

**Minutes Annual Business Meeting  
International Association for Great Lakes Research  
University of Vermont  
Burlington, VT, May 27, 2015, 12:14**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of meeting agenda
  - Motion made by Gerry Matisoff and seconded by Val Klump
3. Approval of 2014 minutes
  - Motion made by Greg Boyer and seconded by Jim Bence.
4. President's report (Doug Kane)
  - Doug introduced members that comprise the IAGLR board, its various committees, and key individuals involved with the organization beyond the board.
  - Doug summarized successes from the 2015 conference and the 2014-2015 year:
    - 56 sessions, 566 abstracts, 113 student members in attendance
    - Thank you to sponsors and exhibitors
    - Doug discussed change in strategic planning, moving away from 5 year plan. Asked people to participate
    - Doug stressed the importance of developing international connections and attracting colleagues from outside of Great Lakes basin.
    - Need to work on being advocates for our lakes, not through lobbying or activism, but also by fostering appreciation of the lakes with family, friends, and the public.
5. Membership committee report (prepared and presented by Aaron Fisk)
  - Membership has recently declined, and this decline was driven by a decline in regular membership rather than student membership. Other societies have seen similar declines, and this may be due to the changing ways people access journals.
6. Treasurer's report (prepared and presented by Christine Mayer)
  - Christine provided an executive summary of IAGLR's financial status highlighting that the organization is in a strong financial position with revenue having equalled or exceeded expenses in recent years, and that we are building on the current plan to better support scholarships.
  - She provided an overview of income and expenses. Recently, conference revenues have slightly exceeded expenses; membership fees approximately offset costs associated with the business office, web services, etc.; journal costs and expenses balance out; other support is provided by exhibitors and sponsors.
  - In the future, we plan to continue to limit increases in membership fees and conference registration fees, increase spending for awards and invest in the journal as permitted by the budget, and develop a long-term financial plan that ensures continued support for scholarships.
  - Christine thanked the past treasurer and the current chair of the endowment committee, as well as all members for their support, contributions, and involvement.
7. Publication Report (prepared and presented by Jim Bence)
  - The journal is in good shape with increasing interest and downloads in recent years.
  - Number of pages has approximately doubled since 2010, but there has been no corresponding decrease in rejection rate.
  - Authors view the journal favourably, indicating that the reputation and refereeing standard of the Journal of Great Lakes Research exceed those of similar journals.

- We have published four supplemental issues in 2014, four more should be published in 2015, and two have been approved for 2016.
  - Ongoing tasks for the Publication Committee include contract renewals with the editors and publisher, and exploring how to make early conference proceedings from available online.
8. Nomination report (prepared by Stu Ludsin, presented by Doug Kane)
- The Board is made up of 12 members.
  - Elections were moved up to early October last in hopes of higher voter turnout. This was unsuccessful but the new timeline will continue to be used because it resulted in a less crowded timeline for integrating new members into the May meeting.
  - We are seeking to fill two positions: a US Bard member, and a US Student Board member
9. 2016 Conference update (Doug Kane)
- The 2016 conference will be held at University of Guelph, Guelph, ON, and Joe Ackerman will act as conference chair.
10. Motion of Responsibility:
- “Resolved, that all acts, contracts, proceedings, and payments of money made by the Officers and Directors of the Association in their conduct of affairs of the Association since the last Annual General Meeting held June 5, 2013, be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned.”
  - Moved by Bob Heath, seconded by Steve Hensler.
  - All votes for, none against.
  - Motion carried.
11. Introduction of new board members
- Doug introduced our new board members: Jessica Ives (Secretary), Lars Rudstam (US regular member), Elizabeth Hinchley-Malloy (US regular member), Erin Dunlop (CAN regular member), Laura Beecraft (CAN student member).
12. Outgoing board members
- Doug acknowledged and thanked our outgoing board members: Jerome Marty, Veronique Hiriart-Baer, Val Klump, Stu Ludsin, Jenilee Gobin
13. New Vice-President and President
- Doug announced our new Vice-President: Tomas Hook.
  - Doug welcomed and passed the gavel to the new President: Aaron Fisk
    - Aaron thanked Doug.
    - Aaron stressed working toward increased international presence and growing membership.
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14. Meeting adjourned by Aaron at 12:45