

The 112th MEETING
OF THE CANADIAN GEOSCIENCE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON
9.00am May 30th, 2004 at the Hawthorne, 618 - 5th Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta,

Draft Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions
Made by President Doug Stead
2. Approval of Agenda
Moved by Peter Dimmell, seconded by Don James
Motion passed
3. Approval of Minutes of the 111th Council Meeting (previously circulated and available at <http://www.geoscience.ca/minutes/111mintoronto.html>)
Moved by Alan Morgan, seconded by Peter Dimmell
Motion passed
4. Action items from previous meeting (discussion).
 - a. Council of President meetings have been convened and response has been positive. Need to review meeting attendees at CGC meetings - role of CGC reps vs senior society executives. Continuity vs decision maker.
 - b. Role of CGC - Mission Statement needs additional clarification, CGC is an “umbrella” organization for business, professional, technical and special geoscience related groups, should “Geoscience Canada” (GAC pub) become a CGC publication? The role of CGC is to address issues that transcend “societal” boundaries.
 - c. Subscription Letters need to be sent out as hard copy invoices, major societies (CSPG, PDAC, CAG) are prepared to increase their subscriptions to CGC, CSEG contributions set an example to follow and are much appreciated
 - d. Nominations – only received two Director nominations. Need for communication Motion to remove Administration and Committee Directorships and replace with Director-at-Large positions. Harvey may appoint society nominations to these positions.
5. CGC Board of Directors
 - a. Nomination for:
 - President Elect – Harvey Thorleifson
 - International Director – Bryan Schreiner
 - Communication Director - vacant
 - Issues Director – Gerry Reinson
 - Education Director – Alan Morgan
 - Director-at-Large – 2 vacant positionsNominations moved by Peter Dimmell and seconded by Jeff Ollerhead

Motion passed

6. Reports from the Board of Directors (tabled or verbal)
 - a. President (tabled)

Doug Stead noted that the CGC is heading towards a new model. The **goals** include: **better communication** within the geoscience community, **improved public perception** of geoscience, and **broader participation** from within the geoscience community. CGC's limited resources emphasize a continued need to prioritize and focus efforts. The Council of Presidents' meetings identified **CGC priority issues as: Communication, Education and International presences**. The role of CGC in these areas is **co-ordination and communication**.
 - b. Finance Director (tabled)

Don James reviewed the auditor's report and presented the proposed 2004-2005 CGC Budget. The audit showed last year's revenue to be about \$85K, expenses \$104K, which resulted in a \$19K deficit. The proposed 2004-2005 Budget estimates revenue to be about \$70K, expenses about \$100K resulting in a projected deficit of \$30K. Approval of the proposed 2004-2005 budget was moved by Les Cwynar and seconded by Peter Dimmell, Motioned was carried. There was an additional comment that a **separate supplemental budget needs to be raised in the fall for Communication and any other major initiatives**. It was also recommended that **subscription notices for annual dues be sent to members in the fall**.
 - c. Education (verbal)

Alan Morgan provided a verbal review of CGEN activities and asked that the CGEN report be appended to the minutes
 - d. International (verbal)

Bryan Schreiner commented on the IGCP program, which distributes about \$11K per year (mainly as travel supplements) to profs and grad students. **There was a request for a list of projects supported**. CGC also pays the annual IUGS membership (\$8K) for Canada. Peter Bobrowski has been nominated for president of IUGS. The IUGS is meeting in conjunction with the IGC meetings in Florence Italy. There will be a 20-person delegation from Canada including a contingent from GSC. In addition Bryan and Harvey will be involved with the program. There will also be discussion within the delegation from Canada as to what Canada will do to support the UN Year of Planet Earth. Doug thanked Bryan for his efforts as International Director. There were suggestions made to have CGC make a more formal report on international activities and also include a list of these activities on our website.
7. Executive Officer's Report (tabled)

-----LUNCH Break-----

8. A Communications strategy for CGC
Discussion highlighted the following issues: what is the role of CGC representatives? Need to set meeting times and places well in advance to have better participation (CCPG). What message is sent by the meeting location? CGC needs a medium for communication. Geoscience Canada could be that vehicle. CGC update should be submitted under “conference reports”. Member monthly newsletters should share more articles.
9. IODP Update
Kathy Gillis (U Vic) presented an update on the IDOP program. Key points include: full IODP membership is currently \$3.5MM per year and expected to increase to \$5.5MM with the addition of a new drill ship. An arctic coring project will help review 30 mmyrs of climate change. Canada currently contributes \$300-400K per year as part of a European consortium that shares a membership. We should be contributing at least \$1MM per year. **There needs to be some lobbying efforts by CGC in Ottawa to continue participation in IODP.**
10. R.S.C Review of the British Columbia Offshore Oil & Gas Moratorium: Update
The RSC report is available on their website. Concern that CGC and members were not involved in the RSC submission. These issues should be filtered through the CGC President and then forwarded to the appropriate member for response. Motion by Alan Morgan and seconded by Craig Lamb to send a letter to the effect the RSC from the CGC President. Motioned was passed with NRCAN abstaining from the vote
11. Council of Presidents’ meetings
Recommend a frequency of two one-day meetings per year with one in Ottawa for communication/lobbying/outreach
12. International Activities
Follow-up from Bryan’s report include a list of IGCP Projects, use of International Year of the Earth to raise the profile of geosciences in Canada (including a presentation to the Privy Council), need to lobby for continued support for IODP & ICPD
13. Careers Brochure
CSPG, CSEG & PDAC need input and can provide support to John Clague’s efforts to produce a new careers brochure. These efforts can be part of those member’s Outreach activities. **Alan Morgan will coordinate input from members to John Clague.**
14. NSERC Reallocation

No NSERC reps were at the meeting. CGC needs to take a leadership role in advocacy for NSERC reallocation to earth science. CGC needs to get on the agenda at the upcoming Mines Minister's conference. CGC needs to meet with NSERC in Ottawa in the fall.

15. Other business

Comment that the CGC website needs to be revised. Jeff Ollerhead will get the company that provided the new CAG website to provide CGC with an estimate.

16. Date and venue of next meeting

The next CGC meeting will be in Ottawa on Sunday October 17, 2004 in conjunction with the next Council of Presidents meeting (Sat Oct 16), possible "lobbying on the Hill" (Mon. Oct 17) and the proposed NRCAN outreach initiatives (Mon eve Oct 18 and all day Oct 19). Details to follow.