



CAGONT Annual Report 2023

The Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division (CAGONT) held its Annual Meeting at Toronto Metropolitan University on October 27-28, 2023. This was the first CAGONT conference since 2021, and the first in-person CAGONT meeting since 2019. The conference website can be found [here](#).

Numbers of note:

- Attendees: 120
- Sessions: 16 (13 regular, 2 thesis proposal, 1 poster)
- Total papers/posters: 91, including:
 - 61 papers
 - 14 thesis proposals
 - 16 posters
- Keynote Speaker: Ian Willams, Director, Information Management, Toronto Police Service – “Geography’s Staying Power”

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Emmanuel Kyeremeh and the rest of the organizing committee, as well as the entire Department of Geography and Environmental Studies at the Toronto Metropolitan University that made the conference a tremendous success.

The **Student Presentation Award** was given to:

- **Rachel Barber (Queen’s University)**, Closed School Properties in Ontario: How Are They Repurposed?

The **Best Student Posters** were awarded to:

- **Jonnathan Reyes Chaves (Universidad de Costa Rica)**, Analysis of the association of excess weight in Costa Rican schoolchildren and the food environment using Collaborative Cartography

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). There were two recipients this year: **Jason Gilliland** and **Godwin Arku**, both University of Western Ontario. Please consider making a nomination for the 2024 award.

The CAGONT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 28, 2023. Some terms on the Executive Committee came to an end and elections were held. The executive currently consists of the following members:

- **Evan Cleave, Toronto Metropolitan University**, President (2023-2025)
- **Jesse Sutton, University of Western Ontario**, Vice-President (2023-2025)

- **Joseph Aversa, Toronto Metropolitan University**, Past President (2023-2024)
- **Andrea Rishworth, University of Toronto Mississauga**, Secretary (2023-2025)
- **Francesca Cardwell, University of Waterloo**, Treasurer (2021-2023)
- **Milad Malekzah, University of Waterloo**, Student Representative (2023-2024)
- **Amanda Norton, University of Toronto Mississauga**, Student Representative (2023-2024)
- **Ben Woodward, University of Waterloo** Student Representative (2023-2024)
- **Emmanuel Kyeremeh, Toronto Metropolitan University** (Host Representative, 2023-2024).

A number of executive members completed their terms this year. CAGONT would like to thank **Susan Elliot, University of Waterloo** (Past President, 2022-2021), **James Voogt, University of Western Ontario** (Representative from the department that hosted the last CAGONT Annual Meeting (2021-2023) and **Haley Everitt, Western University** (Student Representative, 2021-2023) for all their efforts.

There are currently 273 members of CAGONT, including:

- 88 Regular Members
- 91 Students
- 16 Postdoc Members
- 12 AAG Associate Members - Regular
- 11 AAG Associate Members – Student
- 55 Other Members (Past CAG-ACG Presidents, Lifetime Members, low-income, retired, RGS-IBG Associates, Family, and CAG-ACG Student Award winners)

The Vice-President, **Evan Cleave, Ryerson University**, provided the following financial information:

- Total balance from previous year (October 2022): \$13,0272.47
- Revenue: \$1000.00
- Expenses: \$3500.00
- End of year balance (September 2019): \$10572.47

Expenses incurred included:

- \$3500 to support the Department of Geography at the University of Western Ontario to cover expenses related to CAGONT 2021.

The CAGONT account is held centrally by the Canadian Association of Geographers.

For the 2024 CAGONT Annual Meeting funding will be made available for students from Ontario educational institutions to defer the costs associated with attending (\$50 per student). Guidelines are established each year and are normally published on the pertinent Annual Meeting website. To be eligible, students must be members of the Canadian Association of Geographers in the year that the meeting is held and must present at the Annual Meeting.

The Executive Committee would like to remind students about the Student competitions that are hosted at the CAGONT conference each year. Additional information about this competition and previous winners can be found at: www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards.

More details on the **2024 CAGONT Annual Meeting** will be announced in the spring of 2024. More details will follow.

Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2024!



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