PRAIRIE DIVISION, CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF GEOGRAPHERS

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MINUTES of the Annual General Meeting

Present: Bernie Thraves, Kamil Zaniewski, Chris Malcolm, Derrek Eberts, Randy Widdis, Wenonah Van Heyst.

Meeting called to order at 10:04 pm CST (C. Malcolm)

**1. Approval of Agenda motion** (KZ and DE)**.**

Approved

**2. Introduction of Members**

Chris Malcolm to continue as President until 2025

Derrek Eberts to continue as Past President until 2025

Kamil Zaniewski agreed to continue as Secretary Treasurer through 2026

Ulrike Hardenbicker agreed to become the U of Regina MAL through 2026

Doug Munsky agreed to continue as the U of North Dakota MAL through 2026

Rachel Herron agreed to become the Brandon MAL through 2026

There were no nominations for the Student Member

There were no nominations for MAL Winnipeg

There were no nominations for MAL Manitoba

All nominations approved (unanimous)

**3. Approval of Minutes** of the previous Annual General meeting

No minutes of the previous meeting were presented.

**4. President’s Report (**C. Malcolm)

The CAG member numbers are a concern but not a crisis.

The CAG budget shows a small deficit but again, not an immediate problem.

CAG continues its efforts at EDI/Decolonization/Indigenization.

CAG AGM discussed a motion related to the conflict in Palestine.

The PCAG 2024 meeting in Grand Forks was a small success. There were 22 highly enthusiastic attendees. The success of the meeting stimulated interest in organizing another in person conference in 2025.

Report received. (Unanimous).

**5. Financial Report** (K. Zaniewski)

Current financial situation is sound. Most member departments paid their dues. There were no additional costs related to the Grand Forks conference.

**Action:** Treasurer will contact D. Munski to obtain information regarding student awards.

**Action:** Treasurer will resubmit an invoice to BrandonU.

Report received. (Unanimous)

**6. Business Arising**

1. Prairie Perspectives update

There’s been no reply from Jasmine Liska regarding the work done as layout editor.

There’s a need for a new editor/co-editors of the Prairie Perspectives

**7. New Business**

1. PCAG members who attended the Grand Forks conference indicated strong interest in continuing with the tradition of annual in person conferences albeit maybe slimmed down and perhaps less formal.

The consensus is that “less exotic” locations will be sufficient as future locales for the annual PCAG meeting destinations. There was a general agreement that the timing of the meetings could be reconsidered but at this time there exists no better time than the traditional “last weekend of September”.

1. Brandon University has indicated it will host the 2025 meeting. Regina indicated possible interest in organizing the 2026 conference.

Motion to adjourn (KZ and RW)

**Adjournment**: 11:03 am CST (by consensus agreement).