

**Agenda Annual Business Meeting  
International Association for Great Lakes Research  
University of Guelph  
Guelph, Ontario 8 June 2016 12:20**

1. Call to order
  - Aaron Fisk called the meeting to order at 12:29.
2. Approval of meeting agenda
  - Motion made by Tim Johnson and seconded by Bob Heath.
3. Approval of 2015 minutes
  - Motion made by Paul Sibley and seconded by Rob Letcher.
4. President's report (Aaron Fisk)
  - Aaron introduced members that comprise the IAGLR board, its various committees, and key individuals involved with the organization beyond the board. He announced that Mary Ginnebaugh will be stepping down as conference coordinator after this year and thanked her for her service.
  - Aaron summarized successes from the 2016 conference and the 2015-2016 year.
    - Thank you to the site hosts – Paul Sibley and Joe Ackerman.
    - Thank you to conference sponsors and exhibitors.
    - The 2016 conference is notably large, especially for a Canadian host site, with a total of 704 registrants including 227 students.
    - 598 abstracts were submitted to 52 sessions, and 148 of these were being considered for best student poster and presentation awards.
  - Aaron discussed a couple initiatives currently being considered to help grow IAGLR.
    - IAGLR has been approached to help in organizing annual State of the Lake meetings, starting with the State of Lake Michigan in Green Bay in fall, 2017. Each subsequent year will focus on another lake in a 5 year cycle.
    - Discussions have been had with the European Large Lake Symposium (ELLS) and IAGLR to co-host a meeting in 2018 in Switzerland. An open discussion of this is being held on Wednesday afternoon following the session on large lakes of the world. Members are invited to join and voice their opinions.
5. Membership committee report (prepared by Rebecca Rooney and presented by Aaron Fisk)
  - We saw a decrease in membership in 2016. Canadian conferences often result in lower membership, generally due to lower numbers of students, but this drop was the result of a drop in regular membership.
  - Announced two new Lifetime members – Mary Ginnebaugh and Mary Anne Evans
6. Treasurer's report (prepared by Christine Mayer and presented by Aaron Fisk)
  - IAGLR's financial position is strong.
  - Funds were recently moved into an investment fund with lower management fees.
  - In recent years conference revenue has generally exceeded expenses. This has allowed IAGLR to keep registration and membership fees flat for the past four years and increase travel support for students.

- Aaron thanked Bob Heath for all of his work as Endowment committee chair, and all of the members of IAGLR for their support.
7. Publication Report (prepared by Jim Bence and presented by Aaron Fisk)
- Aaron thanked Jim Bence for all of his work, including work on the new Elsevier contract
  - Also thanked the editors, Stephanie Guilford and Bob Hecky.
  - The impact factor is increasing, as are article downloads of articles.
  - Page numbers have increased, but the rejection rate has stayed steady at 35%
  - With the new contract with Elsevier there will no longer be any special issues, but these will be replaced with special sections within the journal.
8. Nomination report (prepared by Beth Hinchey Malloy and presented by Aaron Fisk)
- IAGLR is looking to fill 5 positions for 2017.
    - Treasurer (4 year term)
    - 3 CDN regular members
    - CDN student member
  - Aaron noted that to combat low voting rates a link to the membership vote will be made available during next year's conference registration
9. 2017 Conference update
- Next year will be the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the meeting, and IAGLR is expecting the conference to be larger than average. The conference will be held in Detroit, MI, from May 15-19.
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 May 27, 2015, be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned."
  - Jim Bence moved to accept, Paul Sibley seconded
  - All votes for, none against
  - Motion carried
11. Introduction of new board members
- Aaron introduced our new board members Michael Twiss (US Regular) and Susan Daniel (US Student Member)
12. Business from the floor
- No business was brought forward from the floor.
13. Outgoing board members
- Aaron acknowledged and thanked outgoing board members: Doug Kane and Ruth Briland
14. New Vice-President and President
- Aaron introduced Tomas Hook as the new IAGLR President and Erin Dunlop as the incoming Vice President.
15. Meeting adjourned
- Paul Sibley moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:53, seconded by Bob Heath.