

## AMG Council Meeting, Penn Stater Hotel, State College, Pennsylvania, USA

Meeting time: August 11 1400h -1700h;

### Attendees:

Jennifer McKinley<sup>\*1</sup>, David Collins\*, Eric Grunsky\* Gerald van den Boogaart\*, Marshall Ma\*, Frits Agterberg, Katie Silversides, Roussos Dimitrakopoulos

5 of the 11 voting Council members were present for the meeting. As a result the required quorum was not met and the meeting proceeded without any official motions.

### Agenda

1. Approval of Agenda.
2. President's report (Jennifer McKinley).
3. Secretary General's report (Eric Grunsky)
4. Treasurer's report (David Collins) (require motion)
5. IGC2020
6. DDE
7. Alliance of International Science Organizations on Disaster Risk Reduction
8. IUGG
9. Outcome of Changes to IAMG Statutes.
10. Commission on Women in the IAMG
11. IAMG privacy policy compliance
12. IAMG website migration strategy
13. IAMG incorporation (legal opinion from David Collins)
14. Awards Committee report
15. Curriculum Quality Committee
16. Lectures Committee report
17. Meetings Committee report
18. Outreach Committee report
19. Publications Committee reports
20. Student Affairs Committee report

### New Business

- (a) Declining participation of US members of the IAMG
- (b) IAMG sponsorship of special sessions at other meetings

### Agenda Item: Approval of Agenda

Since a quorum was not attained, the meeting proceeded without an adoption of the Agenda.

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<sup>1</sup> Voting members of the IAMG Council

### Agenda Item: President's Report

President Jennifer McKinley presented highlights of her report to Council. Some minor corrections are required.

### Agenda Item: Secretary General's Report

The Secretary General, Eric Grunsky, presented highlights from his report to the IAMG Council

### Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report is incomplete at the time of the Council Meeting. There have been delays in providing records to the accountants. As soon as the accountant's report is complete, the Treasurer's Report and proposed IAMG Budget will be presented to Council for a vote.

### Agenda Item: IGC2020

A discussion on the timing of the IGC 2020 meeting focused on the incompatibility of the timing for the election of the new IAMG Council and the IGC 2020 meeting (March 2020). In the past, the transition from the outgoing to the incoming IAMG Council occurs in August/September. It has been proposed that the Council transition occur during the Geostats 2020 meeting that will be held in Toronto in September 2020.

The IAMG General Assembly will still be held during the IGC 2020 meeting.

### Agenda Item: Deep Time Digital Earth

IAMG support for the Deep Time Digital Earth (DDE) project requires funding support of r \$5,000. Although the IAMG provides financial support, there is no formal supporting institute associated with the program.

**Action Item:** Continued IAMG support of DDE requires an appointment of an IAMG coordinator/representative.

### Agenda Item: Alliance of International Science Organizations on Disaster Risk Reduction

A brief discussion was held on the SRDR program in which the IAMG is a supporter. If funding support is required from the IAMG, then an IAMG representative is required to ensure the IAMG is recognized and that institutions affiliated with IAMG members provide support.

### Agenda Item: IUGG (International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics)

Eric Grunsky, Secretary General, provided a report on attendance and presentation at the IUGG meeting in Montreal, June, 2019. Grunsky's report provides a perspective on how a group of small Associations have merged to form the IUGG and its success in terms of membership and international scope. The IUGG represents a model that could be relevant for future IAMG associations.

### Agenda Item: Outcome of Changes to IAMG Statutes.

The results of the successful IAMG membership vote to modify the IAMG Statutes and Bylaws was deferred to the IAMG General Assembly on August 14.

### Agenda Item: Commission on Women in the IAMG

**Action Item:** A follow up on the IAMG Commission on the Status of Women report.

### Agenda Item: IAMG privacy policy compliance

No further developments on this issue since the last Council meeting in Olomouc, 2018.

Jennifer McKinley, Eric Grunsky, Gerald vanden Boogaart and Regina vanden Boogaart to discuss this further.

#### Agenda Item: IAMG website migration strategy

A discussion on the possible integration of IAMG website activities highlighted the fact that there are three servers ([www.iamg.org](http://www.iamg.org), [iamgmembers.org](http://iamgmembers.org), Freiberg administration server). It was agreed that the IAMG should investigate a plan for integrating the servers and coordinate the content of the website so that changes to content, such as IAMG Executive, Councillors, Committees be updated automatically.

**Action Item:** Katie Silversides will develop a plan/perspective on how the IAMG websites can be integrated and managed.

#### Agenda Item: IAMG incorporation (legal opinion from David Collins)

No further developments on this issue since the last Council Meeting in Olomouc, 2018.

**Action Item:** David Collins will find a person/company to assist in the incorporation of the IAMG.

#### Agenda Item: Awards Committee report

Marshall Ma was recently appointed as Chair of the Awards Committee. There was discussion on confusion that has occurred between the Student Awards Committee and the Awards Committee. Examples of the confusion include the status of post-graduate students; do they qualify as student candidates for the Student Awards Committee, or as candidates for the Awards Committee.

**Action Item:** The Student Affairs and Awards Committee develop guidelines for awards that are compatible with the Awards Committee.

#### Agenda Item: Curriculum Quality Committee

No discussion

#### Agenda Item: Lectures Committee report

No discussion

#### Agenda Item: Meetings Committee report

Gerald vanden Boogaart presented comments and recommendations for changes in the way that IAMG meetings are proposed and organized. Of particular relevance is the request that the local organizing committee accommodate a range of subjects/disciplines that potentially engage the maximum number of IAMG members in meeting participation. Gerald's message is attached to the Committee Reports.

Two action items were recommended:

**Action Item:** The Meetings Committee require that general themes be included in all IAMG conference proposals.

**Action Item:** The Guidelines for organizing IAMG meetings be re-written and updated.

#### Agenda Item: Outreach Committee report

Eric Grunsky, Chair, IAMG Outreach Committee, presented a summary of Outreach activities. The IAMG provides financial support to Earth Science Matters, which presents issues and relevance of the geosciences to various communities and geoscience student organizations throughout the world. Ed de

Mulder, was the ESM spokesperson. Although, Ed has now retired from this position, the IAMG has not been advised as to who the designated spokesperson is. The IAMG contributes \$5,000 per year to ESM.

The IAMG Secretary General, Eric Grunsky, was recently appointed as Treasurer to ESM, but has not yet seen any financial records or accounting for the income/expenses of the organization. Courtney Jermyn, the current ESM director, submitted a report to the IAMG that is included in the Committee Reports.

There was discussion about having an IAMG representative attend ESM meetings and/or ESM Outreach activities.

**Action Item:** Further discussions will be held between Courtney Jermyn and Eric Grunsky

### Agenda Item: Publications Committee reports

Eric Grunsky, Acting Chair of the Publications Committee, presented issues related to the startup of the new IAMG journal, Applied Computing and Geosciences. Green Open Access and Gold Open Access appear to be different for different institutions and that both Springer and Elsevier negotiate different agreements between different institutions. A major concern is that the Publishers are charging institutions for bundled subscriptions that are part paywall and part open access. This results in the Publishers charging twice for open access publications. Some institutions have already dropped subscriptions with the major publishers because of the prohibitive costs.

There has been discussion about the IAMG developing its own Open Access journals through an independent publisher that is Open Access only.

The Publications Committee reports provides more details on the future of publishing for the IAMG.

### Agenda Item: Student Affairs Committee report

No discussion

### IAMG Finance Committee

There was discussion establishing a Finance Committee that would assist in streamlining operations for the Treasurer. The committee would be composed of the former Treasurers and members of the Student Affairs and Awards and the Awards Committees. Gerald van den Boogaart would participate in this committee.

## New Business

### Declining IAMG Conference Participation – USA

Gerald vanden Boogaart noted that participation of IAMG member, from the USA, to IAMG meetings has been declining. There is a need to increase participation from USA member. Jennifer McKinley suggested that IAMG members use personal contacts and encouragement to get IAMG members from the USA to participate. She also mentioned that she would comment on this issue at the opening address of the IAMG 2019 meeting. Roussos Dimitrakopoulos suggested that the IAMG contact universities across the USA for increased participation.

Eric Grunsky suggested that the IAMG consider sponsoring special sessions at other meetings where quantitative geosciences are themes. Eric suggested that the IAMG sponsor a special session at the next meeting of the Association of Applied Geochemists that will be held in Santiago, Chile in 2020.

Sponsorship of special sessions will increase the visibility of the IAMG and with its low membership fees, will encourage others to join.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.