1330
14. Lecture Tours – CGS	1345
15. Conventions – GAC	1400
16. Publications – GAC	1415
17. Internal Communications – IAH	1430
18. External Communications – CANQUA	1445
19. Jobs/Recruitment – GAC	1500
Break	1515
20. Working Group Priorities & Planning – CoP Facilitators	1530
21. Round table discussion – All	1600
Adjourn	1700

Summary of Shared Services Working Group Reports, updated action items & timelines

Reports from the working groups were summarized and discussed and resultant action items determined as follows:

Insurance & Liabilities

PDAC lead

GAC, CSPG, CCPG, CIM

Canvas member societies and associations to determine:

- Who is already offering insurances and their type
- Their relevant membership profiles and numbers of professionals in each category
- Determine interest in a national insurance plan, for members and for member societies and associations

Via Richard Moore, establish contact with PDAC sub-committee on professional insurances for assistance with data compilation

Membership

CSPG lead

CMOS, CIM, CWLS, GAC

Canvas member societies and associations to determine, for communications purposes -

- Will they consider adding (obligatory choice) consent boxes to their membership/renewal web pages regarding permission to share limited personal information with CFES?
- Will they facilitate the establishment of a membership portal to their own web sites via CFES?

For shared membership registration purposes -

- First, CIM, PDAC, and CSPG to evaluate the revised incremental cost of membership registration, to determine if they would be willing to offer such a service on a contractual basis, and to determine which of them is best placed to do so.
- Subsequently, ask societies and associations to evaluate the potential benefit of such a shared service with the selected provider society

Student Chapters

PDAC & GAC new lead

CSPG, CIM, CCESD, CAG, CMOS, CANQUA

- Define a mechanism for assembling a central registry to act as a single point of contact for students in all university departments where aspects of Earth Science are taught, that also allows for sector-specific messaging
- Assemble a web-based access point for all student-oriented scholarships, awards and bursaries in all aspects of Earth Science

Lecture Tours

CGS lead

CSPG, CMOS, CIM, CWLS, GAC, CWLS

- Locate and assemble existing materials for a best practices manual
- Identify existing lecture tour coordinators within member societies and associations and set up a coordination network for logistics, timing, and the evaluation of possibilities for the sharing (cross-fertilisation) of topics between subsets of the Earth Sciences community
- Investigate the logistics and legalities of regional to nation telecasting of lectures

Conferences

GAC lead

CSPG, CSEG, CMOS, CIM, CGS, PDAC

CFES to

- Coordinate the organization of periodic (3 years?) national conferences on issues of significance that can be addressed by or involve the Earth Sciences
- Coordinate the sponsorship of Symposia and/or Special Sessions at other conferences
- Investigate potential for CFES to act as a sponsor of GeoCanada 2010

Working Group to

- Draw up a detailed 5-year calendar of regional, national and international conferences relevant to the Earth Science community out to 2011.

Publications

GAC lead

MAC, CSPG, CMOS, CANQUA

- Evaluation of concrete actions for cooperation in marketing and sales of technical publications
- Evaluation of the potential for revenue generation through advertising in technical publications

Internal Communications

IAH lead

MAC, CAG, NRCan, GAC

CFES to

- Seek volunteer editor for new CFES Newsletter with the active assistance of all member societies and associations

Working Group to

- Investigate potential value of advertising to support CFES Newsletter
- Canvas member societies and associations to gauge possible deleterious effects (competition) on their own fund raising through advertising
- Investigate potential to fund Newsletter through dedicated sponsorship

External Communications

CANQUA lead

CSEG, CSPG, PDAC, GAC, CSCOP, CAG

CFES to

- With the active participation of all member societies and associations, coordinate setting up of a directory of experts
- With the active participation of all member societies and associations, establish a committee to coordinate external communications by those societies and associations

Jobs and Recruitment

GAC

All

- With the active participation of all member societies and associations, design questionnaire and use it to poll the leading (top 100?) companies in all sectors with respect to their perceived needs-gaps in the Earth Sciences, including those related to service providers
- With the active participation of all member societies and association, gather and compile demographic statistics related to the Earth Sciences

Sunday, November 19

Planned agenda items

22. Proposals for Path forward: Overall Rationale – <i>Ian Young</i>	0900
23. Series of motions: Discussion and Vote	
24. Report from CGEN – Canadian Geoscience Education Network	1045
25. Report from IUGS CNC – International Union of Geological Sciences	1100
26. Report from IYPE CNC – International Year of Planet Earth	1115
27. Report from PAGSE – Partnership Group for Science and Engineering	1145
28. Report from the Foundation Sector	1200
Lunch	1215
29. Report from CCPG – Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists	1315
30. Report from CCCESD – Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments	1330
31. Report from NGSC – National Geological Surveys Committee	1345
32. Publicizing the new CGC/CGI – <i>Ian Young</i>	1400
33. Other business	1450
34. Date and venue of next meeting	1455
Adjourn	1500

Motion 1: the name Canadian Geoscience Council will be retired in favour of the name Canadian Federation of Earth Sciences / Fédération canadienne des sciences de la Terre.

Moved by Packard and seconded by Reinson

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 2: the CFES – FCST will have a new logo.

Moved by Ollerhead and seconded by Holysh

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 3: the CFES – FCST will have: a Board of Directors, a Council of Members, a National Advocacy & Advisory Panel, and a series of committees.

Moved by Burns and seconded by Reinson

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 4: the Council of Members shall be composed of the presidents (or equivalent), or their empowered designates, of all member societies or organizations; each member of Council shall have 1 vote.

Moved by Major and seconded by Holysh

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 5: the Board of Directors shall be elected by the Council of Members, shall be composed of: (i) president (ii) past-president and/or vice-president (president elect), (iii) a minimum of 2 other directors, and shall govern the organization.

Moved by Ollerhead and seconded by Kuhn

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 6: the National Advocacy & Advisory Panel shall be composed of a minimum of 3 prominent individuals who represent the diversity of the Canadian Earth Sciences community, shall be appointed by the Board of Directors and ratified by the Council of Members.

Moved by Marquis and seconded by Reinson

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 7: the National Advocacy & Advisory Panel shall operate under terms of reference developed by the Board of Directors and ratified by the Council of Members.

Moved by Raeside and seconded by Packard

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 8: the vice-president (president elect for 2008) will come from the mining sector.

Moved by Reinson and seconded by Kuhn

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 9: the CFES – FCST will have its official office at the office of the CSPG / CSEG in Calgary until at least June 30, 2007; this arrangement will be further considered at the next meeting of the Council of Members.

Moved by Young and seconded by Tremblay

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 10: CFES – FCST will be inclusive of the broadest range of stakeholder organizations in the Canadian Earth Sciences community.

Moved by Ollerhead and seconded by Holysh

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 11: CFES – FCST will welcome stakeholder organizations in the Canadian Earth Sciences community who opt to participate as observers.

Moved by Raeside and seconded by Burns

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 12: the next AGM of the CFES – FCST shall take place in Vancouver in May or June, 2007.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Major

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 13: The intent is for the presidency of the CFES – FCST to rotate among the various sectors comprising the Canadian Earth Sciences community.

Moved by Holysh and seconded by Marquis

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 14: a nominating committee composed of representatives from PDAC, CIM, GAC, MAC and the Mining Association of Canada be asked to nominate a candidate for the next VP of the CFES – FCST.

Moved by Moore and seconded by Marquis

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 15: the Board of Directors shall present to the Council of Members, at the next AGM (2007), revisions to the bylaws for approval.

Moved by Major and seconded by Holysh

The motion was approved unanimously

Motion 16: the revised bylaws shall include mechanisms to approve or revoke membership or observer status in the CFES – FCST.

Moved by Packard and seconded by Tremblay

The motion was approved unanimously

Break

1030

Summary of the Reports

Copies of the reports are available at www.geoscience.ca/nextMeet.html

Report from **CGEN** – Canadian Geoscience Education Network (Haidl)

- Concern expressed over lack of progress over funding for Careers in Geoscience website. Strong support across the Council for this initiative. Young to coordinate with John Boyd (see below) regarding IYPE funding initiatives.

Report from **CCCESD** – Council of Chairs of Canadian Earth Science Departments (Raeside)

- CCCESD had a successful meeting just prior to the CGC meeting. CCCESD now has a full slate of officers with Paul Smith (UBC) as Chair. CCCESD strongly aligned in priorities with CFES (N.B. Promotion of Earth Science). Young to contact Paul Smith and reinforce willingness to collaborate.

Report from **IUGS/IGCP CNC** – International Union of Geological Sciences

- Extensive update on International activities.
- The CFES agreed to facilitate the return of the funding of IUGS to ESS, given the willingness of NRCan to take the responsibility back, and the associated reduction in workload for CFES.

Report from **IYPE CNC** – International Year of Planet Earth

Brief report submitted by John Boyd, Chairman of the National Committee for IYPE. John has only been in the position for two weeks, so is getting up to speed.

- All Societies strongly supportive of leveraging IYPE to promote Earth Sciences in Canada. Young to contact John Boyd to discuss further involvement of CFES and the member societies in IYPE planning. Possible synergies with materials from CIM's Mining in Society pavilion.

Report from **PAGSE** – Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (Hanmer)

- Update given on PAGSE activities and the Bacon and Eggheads breakfast.

Reports from **Foundations** (Thorleifson)

- Discussion on the potential for expanding contributions to Earth Science Foundations by successful Earth Scientists.
- The Canada Prize for Earth and Environmental Science was introduced to CFES. Most members were unfamiliar with the prize, which was initiated with a significant pledge in the order of 10 years ago. The concept was a “Nobel Prize” for Earth Science, but required a match from the Government that the committee was unable to secure. Consequently the original benefactor has withdrawn the pledge leaving the rest of the pledges in an uncertain position. There is a meeting of the Canada Prize Board on Friday Nov 24th to discuss the status of the remaining funds.
- There was disappointment among the Council at the outcome of the Canada Prize, and some remaining questions as to whether the NAAP might be able to rescue it at the 11th hour. Young to discuss with Thorleifson prior to the meeting.

Lunch

1215

Report from **CCPG** – Canadian Council of Professional Geoscientists (Bonham)

- Presentation given by Ollie Bonham of the CCPG. The presentation reviewed the situation regarding professional registration across the country and the hot topic of mobility between provinces.
- Bonham further emphasized the commonality between CCPG and CFES in structure and many priorities, especially communication initiatives. There was a suggestion of the potential for a MOU between CFES and CCPG. Bonham and Young to investigate.
- An additional feature of the presentation was a review of the APGO web newsletter which could serve as a model for a CFES newsletter.

Report from **NGSC** – National Geological Surveys Committee (Hanmer)

- An overview was given of the NGSC including a discussion of a clearer definition of Federal vs. Provincial responsibility, and broadening of coordination to better encompass environmental earth science.

Publicizing the renewed organization – *Ian Young*

- Young to work on a “press kit” for CFES and a presentation to give at member society luncheons and or technical sessions to expand the familiarity of CFES within the Canadian Earth Science Community.

Other business - Priorities

There was an expressed need for prioritization of action items to be completed by the Shared Services working groups as soon as possible in order to maintain momentum.

Hanmer and Ollerhead identified five priorities among the action items discussed during reporting by the Shared Services Working Groups for short-term quick-wins to demonstrate the momentum of the CFES:

- Insurance (Directors/Officers liability and Field Trip Insurance)
- Conference Calendar (need to prepare and post on CFES-FCST website a list of conferences up to and including 2011)
- Internal Communications (find an editor for an CFES-FCST Newsletter)
- External Communications (establish a coordinating committee between member societies, and coordinate first responders of each member society)
- Jobs & Recruitment (poll major employers in each sector for HQP gaps and needs, and establish a demographics snap-shot for the Earth Sciences)
- Set up a "Careers in the Earth Sciences" web site (CGEN)

Young added several additional priority items including:

- Hiring of an Administrative Officer (Young & Burns to handle)
- Executive Officer replacement (Young)
- Lecture Tour Working Group (prepare a Lecture Tour Calendar)
- Obtain new domain name for CFES-FCST and update current website (Thorleifson)
- Prepare a Press Kit including a Press Release for the results of the Quebec City meeting and announcing CFES-FCST (Young)
- IYPE (needs more sector involvement in the organizing committee)
- GeoCanada 2010 (investigate CFES-FCST as a potential sponsoring organizations)
- National Advocacy & Advisory Board (start search for suitable nominees)

Date and venue of next meeting

TBA, but expected to be in Vancouver late May or early June of 2007

Young adjourned the meeting at 1510
