

**MINUTES**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**International Association for Great Lakes Research**

**University of Toronto**  
**Toronto, Ontario**

**19 May 2010**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Agenda – Stephen Hensler, Julie Leidel
3. Approval of 2009 Minutes – Stephen Hensler, Amanda Hopinski
4. President's Report (Linda Campbell, term ending)
  - Editor (Marlene Evans) 4-year review positive, renewed 5-year term
  - Business manager (Wendy Foster) – new contract (been with IAGLR for 20 years!)
  - IAGLR office moved to new NOAA space (still in Ann Arbor)
  - partnership with Elsevier for journal
5. Treasurer Report (Steve Lozano, term ending)
  - tough economy but accounts still in the black
  - royalties from Elsevier greater than expected (\$14K projected, \$29K rec'd)
  - cash reserves excellent
  - plan to invest some cash reserves in higher yielding funds (instead of more conservative Money Market funds)
6. Endowment Committee (Bob Heath & Steve Lozano)
  - Canadian charitable status on hold (expensive, requires minimum investment from members annually – not seen as viable right now) but all paperwork now completed and archived. Thanks to Lynda Corkum (past president) and John Weir (U Windsor School of Law) who worked pro-bono to complete this task.
  - “endowment fund” losing money due to economy; exploring new investment strategies
7. Membership Committee (Joe Makarewicz & Rob Letcher)
  - overall membership up by 1. Regular members down, young professional and student membership increasing
  - 99% North American (77% US, 22% Cdn); would like to increase international profile
  - membership survey (Feb 2010)
    - o generally positive; online access issues resolved
    - o results available online soon
8. Conference Committee (Bob Heath)

- 2009 conference profitable
- 2010 biggest ever (49 session, 638 presentations (269 poster + 369 oral)
- 2011 – Duluth, 2012 – Cornwall, 2013 – Purdue
- 2011 – Randall Hicks / Stephanie Guildford (Duluth Entertainment Convention Centre, May 30 - June 3; theme: Big Lakes / Big World)
  - o hotel 5 minutes from venue, can walk to everything, free shuttles to most hotels, most hotels inexpensive (<\$100) (30% discount for students)

#### 9. Website Committee (Stephen Hensler & Chiara Zuccarino-Crowe)

- E-communication in partnership with Outreach (640 subscribers)
- website: 61,951 hits / month; website programming map project near completion
- facebook & twitter accounts
- Large Lakes of the World page near completion

#### 10. Outreach Committee (Frank Litchkoppler & John Pouloupoulos)

- Vallentyne Award to Carol Swinehart
- 4 web releases
- 17 media hits for conference

#### 11. Awards Committee (Linda Mortsch & Peter Dillon)

- moved awards ceremony to Opening Ceremony (this year only, but Board would like input)
- Standard Operating Manual and timelines reformatted
- new awards from Elsevier (Young Scientist, Highly Cited)
- Certificates of Recognition
  - o 2010 conference: Miriam Diamond, Paul Helm, Ralph Smith, Bob Heath
  - o Outgoing Board: Ron Hites (past-president), John Pouloupoulos (Outreach) Kristen DeVanna (student)
  - o Associate Editors: Paul Doskey, Tim Johnson, Tom Nalepa, Steve Renzetti, Ron Rossmann, Bill Schertzer, Bill Sonzogni, Marty Stapanian

#### 12. Publications Committee (Marlene Evans & Gerry Matisoff)

- Elsevier for 1 year (15 months)
  - o fully electronic
  - o instant access through Science Direct
  - o streamlined online review
  - o online access at not cost
- review of Pubs / Editor /Elsevier interaction to be reviewed (Campbell / Lozano / Evans to complete in 2011)

#### 13. Journal

- 80% increase in submissions since move to Elsevier
- more global papers
- reduced handling time with 25 AEs
- 60% acceptance rate
- accepted papers appear within 3-5 weeks as “in press” electronic access

- no page charges
- no charge for colour online but charges apply for print (authors submit both colour and B&W to journal office if not wanting to pay for print)
- 4 issues, 64 papers, 9 notes, 1 commentary
- Project 80 papers, 750 pages in 2011
- improved access through Science Direct, search engines
- impact factor growing
- special issues:
  - o 1 in 2009 (Watershed Mgmt & Nearshore Water Quality (Makarewicz))
  - o 3 in 2010 (Climate Change (Wuebbles), Lake Whitefish (Brenden), Lake Michigan Lower Food web (Fahnensteil))
  - o 4 in the works for 2011 (Lake Simcoe (Winter), St. Mary`s River (Moerke), Lake Malawi Fisheries (Hecky), Lake Winnipeg (Wassenaar))
  - o 2 already proposed for 2012 (Lake Champlain, Great Lakes Mysids)
- future directions
  - o hot topics
  - o re-organise Editor`s office (Editor in Chief and several thematic Editors to share workload)
  - o consider move to 6 issues per year (from 4)
  - o increase impact factor
  - o expand international scope while building on regional (Laurentian GL) strengths

#### 14. Business from the Floor

- none

#### 15. Business from the Board

- none

#### Motion of Responsibility

- Jan Ciborowski and seconded by Matt Simcik
- unanimous

#### Board member changes

- incoming: Stephen Hensler (website), Tom Holsen (treasurer), Prosper Zigah (student);
- out-going: Steve Lozano (treasurer), Ron Hites (past-president), Kristen DeVanna(student)
- Officers for 2010-11: Bob Heath (President), Rob Letcher (VP), Stephanie Guildford (Secretary), Tom Holsen (treasurer)

#### Motion to Adjourn

- Ralph Smith, Satyendra Bhavsar

Minutes taken: Jan Ciborowski and Tim Johnson (May 19, 2010, Hart House, Toronto, ON)

Respectfully submitted  
Stephanie Guildford  
Secretary