

Western Division CAG
AGM, UNBC, Prince George, B.C.
March 15, 2003

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Rod Fowler.
Agenda and minutes of last meeting were approved (Dan Smith/ Ineke Dijks) and we moved onto the present agenda.

ISSUES:

1. ISSUE RE: FUNDING PRESENTERS.

This issue was dropped from the agenda as there was no result from previous discussions & no new suggestions from members present

2. GST PROBLEM

Discussed and put aside, seems that we do not have to fret about it too much, point was made about the low amount of money that passes through division's hands -- each institution hosting will cope with issue as it arises, although we should make sure that the potential taxes are not catching up on us.

TREASURER TO LOOK INTO SITUATION

3. DIVISIONAL ARCHIVIST

Notice was given that the position of Divisional Archivist was open--- we must consider replacing.....see later in meeting.

4. DEFINITION OF MEMBERS

The Western Divisional - Member Only category has been removed.

Members will now have to join the Canadian Association of Geographers in order to be on the WD-CAG listserve & CAG listserve.

5. EXECUTIVE

All Executive members must join the CAG, and maintain their CAG membership while in office.

Motion Gail Fondahl, second Debra Straussfogel

REPORTS:

1. SECRETARY/TREASURER (Tom Johnston)

Funds look OK, no grand worries at this point.

Received, Motion Alistair McVey, seconded Michael Wilson

2. PUBLICATIONS (Jim Windsor)

All is well, Jim Windsor advises that two publications are in the offing, very soon. He did mention that in the near future it would be appropriate to nominate a new editor, however. We should also begin the process of searching out new sources of funding and a new potential publisher and editor.

Letter of thanks s/be sent to President of CNC for financially supporting the publication of several issues. Sent April 28, 2003.

3. NEWSLETTER EDITOR (Ineke Dijks)

Get submissions in please, Ineke and Bob continue in their capacities. Sunsequently been produced and distributed.

4. EDUCATION COMMITTEE (BC – Rod Fowler)

Lyle Courtney has met with past chair Margaret White and discussed the Provincial Education situation with her. Rod Fowler has met with June & Angus Whitmore and obtained an update on the B.C. Provincial scene regarding Geography in the Grade 12 curriculum (or lack of it!) Angus Whitmore has volunteered to help in establishing and maintaining contact with the Secondary School teachers in the future. Dale Gregory has been maintaining a listserve of Secondary School Geography teachers in B.C. & we have been keeping him informed of our newsletters and meeting which he has been sending out to the teachers. Several of whom were in attendance at the Prince George meeting

Received Motion: Alistair McVey, seconded Greg Halseth

5. ARCHIVIST

Nomination from the floor for new Archivist and accepted by Ken Faverholdt, University College of the Cariboo.

6. PRESIDENT'S REPORT - Rod Fowler

Talked of potential accreditation issues – Both Geophysicists and Biologists are now required to be professionally accredited in B.C. and are the only acceptable signatories to any environmental impact assessments and other geo-environmental issues. especially those raised by recent movement of biologists in BC, are they encroaching on one of our areas of expertise -- environmental issues and analysis?

Members requested that the Division President write to the BC Prof Geophysicists and the BC Prof Biologists and clarify what exactly the new accreditation legislation in BC permits them to legally certify as to validity and correctness.

Motion: Jim Windsor, seconder Michael Wilson

OTHER:

7. Presentations – WDCAG Certificate of Service to Dr. R.C. Harris

8. Next Meeting - Medicine Hat College, March 2003

9. Elections:

President – Ben Moffat, Medicine Hat (2 year term)

Vice-President –Neil Hanlon UNBC (2 year term)

Past President – Rod Fowler – Kwantlen University College

Secretary-Treasurer – Tom Johnston – U of L

Members-at-large - Ian Walker – U. Vic, (1 year remaining, 2 year term)

Earl Noah – Douglas College (1 year remaining, 2 year term)

Cliff Raphael – CNC (2 years remaining, 2 year term)

Debra Straussfogel, UNBC(2 years remaining, 2 year term)

student BC - Deanna Hurstfield, UCC (1 year term)

stud AB - vacant

BC Education – Lyle Courtney – Douglas College

publications – Jim Windsor - CNC

Newsletter Editor – Ineke Dijks - Surrey, B.C.

10. AOB

Fowler informed the meeting that last year's student winners had not yet received their awards. This has subsequently been taken care of (April 2003).

These 1 year memberships in the CAG should be sent off by the Treasurer to the following recipients:

2002 Winners:

Julie Bogdanowicz, University of Victoria

Laura Ryser, Univ. of Northern BC

2003 Winners

Alma Klarich, UCC,

Karen Brelsford, UVic, and

Nancy Elliot, UNBC

11. U. Vic also issued a challenge to the departments of the other institutions present to match U. Vic's offer to contribute \$500 to the costs of publishing issue #13 of the Journal

12. Adjournment, *motion Gail Fondahl, seconded Debra Straussfogel*