

# CCA Annual General Meeting

Thursday, June 15, 2023, 11:45 AM MDT

Calgary

## Participating

- In-person: Glenn Brauen, Roger Wheate, Byron Moldofsky, Marikka Williams, Alex MacPhee, Julia Siemer, Juliette Bricker, Chris Storie, Joni Storie, Rebecca Bartlett, Daniel Brendle-Moczuk, Emmanuel Stefanakis, Heather McGrath
- Online: Claire Gasson, Luke Bergmann, Jan Mersey, Anna Jasiak, Thomas Herbreteau, Ming Sze, Andrew Schroeder, Phillip Bailey, Gabriel Betlen, Stephanie Pyne, Andy Black, Ted MacKinnon

### 1) Approval of Minutes from AGM 2022

- Byron moved to approve minutes; Julia seconded the motion

### 2) Welcome and President's Report: Glenn Brauen

- Thanks for joining meeting. Conference going well.
- Since 2022 AGM, Exec and I focused on several priorities, including:
  - Recruiting, with some success.
  - Since December focused on conference organization.
  - Looking at membership management and streamlining some manual work with lots of work by the treasurer, and including ways to enhance communication among members.
  - Looked at options, including what we should be doing with the interest groups, which we will continue to work on.
- Current executive: Alex MacPhee, new VP; Ted MacKinnon, past present; Byron Moldofsky, Treasurer / History of Cartography IG Chair; Stephanie Pyne, Secretary / Education IG Chair; Thomas Herbreteau, Visualization and Map Design IG Chair; Roger Wheate, Membership Coordinator; Marikka Williams, Mapping Technologies and Spatial Data IG Chair; Julia Siemer, ICA delegate; Heather McGrath; Editor Cartographica, Stephanie Pyne, Glenn Brauen and Gordon Campbell, Cartouche editorial and design; and three student representatives, Erin Li, Jessica Murdoch, Joshua Richer
  - We have a fairly complete executive but still looking for some positions, e.g. Treasurer, which is a very important position to fill.
  - Treasurer: Ted began the search and I have continued it. We've emailed many members directly, but no success yet. Byron has generously agreed to stay on to train a replacement but we must find a replacement and start this process.
  - Membership co-ordinator: Roger has expressed interest in stepping down. Transition to Membee (more later) will change tasks associated with some role roles, including this one.
  - Looking for new student representatives – at least two current students are graduating.
  - Created a new role for communications officer, which has been vacant since Anna Jasiak stepped down

- Regarding the conference, our default plan last fall was an online conference because we had no location selected. In October, Roger began to talk with ACMLA and it was December that we decided on a joint conference. Since then, the CCA executive has been very busy with the conference:
    - Organizing Committee (weekly): Byron and Glenn
    - Program Committee (weekly): Thomas and Roger
    - Website: Ted MacKinnon (with conference registration setup by Sherri Sunstrum using ACMLA Membee).
    - Logo: Alex McPhee
    - Poster, Visual schedule and Student Maps Competition brochure: Jessica Murdoch
    - Student volunteer recruitment at University of Calgary: Erin Li
    - ACMLA and volunteer contributions VERY important but will be covered elsewhere.
  - We've been consolidating documents on our own instance of ownCloud. If anyone has documents relevant to the association, please email Glenn.
  - This year 10 students entered the President's Prize competition. Still have some work to do re. outreach to students to increase participation with scholarship applications, student map competition entries and presentations at the conference.
  - 2025 International Cartographic Conference (ICC) will be in Vancouver. The Canadian Institute of Geomatics (CIG) is the lead organizing association. We endorsed the CIG bid but made no financial or organizing commitments. Anyone interested can get in touch with them.
- 3) Treasurer's Report and summary of finances: Byron Moldofsky
- Byron shares report, distributed before AGM (and attached).
  - Main pages compare expenditures back to 2019 (last year we held an in-person conference)
  - Conference goal is to break even – looks like we will be successful. We are sharing costs and expenditures with ACMLA
  - Last page on financial position. CCA is still in very good shape in terms of investments and money in the bank. We should find some good ways to spend this money to grow the organization.
- 4) Cartographica: Heather McGrath
- Took over role last year after being a technical editor
  - Update:
    - Submissions not quite as high as pre-Covid.
    - Open to submissions and/or special edition ideas with special editor.
    - Most submissions from Canada, U.S. and Australia.
    - Good readership – about 20000 downloads annually; global readership 75-90 countries.
    - Have primarily been receiving articles but we are also happy to accept technical notes, book reviews etc. and would like to encourage more of these shorter form contributions.
    - Cartographica could use more reviewers: reminder for interested reviewers to update profiles in UTP review system.

5) Membership management – introducing Membee: Ted MacKinnon

- Current membership and related management requires a lot of manual work, especially by treasurer (receipts and maintenance of lists) but also in managing email lists.
- Decided to look at Automated membership management systems. After exploring, decided to subscribe to Membee.
- Describes some Membee functions, including some new functions and services (e.g. member's directory, events calendar, memberships and registrations) and broadly used / easily "integratable"
- Not yet implemented. May go live on the website next week.
- Byron Moldofsky:
  - Not implementing Membee for membership purposes and conference registration until 2024.
  - It also allows for changing the model for membership renewal to a rolling membership model (rather than only calendar year memberships that we have now).
  - Main implication of changing the membership renewal model would be for eligibility for Cartographica editions (slightly different for print vs digital).
  - Any questions? Looking for comments on this from anyone at the meeting.
  - Some positive comments in the chat, and interest in hearing more about it.
- Glenn Brauen:
  - Talks about rolling anniversary membership renewals.
  - There is one point in the Constitution about membership dues being paid in advance (beginning of membership year) and becoming due on January 1. We need to slightly amend the constitution text to allow but not necessarily require or implement the rolling membership terms (reads amendment). There seems to be no good reason that our constitution should dictate when membership payments are due.
  - Proposing two-step discussion: a) amend constitution to allow discussion of switch-over to rolling anniversary memberships, and b) discussion of pros and cons of switching to rolling anniversary memberships with the intention that we decide before the end of 2023 whether we are going to do this.
  - We want to inform membership clearly in advance of buying the next membership which model we are using.
  - Don't have quorum to do this today. Will figure out how to do it with online consultation / vote
  - Cost of Membee: Subscription cost is based on number of admin accounts you buy and not number of members. We have one admin account that we intend to share among the few members of executive that need access and this costs about \$1500 / year. We think this is a reasonable cost if it offloads some of the executive, especially the treasurer, given our current difficulties recruiting for that position.
- Daniel Brendle-Moczuk:
  - There are a number of similar systems. CCA might want to consider Wild Apricot.
- Glenn Brauen: We have considered Wild Apricot. Ted MacKinnon has experience with Wild Apricot from working with other associations.
- Byron Moldofsky: It will simplify and facilitate tasks, making Treasurer role easier

6) Executive Task descriptions: Byron Moldofsky

- No need for detailed discussion. This is a working draft (attached) and we note that the membership management system is going to change some of the executive roles.
- Information for potential volunteers
- We will post an updated draft and circulate to membership.

7) Recruitment for CCA Executive Council: Glenn Brauen

- As discussed in President's report, we have a number of open positions in the executive: treasurer, membership coordinator, communications, student representatives, Cartouche co-editor (Stephanie to stay on but Glenn does not have time for this).
- Another call for volunteers (see President's report)
- No new volunteers.

8) Conferences discussion: Glenn Brauen

- CCA2024:
  - No plans in place yet for this
  - We have talked about going up north and those discussions are continuing but nothing in place for next year.
  - Call for comments and suggestions.
  - Last year we were a bit late in deciding where we would hold the conference. Should decide earlier this year.

9) New business:

- Student map competition and awards: Stephanie Pyne
  - Haven't done the judging yet
  - President's Prize: 4 college entries and 6 university entries.
  - Web map: 3 entries but have just discovered that URLs for 2 of 3 are not working or properly shared. Will follow up with students to get working links.
  - One Norman L. Nicholson Memorial Scholarship application but need to get full application package from candidate and will assess that ASAP over the summer.
  - Will announce results later, over the summer and in Cartouche.
- Awards of Distinction: Glenn Brauen
  - Three awards to announce.
  - Heather McGrath presents Dr. Emmanuel Stefanakis with Award of Distinction for Scholarly Contributions to Cartography:

Dr. Stefanakis was Editor of Cartographica for a total of 32 issues between 2014-2022, the longest stint by any editor apart from the founder. This included two special issues as guest editor on Mapping the Pandemic, and Discrete Global Grid Systems.

Following degrees from the National Technical University of Athens and the University of New Brunswick (UNB), he has now supervised over 120 students from all six continents and authored or co-authored 5 textbooks and over 100 articles published in international journals.

Midway through his time as editor he moved from the Geodesy and Geomatics Engineering department at UNB, to become Head of the Geomatics Engineering department at the University of Calgary, indicating his academic prowess in this field, especially covering topic areas such as web mapping and geospatial data modelling, statistical modelling, spatio-temporal data analysis and mining, discrete global grid systems, hydrological flow and flood mapping.

The Canadian Cartographic Association recognizes Dr. Stefanakis and the benefits of his contribution as Editor of *Cartographica* to both the journal and the Association, as well as his record of academic excellence by honouring him with this award of distinction.

- Roger Wheate presents Claire Gosson with Award of Distinction for Exceptional Contributions to the CCA:

Claire Gosson has served the CCA in almost every office during the new millennium. While still serving her consecutive terms as vice-president, president and past-president 2002-05, she took over as co-editor of *Cartouche* with Diane Lacasse in 2005. Subsequently she returned as secretary 2014-21 and simultaneously as Chair of the Education interest group.

Throughout her service, she was able to incorporate her decades of experience with the Atlas of Canada and Natural Resources Canada to the benefit of the Association, for example in preparing national map exhibits for the International Cartographic Conference (2005).

We are pleased to recognise Claire Gosson with this award for her exceptional contributions to the CCA.

- Clare (online) thanks the association for the award and wishes the association well in its ongoing activities.
- Glenn Brauen presents Anna Jasiak with Award of Distinction for Exceptional Contributions to the CCA to Anna Jasiak:

Anna Jasiak is a long-standing member of the association and was an active member of the Executive Committee for more than a decade. Anna was part of a *Cartouche* editorial collective, working with Diane Lacasse, and co-edited *Cartouche* before she became CCA Vice President in 2011. In 2012 Anna became CCA President for a one-year term but then decided, with the rest of the executive, that some of her work to revamp our communications and outreach, including moving onto social media, required more time. She voluntarily extended her tenure as President to two years and this has set a pattern for subsequent CCA two-year executive terms, continuing to the present.

Shortly after completing her term as CCA Past President, Anna returned to the CCA Executive in a newly-created Communications role, promoting

association activities and maintaining connections between CCA and colleagues in various Federal departments and elsewhere across Canada.

When COVID-19 began to prevent in-person gatherings, Anna participated in organizing CCA's online conferences and annual meetings, helping to organize our 2020, 2021 and 2022 online conferences.

I am delighted to present Anna with this 2023 Award of Distinction for exceptional contributions to the Canadian Cartographic Association.

- Anna (online) thanks the association for the award, recalling her various roles and people she worked with in the association. She hopes to be more engaged again in the future and offers a thanks especially to Roger Wheate for his advice during her time in the executive.
- Any other business? None.

10) Closing remarks and adjournment: Glenn Brauen

- Meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM.