

Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers



Newsletter

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Annual WDCAG Conference

The Geography Department at the University of Lethbridge is hosting the annual conference on March 8 and 9, 1996. Field trips will be held on the 8th, with the 9th devoted to papers. A first call for papers will be circulated in late October. Pre-registration will be due in late December and paper abstracts in late January. Anyone with general questions, suggestions, or concerns should contact Tom Johnston (Phone: 403-329-2534; johnston@hg.uleth.ca)

Anyone interested in organizing a special session at the conference, should contact Tom as soon as possible. For example, the Canadian Geomorphological Research Group is sponsoring a session devoted to geomorphology topics and interested participants should contact Dan Smith (e-mail smith1@uvvm.uvic.ca)

WDCAG Live on the Internet

Geographers with an interest in western Canada have a new way to talk to one another. CAGWESTE is an electronic mail distribution list created in early June 1995 at the University of Victoria. The list is intended to provide a discussion and announcement forum for Western Division members. Nevertheless, there appears to be a broader audience out there and membership on the list already includes a number of international correspondents and addresses.

The executive of the Western Division are encouraging all division members to subscribe to CAGWESTE. It is hoped the forum will provide a venue for members in the division to communicate with one another; to quickly receive announcements regarding conferences, jobs and course offerings; to obtain reports of various WDCAG committees and the Annual General Meeting; and to appreciate the diversity of geographical interests within the Division. Eventually even this newsletter will find a way on to the list!

Anyone with an e-mail account can easily subscribe to CAGWESTE by mailing a request to the University of Victoria listserver. Send the following message to *LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA*:

*SUBscribe cagweste your name
for example, sub cagweste Jill Snow*

Within a very short time you will be notified that your subscription is active and begin to receive messages sent to the forum. It really is that easy!

You may leave the list at any time by sending a "SIGNOFF CAGWESTE" command to the listserver. Please note that this command must NOT be sent to the list address (CAGWESTE@UVVM.UVIC.CA) but rather to the *LISTSERV* address (*LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA*).

Contributions and messages are sent to *CAGWESTE@UVVM.UVIC.CA* for distribution to all members of the list. Simply send/forward your message the same way you do normally, but use the CAGWESTE

address. Contributions sent to this list are automatically archived. You can obtain a list of the available archive files by sending an "INDEX CAGWESTE" command to LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA). These files can then be retrieved by means of a "GET CAGWESTE filetype" command, or by using the database search facilities of [LISTSERV](mailto:LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA). Send an "INFO DATABASE" command for more information on the latter. More information on [LISTSERV](mailto:LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA) commands can be found in the [LISTSERV](mailto:LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA) reference card, which you can retrieve by sending an "INFO REFCARD" command to LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA).

CAGWESTE is moderated by Dan Smith (SMITH1@UVVM.UVIC.CA). Please contact him to add information, change information or to correct any errors.

Canadian Geomorphology Research Group Listserver

The Canadian Geomorphology Research Group (CGRG) has created CANGEORG. This is a listserver intended for members of the CGRG and anyone interested in the geomorphology of Canada. Items of interest include a weekly listing of recent publications dealing with Canadian geomorphology.

You can automatically join CANGEORG by sending the following to message to LISTSERV@UVVM.UVIC.CA:

SUBscribe CANGEORG Your Name
for example, sub cangeorg Jill Snow

For further information regarding CANGEORG or the Canadian Geomorphological Research Group, please contact the list moderator Dan Smith at: smith@uvvm.uvic.ca .

The AAG Via the WWW

<http://www.aag.org> - Association of American Geographers

The Inside Story

This edition of the WDCAG Newsletter will be the first distributed to CAGWESTE subscribers. Given the high costs of printing and mailing paper copies of the newsletter, it seems worthwhile to wean as many people off paper copies as possible. If you would prefer to receive only an electronic copy of the newsletter, please send me an e-mail message and let me know.

This newsletter is short on departmental news and long on division business. A vote passed at the last Annual General Meeting in Victoria asked that the minutes of the meeting be included in the next issue of the newsletter. In addition, you will also find included a copy of the Division constitution and news about editorial changes at [Western Geography](mailto:WesternGeography).

Hope to see you all at the Annual Meeting in Lethbridge. From what the organization committee is telling me, the paper presentations will only be half the fun!

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The WDCAG Archives

Len Evenden (SFU) writes "that some members will know, and others might like to know what the arrangements are for keeping the Division's records. As each new executive assumes office following the elections at the annual meeting, records of minutes, finances, discussions and so on are passed from hand to hand. During the mid 1970s the burden of these records became quite heavy and their condition also became a matter of concern. Working from memory, let me say that the records were full and complete from the first meeting in 1959, held at UBC, and I seem to recall that the earliest of these were in the handwriting of UBC Professor Emeritus John Stager. The mid 70s was also a period of active reorganization of the Division (for example it became the Western Division instead of just the B.C. Division), and it seemed appropriate to try to find a soft landing place for the Division's records, which, it might be noted, comprises an important element of the 'collective memory' of Geography in western Canada".

"At the request of the Executive of the day I spoke to the Archivist at Simon Fraser University who agreed to find a niche to preserve the records. The Division and the SFU Archives entered into a formal (and legal) contract, thus providing for the transfer and preservation of the records. And a bunch of things were turned over to the Archives. I was asked to serve as a link between the Archives and the Division, especially on the practical matter of seeing to it that records are occasionally deposited. That is where things rest to-day."

"To my knowledge the records have been used mainly by Elizabeth Peerless, when she was the Divisional President, in her research for the background to certain constitutional changes that were made during her tenure of office. This is a reminder that these records are available as a guide to any who would wish to propose changes, and proposed changes should be checked against the record before they are voted upon."

"Occasionally I have been asked by the Archives whether we are still alive as an association, for there have not been any records deposited in recent years. I've managed to waffle about how active we all are, and how keen we are to have the records in good condition, and how glad we are that real archivists are handling the job (at no cost to the Division)."

"Now the Archives at SFU are entering into a new phase of their existence, the Head has changed and they move into new premises in the new year, 1996. In late August (1994) the new Head Archivist and I spoke on the phone about the Division's records. Because they are not an extensive collection, they present no real problem to the Archives. But the office is undergoing a significant expansion of its duties on campus (for example, this is to be the university's nerve centre for all matters to do with the new freedom of information legislation, with all that might imply), and so the place of the Division's records may be a matter of discussion".

"It would really help if anyone who has old records of Divisional activities, meetings, seminars or sponsored lectures (some having been quite outside the annual gathering), copies of old newsletters, annual papers no longer wanted, photographs of divisional field trips or events at annual meetings (yes, the Division has done all these things and more, such as a family picnic in Stanley Park when Ed Gibson was President!), please send them to me or contact me about them. I'll see to it that the Archives are enriched by our contributions."

"The first deposits were made after about 16 years of the Division's existence. Another 17 to 19 years has passed since the Archival contract was signed, but almost nothing has been deposited. By now there must be a large chunk of stuff out there that should be afforded proper archival treatment for the Division. Remember, this costs us nothing except the moment's effort to pass stuff along."

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY NEWS

Augustana University College

Augustana was pleased to welcome Dr. Betty Weiler, from the University of Newcastle in Australia, as a visiting lecturer. She was on campus from September 25 to October 4 to deliver a CIRLA presentation (Center for Interdisciplinary Research in the Liberal Arts and Sciences) and guest lectures in other geography courses.

Faculty member, Glen Hvenegaard continues his research on ecotourism and conservation at Doi Inthanon National Park, Thailand, and was recently invited to join IUCN's Commission on Parks and Protected Areas.

Dr. Lucille Marr, from the Department of History, is teaching Introduction to Cultural Geography.

Connections are being forged to explore potential contributions to the Interdisciplinary Studies Program (in the context of Development Studies), and the Outdoor Recreation Program (in the context of Adventure Travel).

With a minor in geography now available, the number of students making this choice at Augustana is growing. Of a student base of just under a thousand, over 200 students have enrolled in geography courses in the 1995-96 academic year.

For questions regarding Augustana's geography program, contact Glen Hvenegaard at Augustana University College, 4901-46 Avenue, Camrose, Alberta T4V 2R3 (ph. 403-679-1574; hveng@augustana.ab.ca) or Admissions at 1-800-661-8714).

Medicine Hat College

June of 1995 saw a group of students head off to the wilds of the American Northwest as part of Geography 379 - The USA. They

returned 20 days later from what could only be described as "a trip from hell". Two inches of snow in Yellowstone, more snow in the Grand Tetons, rain on Mt. Rainier, Mt. St. Helens, the North Cascades and the Olympic Peninsula, a botched brake job in Jackson, Wyoming that led to a marooning atop Mt. Rainier and another brake fix in Puyallup, a rebuilt transmission in Aberdeen, Washington and it failing us on the way to Missoula, Montana...it seemed that everything that could go wrong, did. The group did return safe and sound, but to a city that had been flooded- out...quite a trip.

Small enrolment typified our winter and spring terms, 1995. But with numbers small we have taken the opportunity to expand our offerings in geography for both the academic years 1995 and 1996. The winter term 1996 will see Geography 130 and Geography 332 offered. The first is a course (Remote Sensing) for programme students only (Watershed Management students who will complete their second year of studies at Lethbridge Community College) while the second (Introduction to Map and Air Photo Interpretation) is university transfer and services our new programme. Next year we will offer an introduction to GIS class - Geography 338. We will be sharing a lab facility with our CAD programme. We will be using MicroCam (a software programme distributed by the AAG) and Idrisi for Windows.

As with most other Albertan institutions, we are struggling with budget cuts. Our worn map sheets need replacing, field trip budgets must be supplemented with student fund raising, and marking hours are decreasing...we are hoping for an election call soon...maybe a carrot will be offered to education by our ruling party. Ben Moffat continues to commute back and forth between Saskatoon and Medicine Hat. A bi-weekly trek of 900 km. His travels have allowed him to see many sunrises over Kindersley, sunsets near Burstall, and too many deer (a motorist's curse on their species), antelope, coyotes, foxes and gophers to mention.

University College of the Cariboo

Faculty: Full-time faculty include: R. MacKinnon, R. Nelson, R. Hay, and J. Miller; Part-time faculty include: K. Favrholt and D. Brown. Full-time Lab Demonstrator is M. Miller.

Recent Developments: In June 1995, R MacKinnon received a teaching/research fellowship from Obirin University in Tokyo which enabled him to spend June and July in Japan. In addition to presenting a series of lectures on Canadian geography to students in Obirin's International Studies Department, Robert presented lectures to geography students at Meiji and Sophia Universities in downtown Tokyo and at Tsukuba University in Tsukuba Science City. In June, 1995, R. Hay and K. Favrholt received a "Living Landscapes Grant" from the Royal British Columbia Museum to conduct research on Biodiversity in the Shuswap-South Thompson Region. R. Nelson is currently developing two new third years courses, planned for 1996/97 -- Geography 321, Urban Historical Geography and Geography 361, Economic Geography. He also sits on the Steering Committee for the "Living Landscapes" Project. Enrolments remain high in Geography at U.C.C. with several courses wait listed both in September and in January.

University College of the Fraser Valley

The Geography Department at the University College of the Fraser Valley continues to expand its program, particularly with upper division offerings. A new course in quantitative and statistical analysis (Geog 352), another in advanced regional analysis (Geog 433), a physical/human field course (Geog 452), and new courses at the third and fourth year level as components of our physical stream, are now being offered or are in late stages of development.

In support of our growth in geomorphology and climatology in particular, and of strong enrolment generally, a part-time lab and departmental assistant, Mira Majerovich, was

hired for the current academic year. This is the first lab assistance the department has ever had, and we are hopeful of converting the position to a full-time one in the near future. In addition to program expansion, the department is planning for facilities growth, with new lab and related spaces on paper for Abbotsford and Chilliwack and the likely offering of courses at Mission in the near future.

Over the summer period, faculty were involved in various research and related activities. Ian Okabe spent the last few months working as a Satellite Meteorologist for the Pacific Weather Centre, Environment Canada. Doug Nicol and Cherie Enns continued with local historical research on the socio-religious landscapes of Chilliwack. John Belec, David Gibson and Sandy Vanderburgh are developing courses for the program as well as pursuing on-going research interests.

The department and UCFV recently hosted a group visiting from Western Washington University at Bellingham who were accompanied by their guests from El Colegio de la Frontera Norte (COLEF) at Tijuana. The WWU delegation was organized by Dr. James Loucky, Head of International Studies and included Dr. Jorge Bustamante, President of COLEF. In an effort to encourage study and research on border issues, UCFV has been involved in the establishment of a bi-nation 'Alliance of Border Communities' in the area between Abbotsford, B.C. and Bellingham, Washington. The Alliance would have representation from Mayors of the communities involved and academic involvement by UCFV and WWU. There are a variety of important cross-border issues in this region including environmental (flooding into Canada from the Nooksak River in Whatcom County; protection of the Abbotsford-Sumas aquifer), economic (cross-border shopping, free-trade, energy issues, bi-national farm and business ownership patterns), and socio-cultural (the bi-national Bible Belt; family and social group interaction across the border; sharing educational and hospital services; recreation).

At our session in September, John Matzinger of the Whatcom County Public Works Department was invited to talk about flood control on the Nooksak and Dr. Sandy Vanderburgh from UCFV addressed the issue of aquifer protection. Those from Mexico added a tri-national dimension to the environmental issues raised.

The Geography Department at UCFV would like to hear from anyone who has been involved in similar endeavours, especially in the organization of cross-border research groups. Perhaps your college or university has been thinking about or working towards something similar. If you have any ideas to share please send them to John Belec or Doug Nicol at UCFV (Belecj@ucfv.bc.ca or Nicol@ucfv.bc.ca).

University of Alberta

The Geography Department at the University of Alberta has been joined with the Geology Department to form a Department of Earth and Atmospheric Science. This new department resides within the Faculty of Science and boasts over 30 faculty members. Brian Jones is the current Department Chair, with Ed Jackson serving as the Associate Chair.

The department will continue to offer a BA and MA/PhD degrees, along with the B.Sc. and M.Sc. degrees. All of the courses formerly offered by geography and geology are being revamped, and will eventually be identified as Earth and Atmospheric Science (EAS) courses. A first step in this process is the creation of three introductory courses focusing on: earth surface processes, historical geology, and the atmosphere-biosphere.

The department is actively recruiting for faculty to fill three new positions: two in the GIS/computer field and another in the field of resource management. Any one with questions regarding these positions should contact either Brian Jones (bjones@gpu.srv.ualberta) or Ed Jackson (jackson@geog.ualberta.ca).

University of Northern British Columbia

The small group of geographers at UNBC has been busy this past year teaching new courses, getting research programmes underway and developing a set of minors in geography. Approved for September of 1996 are three minors in Physical Geography, Geomorphology and Human Geography. Federal government funding agencies awarded a SSHRCC to Greg Halseth who is working on Small Town Resilience and NSERC funded Ellen Petticrew to study fine grained sediment transport in headwater streams. The McArthur Foundation (Chicago) in combination with B.C. Parks provided money to Gail Fondahl to organize a 3 week visit of six First Nations Siberians to Northern BC to discuss issues of aboriginal self-government, resource management, environmental protection and cultural revitalization. Gail has also become managing editor of Polar Geography and Geology with Kevin Hall (chair) a co-editor.

The graduate programme grew as a second student was added to the masters programme. Jenny Lo (BA SFU) began working with Greg Halseth in September. In the second term of operation the GIS lab has doubled its student enrolment to 84. This large interest in GIS is partly a result of local and general interest in the technology but also the organization of UNBC into faculties rather than departments: the GIS course is required for biology, forestry, geography and environmental studies degrees. While this creates standing room only in the lecture room at 8:30 am on Friday it has also greatly increased coffee consumption of the lone instructor (Roger Wheate) and the TA.

Another geographer joined the UNBC faculty this summer. Peter Jackson PhD UBC (93) is an atmospheric scientist who will be teaching within the Environmental Studies programme. Reg Horne continues with a sessional teaching position in Terrace from where he also distance delivers the material back to students in Prince George. The geography club and programme are again planning to bring a horde

of collective New Caledonians and UNBC'ers to the WCAG meeting at Lethbridge in March 96. It is hoped the average speed on the 12 hour journey will exceed the renowned wind velocities of the host city!

University of Victoria

The Geography Department at the University of Victoria continues to move with the times, with a major upgrading of our computer capacity underway. Since this fall, the University of Victoria has made e-mail accounts available for almost all of its students. This initiative should mean a much higher volume of e-mail traffic for Geography faculty and administration, as well as providing incentives for adopting related communication technology, such as seeking out geography-related Web sites, subscribing to geography-related listservers, etc.

As well as being networked to a central file server, the departmental computers will be catching up - a portable digital overhead unit, technical services going to Pentiums, the Map Library receiving a new computing system, and the departmental database manager changing to ORACLE. The new Eudora mail package will be used by all geography faculty and staff.

We are also on the Web, having grown away from our previous "gopher" site. The Webserver, a mini-computer in the department's spatial sciences lab, provides the department with a link to the internet. Our site is at:

<http://geography.geog.uvic.ca/dept/homepage.html>

Last term, graduate student Trevor Davis worked under the direction of Dr. Peter Keller to copy several departmental pamphlets onto this web site. One of the most important parts of obtaining a web site is the programmed up-dating that needs to take place. Senior lab instructor John Newcomb will be working to maintain the site, and to receive suggestions for major changes in the future. The biggest advantage of the web site is be to make the

department's public relations information, including pamphlets for graduate studies and Co-op geography programmes, available at a great distance at low cost. However, another aspect of the Web site will be to present a comprehensive view of the divisions of geography including the undergraduate students' association, as well as grad students, faculty, and departmental research interests.

Publication Notice:

Western Geographical Series WGS volume number 31 has just been released:

A PERSISTENT SPIRIT: Towards Understanding Aboriginal Health in British Columbia, edited by Peter

Stephenson, Susan Elliott, Leslie Foster and Jill Harris (1995, ISBN 0-919838-21-9, \$25).

WGS Series Editor Harold Foster (UVic) notes that, with the appearance of this volume, a major step forward has been taken for the Geography Department of University of Victoria. WGS is now split into two components, with an International WGS being published and distributed by John Wiley and Sons Limited, and the Canadian WGS still being published by Western Geographical Press, but distributed by UBC Press. So while *A PERSISTENT SPIRIT* text is the very first volume of the 'Canadian' WGS, it is the thirty-first of the WGS volumes.

A PERSISTENT SPIRIT, as pointed out in the Acknowledgements of the text, includes contributors who are both aboriginal and non-aboriginal, scholarly researchers, and community activists, B.C. government workers and Band organization members. Editors Peter Stephenson and Susan Elliott explain in the Preface of the text that the reason for producing *A PERSISTENT SPIRIT* was, '... to raise awareness of Aboriginal health issues, and to point the way toward increased understanding and response to issues of Aboriginal health through various ways of knowing and doing'.

**Business Meeting Minutes
Annual General Meeting
Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers**

Friday, March 3, 1995, 4:30 P.M.
University of Victoria (Cornett Building, B145)

1. Agenda approved (moved R. MacKinnon, seconded G. Ford).
2. Minutes of 1994 meeting approved. (moved D. Smith, seconded R. MacKinnon)
- 3.0 Reports:
 - 3.1 The Secretary-Treasurer's report will be circulated in the W.D.C.A.G. Newsletter.
 - 3.2 Publications Editor:
Michael Edgell will soon be stepping down as Editor of Western Geography. The executive needs to find a replacement. A suggestion was made that the position be advertised in the W.D.C.A.G. Newsletter.
 - 3.3 Newsletter Editor:
Dan Smith (University of Victoria) will be replacing Ian McLachlan (University of Lethbridge) as Newsletter Editor. A special thank you to Ian for all of his efforts during the past two years. Dan Smith reported that the use of e-mail may be a cheaper way to deal with Western Division Business by reducing paper and mailing costs.
 - 3.4 Education Committee Report:
Circulated by Margaret North (University of British Columbia); highlights include:
 - * the matter of the refusal of the Education Faculty at University of Victoria to acknowledge that first year Physical Geography courses were acceptable Lab. Science courses for admission to Elementary Education has been satisfactorily resolved.
 - * Lis Dawson, a WDCAG Education Committee member, was awarded a Distinguished Teacher's Prize by the National Council of Geographic Education at their Annual meeting in Kentucky.
 - * Bob Francis (Langara College) will be assuming the Chair of the W.D.C.A.G. Education Committee for 1995/96
- 4.0 New Business:
 - 4.1 The proposed constitutional changes circulated in advance of the meeting were passed:
 - * Article 1 Section 1, as circulated (moved R. MacKinnon, seconded C. Raphael)
 - * Article 1 Section 2, as circulated (moved R. MacKinnon, seconded C. Raphael)
 - * Article 111 Executive. Section 4, with amendment regarding the regional councillor to be determined by the executive (moved R. MacKinnon, seconded D. Gibson)

- 4.2 Fee structure for non-C.A.G. Western Division members to be levied as follows:
 Regular Members \$ 20.00
 Student Members \$ 10.00
 retired Members \$ 15.00

The application form circulated in advance of the meeting will be used for regional memberships. (moved, R.MacKinnon, seconded D. Gibson, passed).

- 4.3 Proposal from Jim Windsor (College of New Caledonia) to Implement Western Division C.A.G. Awards for Scholarly Contributions to Geography, for Service to Geography and for Excellence in Teaching

Motion that the W.D.C.A.G. not implement a series of awards, as proposed by J. Windsor (moved R.MacKinnon, seconded D. Gibson) passed with 1 abstention.

From the discussion about the establishment of awards emerged a Consensus that the Student Award for best presentation at the Annual meeting be reestablished. Robert MacKinnon (University College of the Cariboo) and Sandy Vanderburgh (University College of the Fraser Valley) volunteered to try to organize this for next year.

5.0 Executive for 1995/96:

The following persons were elected or appointed to the W.D.C.A.G. Executive for 1995/96:

President:	Cliff Raphael (College of New Caledonia)
Past-President:	Eric Grass (Langara College)
Secretary-Treasurer:	Tom Johnston (University of Lethbridge)
Publications Editor:	to be appointed by new executive
Newsletter Editor:	Dan Smith (University of Victoria)
Education Committee:	Bob Francis (Langara)
Members-at-Large:	Sandy Vanderburgh (University College of the Fraser Valley) Ellen Petticrew (University of Northern British Columbia) Robert MacKinnon (University College of the Cariboo) Rob Young (University of Alberta)
Student Positions:	Vacant for 1995/96

6.0 Location of Annual meeting for 1996

To date no institutional representative has come forward with an offer to host the 1996 Annual Meeting. However, the new executive has been asked to approach Alberta W.D.C.A.G. members to determine whether or not the meeting can be held in that Province next year. (Secretary's Note: Cliff Raphael has recently communicated to me that the University of Lethbridge has agreed to host the 1996 Annual Meeting of the Western Division.)

**CONSTITUTION, WESTERN DIVISION
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS**

May 1995

1. The name of the Association shall be WESTERN DIVISION; THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS.
2. The objectives of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers shall be the promotion of Geographical study, teaching and research.

BYLAWS

I. MEMBERS

1. All members in good standing, of any class in the Canadian Association of Geographers, who reside in the Canadian provinces of Alberta and British Columbia, the Yukon Territory, the Northwest Territories, and in the American States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana will be members in the Western Division.
2. Persons, other than members of the Canadian Association of Geographers, who support the goals and objectives of the Western Division, may apply for membership in the Western Division as "Regional Member". Such members are entitled to hold office and vote on the business of the Western Division. Regional members fees shall be determined annually by the Executive, subject to ratification by the membership at the Annual Business meeting. Regional members, unless members of the CAG, may not represent the Western Division at national executive meetings.

II. MEETINGS

1. The Division shall meet in general session for the purpose of conducting the business of the Division. Time, place and conditions of the meeting shall be determined by the Executive. Notice of such meeting shall be mailed to members of record at least two weeks prior to the meeting and shall be mailed to the member's address as shown on the records of the Division. It shall be the responsibility of each member to ensure that a current address is filed with the Secretary.
2. Such notice shall set out in general terms, the business to be conducted at the meeting.
3. The Division may meet, as part of an activity program, at such time and at such location as may from time to time be determined by the Executive. Participation in this program is not restricted to members of the Division.

III. EXECUTIVE

1. The executive shall consist of the following elected positions:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice-President (see Section 4)
 - c) Past-President (see Section 4)
 - d) Secretary-Treasurer
 - e) At least four members at large
 - f) Two student members, one from British Columbia, the Yukon, Washington and Oregon and one from Alberta, the Northwest Territories, Idaho and Montana

and the following non-elected positions:

- g) Occasional Papers Editor - ex officio
- h) Newsletter Editor - ex officio
- i) Appointed British Columbia Education Committee Chairperson

2. Members of the Executive must be in good standing of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers.
3. The Executive shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting.
4. The Executive of the Western Division shall consist of a president, serving a two year non-renewal term of office; a past-president or a vice-president, each term consisting of one year; a secretary-treasurer elected for a period of two years; four members-at-large each elected for a period of one year; and two student members each elected for one year.

Appointed positions shall consist of an occasional papers editor - ex officio for a term of two years; a newsletter editor - ex officio for a term of two years; a British Columbia Education Committee Chair for a period of two years.

Elections for the vice-president shall be bi-annually and the vice-president will, under normal circumstances, take the position of president in the year following the election and will succeed to past-president in the year immediately following the two year presidential term of office. There will not be a past-president in the year that there is a vice-president and there will not be a vice-president in the year in which there is a past-president.

5. The President shall chair the Annual Business Meeting of the Division and shall assume such duties as may from time to time be assigned by a meeting of the Executive or by the Business Meeting.
6. The Vice-President will normally succeed the President in office.
7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep or cause to be kept, Minutes of meetings of the Executive and the Annual Business Meeting as well as keeping, or causing to be kept, proper records and a copy of the Occasional Papers with the Archives and shall be responsible, for the financial affairs and operation of the Division.
8. The Secretary-Treasurer and any other member of the Executive as specified by the Executive shall be the signing officers of the Division.
9. The Secretary-Treasurer shall prepare a budget to be presented to the Annual Business Meeting. This budget, after general approval by the members, is to be referred to the incoming Executive as a guideline.
10. The Past-President shall Chair the Nominating Committee.
11. The Occasional Papers Editor and the Newsletter Editor shall be ratified annually at the Annual Business Meeting. It is anticipated that these positions will be of at least two years duration.
12. A British Columbia Education Committee Chairperson will be appointed by the Executive. This position will be filled from within the Executive or from within the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers membership at large. It is anticipated that this position will be of at

least two years duration. On appointment the Chairperson automatically becomes a full voting member of the Executive.

13. The President shall fulfil the role of Regional Councillor to liaise between the Western Division and the Canadian Association of Geographers.
14. The Executive may co-opt a member of the Western Division, Canadian Association Geographers to fill any vacant position on the Executive. The co-opted member will become a full voting member of the Executive.
15. The Executive may pay such members or other persons for any services performed to the Division or on behalf of the Division upon special resolution of the Executive, such resolution to be first obtained.

IV. VOTING AND ELECTIONS

1. Voting on matters of the business of the Division shall be restricted to members in good standing.
2. At any business meeting of the division each member shall be entitled to one vote. Proxy votes will not be permitted.
3. A quorum of a business meeting shall be those members in good standing in attendance at the meeting.
4. All items voted on at the Annual Business Meeting or by referendum require a majority of fifty percent plus one.
5. The President shall receive nominations from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting for new members of the Executive and the incoming officers shall be elected by a majority vote of those members in good standing attending the Business meeting.
6. In case of a tie, the Chairperson shall have a casting vote.

V. COMMITTEES OF THE DIVISION

a) NOMINATING COMMITTEE

There shall be a Nominating Committee comprised of the available three immediate past presidents and which shall ensure that the Annual Business Meeting will be presented with a list of candidates suitable to stand for office and representing the professional and regional interest groups within the Division. It is desirable to ensure some continuity between outgoing and incoming Executives.

Guidelines for the Nominating Committee

- The President is responsible for ensuring that the Nominating Committee convenes.
- The immediate Past President will chair the Nominating Committee.
- The Chairperson of the Nominating Committee will report to the President prior to the Annual Business Meeting.

- Verbal agreement to stand must have been obtained from those members whose names are on the list.
- All persons whose names are on the list must be, or become, members in good standing of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers.

b) BRITISH COLUMBIA EDUCATION COMMITTEE

There shall be a British Columbia Education Committee comprised of no fewer than three and no more than eight members. The Chairperson of this Committee shall, upon appointment, become a full voting member of the Executive.

The objectives of the Committee shall be to promote geographic education within the province of British Columbia, to promote and maintain liaison and communication with elementary, secondary and post secondary institutions, the respective Ministries, the professional associations and other appropriate educational support groups and to establish and maintain a network with other similar organizations outside British Columbia.

VI. CONSTITUTION

1. Proposed changes to the Division's constitution must be submitted in writing to the Secretary at least forty days prior to the Annual Business Meeting.
2. Such changes to be submitted to the membership, in writing, at the time of the notification of the Annual Business Meeting.
3. The Annual Business Meeting may change the constitution by a resolution obtaining a simple majority vote of those present at the meeting.

VII. PUBLICATIONS

1. A record of each annual meeting shall be kept in the form of a published volume which shall include in the title "Occasional Papers in Geography of the Canadian Association of Geographers, Western Division: Proceedings of the Annual Conference _____".
 2. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive to develop a publications policy which, when affirmed by majority vote of the Annual Business Meeting, shall be the policy of the Division.
 3. A Newsletter for the Western Division, Canadian Association of Geographers will be distributed to members. There will normally be two Newsletters per annum.
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WESTERN GEOGRAPHY

Western Geography annually publishes original scholarly work on geographical themes or topics that emphasize Western Canada and adjacent areas, or that are written by geographers from this region. Papers accepted for publication are published free of charge. *Western Geography* is distributed to members of the Western Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers (WCAG) as well as to libraries and individuals throughout Canada and elsewhere by subscription. Publication costs are financed through membership fees in the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG).

The editorship of *Western Geography* has recently been transferred from Mike Edgell at the University of Victoria (who has done yeoman service these past many years and who is now enjoying a well-deserved break) to Jim Windsor at the College of New Caledonia. Although this transfer of responsibilities has, inevitably, resulted in some short-term peripatetic desuetude, readers are assured that Volume 5 will appear shortly.

In the longer term, there is a need to expand and renew the Editorial Board of *Western Geography*. Individuals who would be willing to review and/or sort manuscripts are required. The process of peer review is essential to insure quality manuscripts are published. During the manuscript review process, manuscripts are forwarded by the Editor to an Associate Editor, who in turn forwards the manuscript to appropriate referees for review. The reviewed manuscripts are returned to the Associate Editor, who in turn forwards them to the Editor. The Editor then corresponds with the author of the manuscript. This "double blind" process insures a quality peer review of manuscripts.

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