



CAGONT Annual Report 2014

The Canadian Association of Geographers - Ontario Division (CAGONT) had a record year in 2014. The highest number of attendees (205) to ever take part in an Annual Meeting came together at York University from October 24-25. Other numbers of note:

- Total papers/posters: 151 (new record) including
 - 130 papers (new record),
 - o 17 posters and
 - o 4 roundtable sessions.

A huge thank you on behalf of the CAGONT Executive to Steven Tufts, Uli Best, Taly Drezner and the entire team in the Department of Geography, York University that made the conference the most successful CAGONT Annual Meeting of all time.

The Student Paper Awards were given to:

- Adrienne Johnson, Clark University, \$200, Ph.D. Paper
- Elizabeth Farries, University of Toronto, \$150, Masters Paper
- Christine Alic, Brock University, \$100, Undergraduate Paper

The Best Poster and \$100 was awarded to Alexus Maglalang, Vivian Yip, Heather Wilson and Tim Duval, University of Toronto - Mississauga.

The CAGONT Annual General Meeting was held on October 25. 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 (2013-2015)
- Peter Kedron, Ryerson University, Vice President (2013-2015)
- Tanzina Mohsin, University of Toronto Scarborough, Treasurer (2012-2016)
- Evan Cleave, University of Western Ontario, Secretary (2014-2016)
- Sarah Mason, University of Western Ontario, Student Representative (2014-2015)
- **Steven Tufts, York University**, Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting (2014-2015)
- **Chris Burn, Carleton University**, Representative from the department that will hold the next CAGONT Annual Meeting (2014-2015)

CAGONT would like to thank Marilyne Jollineau, Brock University (the outgoing Past President), Dan Harrington, Queen's University/Public Health Ontario (the outgoing Secretary), Evan Cleave, University of Western Ontario (the outgoing Student Representative and incoming Secretary) and William Gough, University of Toronto - Scarborough (the outgoing Representative from the department that held the last CAGONT Annual Meeting) for their efforts on behalf of CAGONT.

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

• Total balance from previous year: \$15014.79; \$3000.00 in revenue; \$4194.21 in expenses; end of year (September 2014) balance of \$13,820.58.

The Executive Committee would like to encourage members to consider nominating individuals for the <u>Service to Ontario Geography Award</u>. This year there were no submissions. Please consider making a nomination for the 2015 award.

It would also like to remind students about the <u>Student Paper Competition</u>. 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 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.

Mark your calendars: the **2015 CAGONT Annual Meeting** will be in Ottawa. It will be hosted by the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, Carleton University in late October. More details to follow...

Thank you to the membership for another great year. See you at CAGONT 2015!

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