

**Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**International Association for Great Lakes Research**  
**Cobo Grand Ballroom A, Detroit, Michigan**  
**17 May, 2017, 12:00-1:20pm**

1. Call to order
  - President Tomas Höök called the meeting to order at 12:22.
2. Approval of meeting agenda
  - Doug Kane moved to approve the meeting agenda. Tim Johnson seconded, and the motion passed.
3. Approval of 2016 minutes
  - Mary Ginnebaugh moved to approve the 2016 annual business meeting minutes. Stephanie Guildford seconded and the motion passed.
4. President's report (Tomas Höök)
  - Tomas introduced the current and outgoing IAGLR board members as well as the Business Manager, journal editors, Conference Coordinator, and Communications Director.
  - He noted that this year we celebrate IAGLR's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, as well as the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conference. IAGLR is growing, and this year marks the largest conference on record. The Journal of Great Lakes Research is healthy and increasing in quality.
  - Several future meetings associated with IAGLR are planned over the next year and a half, including the State of Lake Michigan meeting (Green Bay, WI; Nov. 6-10, 2017), the 2018 IAGLR conference (Toronto, ON; June 18-22, 2018), and a joint meeting with the European Large Lakes Symposium (Evian, France; Sept. 23-28, 2018).
  - Tomas thanked all of the conference sponsors and directed the membership to visit the exhibitor booths.
5. Membership committee report (prepared by Rebecca Rooney and presented by Tomas Höök)
  - IAGLR has seen a slight decrease in regular members over time, but this has been offset by increases in student, young professional, and retired members.
6. Treasurer's report (prepared by Christine Mayer and presented by Tomas Höök)
  - IAGLR is positioned responsibly with one year of operating expenses in reserve.
  - Both FY15 and FY16 have shown a modest loss in funds, with higher expenses than revenues, but these losses have been buffered by the existence of funds held in investments.
  - The journal essentially breaks even, and recent conferences have had revenues slightly exceed expenses, but costs for basic operations, as well as student scholarships have increased. Looking forward, IAGLR will investigate cost savings in operations while still maintaining services. This year conference fees were increased approximately 10-15% after staying constant for the previous five years.
7. Publication Report (prepared by Jim Bence and presented by Tomas Höök)
  - The annual number of pages published has increased, and we are no longer publishing special issues, but rather special sections within the regular journal. This has removed the page charges associated with publishing in a special issue. In 2016 three special sections were published, and in 2017 two more are planned.
  - Total downloads continues to rise. Manuscript processing times are improving.
  - Tomas thanked all the associate editors, reviewers, authors, and readers.
8. Nomination report (prepared by Beth Hinchey Malloy and presented by Tomas Höök)

- In 2018 IAGLR will need to elect a secretary, three U.S. regular members, and one U.S. student member. All members were urged to nominate candidates and vote in the election.
9. 2018 Conference update
- Mathew Wells invited the members to attend the 2018 IAGLR conference in Scarborough, ON.
  - Tomas asked anyone interested in hosting future meetings to talk to him or other IAGLR board members.
10. Update on the State of Lake Michigan meeting
- The State of Lake Michigan meeting will be held in Green Bay, WI, on November 7-10, 2017. This meeting will include a two day conference in a similar format to IAGLR, but bookended by two days of workshops and field trips. IAGLR members are encouraged to attend and participate. The call for sessions and workshops is open now.
  - This will be the first in a planned series of State of the Lake meetings following the Coordinated Science and Monitoring Initiative cycle. The 2018 meeting will focus on Lake Superior, and the IAGLR board hopes that this will be a good partnership moving forward.
11. Update on the European Large Lakes Symposium
- John Lenters and Orlane Anneville informed the membership of a meeting to be co-hosted by IAGLR and the European Large Lakes Symposium September 23-28, 2018, in Evian, France. Currently seven sessions are being planned, but organizers are open to adding additional sessions if desired. A discussion was planned following the conclusion of the “Big Lakes, Small World” IAGLR session, and all interested members are invited to join.
12. Vote to accept by-law revisions
- Jim Bence moved to approve the accept the bylaw revisions. Lars Rudstam seconded and the motion passed.
13. 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 8, 2016, be approved. The same are hereby ratified, confirmed, and sanctioned.”
  - Mary Ginnebaugh moved to accept the motion of responsibility. Tim Johnson seconded, and the motion passed.
14. Introduction of new board members
- Tomas introduced Scott McNaught (Treasurer), Paul Sibley (Canadian member), Rebecca Rooney (Canadian member), Francine McCarthy (Canadian member), and Laura Tessier (Canadian student member) as the new IAGLR board members.
15. Business from the floor
- No additional business from the floor was brought forward.
16. Outgoing board members
- Tomas acknowledged outgoing board members Aaron Fisk, Christine Mayer, Sue Watson, and Laura Beecraft.
17. New Vice-President and President
- Vice-president Erin Dunlop will move into the role of President. Michael Twiss has been voted in as Vice-president.
18. Meeting adjourned
- Michael Twiss moved to adjourn the meeting. Carol Stapian seconded.