



CAGONT Annual Report 2019

The Canadian Association of Geographers - Ontario Division (CAGONT) held its Annual Meeting at the University of Guelph from October 25-26, 2019.

Numbers of note:

- Attendees: 190
- Total papers/posters: 134 including
 - 118 papers,
 - and 16 posters

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Jennifer Silver, Noella Gray and the entire Department of Geography, Environment, and Geomatics at the University of Guelph that made the conference a tremendous success.

The **Student Paper Awards** were given to:

- **Hannah Hunter** (Queen's University), Best Masters Paper and \$200.00 for "*If you don't like seagulls, don't live in Brighton: Exploring human-gull relationships in Brighton and the lively, more-than-spatial negotiations of the city/nature divide.*"

Note: the CAGONT Executive has decided to replace the Student Paper Awards with Student Presentation Awards starting at CAGONT 2020.

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

- **Rosalyn Kish** (York University), \$200 for "*Biomass and Soil Properties of Eastern White Cedar Forest Carbon Dynamics in the Bruce Peninsula.*"
- **Aiesha Aggarwal** (York University), \$200 for "*Discharge and Water Quality of Groundwater Springs, Southeast Iceland: Preliminary Results.*"

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). The recipient this year was **Dan Shrubsole** (University of Western Ontario). Please consider making a nomination for the 2020 award.

The CAGONT Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on October 26, 2019. Some terms on the Executive Committee came to an end and elections were held. The executive currently consists of the following members:

- **Susan Elliot, University of Waterloo**, President (2019-2021)
- **Joseph Aversa, Ryerson University**, Vice President (2019-2021)

- **Wayne Forsythe, Ryerson University, Past-President (2019-2020)**
- **Evan Cleave, Ryerson University, Treasurer (2019-2020)**
- **Danielle Mitchell, Ryerson University, Secretary (2018-2020)**
- **Carise Thompson, University of Waterloo, Student Representative (2019-2020)**
- **Jennifer Silver, University of Guelph, Representative from the department that held the previous CAGONT Annual Meeting (2019-2020)**
- **James Voogt, University of Western Ontario, Representative from the department that will hold the next CAGONT Annual Meeting (2019-2020)**

CAGONT would like to thank **Wayne Forsythe, Ryerson University** (the 2018-2019 President), **Siera Vercillo, University of Waterloo** (the 2017-2019 Student Representative), and **Matt Farish, University of Toronto** (2018-2019 Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting) for their efforts on behalf of CAGONT.

The Treasurer, **Evan Cleave, Ryerson University** provided the following financial information.

- Total balance from previous year (September 2018): \$15552.00; \$3000.00 in revenue; \$7825.70 in expenses; end of year (September 2019) balance of \$10726.30

Expenses incurred included:

- 35 students x \$110 in CAG/IGU 2018 travel support
- 24 students x \$100 in CAGONT 2018 travel support
- 2 students x \$200 in poster winners at CAGONT 2018
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- \$775.70 in executive travel for CAGONT 2018

For the CAGONT 2020 Annual Meeting, funding will be made available for students from Ontario educational institutions to defer the costs associated with attending (normally \$50 per student). Guidelines are established each year and are 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.

One time funding of \$2500.00 has been made available for students from Ontario educational institutions to defer the costs associated with attending [CAG/ACG 2020 at the University of Victoria](#). The amount of funding will depend on the number of applicants but will not exceed \$200/student. Students MUST be presenting at CAG/ACG 2020 and be a CAG/ACG member for 2020. Once you have completed your registration and submitted your abstract, send copies of both to the CAGONT Secretary Danielle Mitchell (dmitch@ryerson.ca) and the CAGONT Treasurer Evan Cleave (evan.cleave@ryerson.ca). The funding will be distributed shortly after the [CAG/ACG 2020 Annual Meeting](#).

The CAGONT bank account has been transferred from Ryerson University and will now be held centrally by the Canadian Association of Geographers.

The **CAGONT 2020 Annual Meeting** will be will be hosted by the Department of Geography at the University of Western Ontario in October 2020. More details will follow...

Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2020!

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