



CAGONT Annual Report 2020

Due to COVID-19, the Canadian Association of Geographers – Ontario Division (CAGONT) did not hold an annual meeting in 2020. The meeting – scheduled to be hosted by the Department of Geography and Environment at Western University in London, ON – was postponed in the interest of public health and the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19. The 2021 annual meeting is expected to be held at Western University in October 2021.

With the postponement of the annual meeting, no CAGONT Awards were issued in 2020. At the 2021 annual meeting, the following awards will be given: Best Student Poster and Best Student Presentation.

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the [Service to Ontario Geography Award](#). Due to COVID-19, no award was given in 2020. Please consider making a nomination for the 2021 award.

Due to COVID-19, no Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held in 2020. As a result, no elections were held for the CAGONT Executive Committee. Any terms that were expiring were extended for one year, until the 2021 AGM. The executive committee 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 (2019-2021)
- **Evan Cleave, Ryerson University**, Treasurer (2019-2021)
- **Danielle Ford, Ryerson University**, Secretary (2019-2021)
- **Carise Thompson, University of Waterloo**, Student Representative (2020-2021)
- **Jennifer Silver, University of Guelph**, Representative from the department that held the previous CAGONT Annual Meeting (2020-2021)
- **James Voogt, University of Western Ontario**, Representative from the department that will hold the next CAGONT Annual Meeting (2020-2021)

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

- Total balance from previous year (September 2019): \$10726.30; \$3000 in revenue; \$2,278.83 in expenses; end of year balance (September 2020) of \$11447.47.

Expenses incurred included:

- 3 x \$200 student poster awards at CAGONT 2019

- 12 x \$50 student travel support for CAGONT 2019
- \$1078.83 in executive travel funding for CAGONT 2019

Funds had been set aside for student assistance for CAG 2020 and CAGONT 2020. Due to these postponements of these meetings, there were no expenses incurred.

For the CAGONT 2021 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.

The **CAGONT 2021 Annual Meeting** will be hosted by the Department of Geography and Environment at Western University in London, ON in October 2021. Details will follow about the dates and format of the meeting.

Thank you to the membership for their support during a tumultuous year. See you at CAGONT 2021!

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