



CAGONT Annual Report 2016

The Canadian Association of Geographers - Ontario Division (CAGONT) held its Annual Meeting at the University of Waterloo from October 28-29, 2016. The total number of attendees was 216 which is a new record for a CAGONT Annual Meeting! Other numbers of note:

- Total papers/posters: 175 (new record) including
 - 125 papers,
 - 49 posters (new record) and
 - 1 keynote address by Professor Simon Dalby (Wilfrid Laurier University/Balsillie School of International Affairs).

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Susan Elliott and the entire team in the Department of Geography and Environmental Management that made the conference a tremendous success.

The Student Paper Awards were given to:

Wendy Burton (University of Toronto), **Best Ph.D. Paper** and \$200 for "*Raising Social Capital for Green Infrastructure: The Role of Civil Society in Greenspace Protection in the Toronto Region*" and

Hongyu Zhang (University of Western Ontario), **Best Masters Paper** and \$150 for "*Quality Evaluation of Volunteered Geographic Information: The Case of OpenStreetMap.*"

The **Best Poster** was awarded to Peter Wray and Christine Dow (University of Waterloo), \$100 for "*Characterizing the Spatial Extent of a Basal Channel under Antarctica's Nansen Ice Shelf Using Low Frequency Ground Penetrating Radar.*"

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). This year there were no submissions. Please consider making a nomination for the 2017 award.

The CAGONT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 29. Some terms on the Executive Committee came to an end and elections were held. The executive currently consists of the following members:

- **Wayne Forsythe, Ryerson University**, President (2016-2017)
- **Sarah Mason-Renton, University of Western Ontario**, Vice President (2015-2017)

- **Evan Cleave, University of Western Ontario**, Treasurer (2016-2018)
- **Andrea Rishworth, University of Waterloo**, Secretary (2016-2018)
- **Stine Hansen, McMaster University**, Student Representative (2016-2017)
- **Susan Elliott, University of Waterloo**, Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting (2016-2017)

CAGONT would like to thank **Peter Kedron, Ryerson University** (the 2015-2016 President), **Tanzina Mohsin, University of Toronto - Scarborough** (the 2012-2016 Treasurer), **Vadim Sabetski, Ryerson University** (the 2015-2016 Student Representative) and **Chris Burn, Carleton University** (the 2015-2016 Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting) for their efforts on behalf of CAGONT.

The outgoing Treasurer, **Tanzina Mohsin, University of Toronto - Scarborough**, provided the following financial information.

- Total balance from previous year: \$15235.84; \$3000.00 in revenue; \$2452.61 in expenses; end of year (September 2016) balance of \$15783.23.

The Executive Committee would like to remind students about the [Student Paper Competition](#). Annual prizes are as follows: Undergraduate \$100, Master's \$150, and Doctoral \$200. Additional information about this competition and previous winners can be found at: www.geography.ryerson.ca/cagont/#Awards.

Funds are made available by CAGONT to support student participation in the Annual Meeting. 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.

The host for the **2017 CAGONT Annual Meeting** is in the process of being determined. It will however occur in late October 2017! More details to follow...

Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2017!

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