

# Canadian Societies for the Geophysical Sciences (CSGS)

## Terms of Reference

1. The Canadian Societies for the Geophysical Sciences (CSGS) is a sub-committee constituted by and reporting to the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (CNC-IUGG).
2. CSGS is a mechanism to link and coordinate the relevant Canadian geophysical societies in their representations to the IUGG and to funding agencies, governments and Canadian society on critical earth science issues. CSGS is also a mechanism to promote the public interest and support of the geophysical sciences through making decision makers and the public aware of the tremendous societal benefits that accrue from a vibrant and diverse geophysical science research community in Canada.
3. The goals of CSGS are to
  - a. facilitate collaboration, and exchange amongst Canadian geophysical societies whose activities are aligned with the international associations comprising the IUGG, and
  - b. coordinate and promote a vision for the development of the geophysical sciences in Canada
4. The geophysical sciences are those branches of the earth sciences in which the principles and practices of physics are used to study the Earth. Prominent amongst these sciences are the Atmospheric and Ocean Sciences, Hydrological Sciences, Solid Earth Sciences and Near-Earth Space Sciences. The scope of study for the geophysical sciences includes the lithosphere, deep Earth, cryosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere, biosphere and near-Earth space environment, and the interactions amongst these components of the Earth.
5. CSGS will achieve its goals by
  - a. Proposing joint meetings of member societies
  - b. Encouraging secondary and post-secondary educational programs in the geophysical sciences
  - c. Promoting the benefits of and discoveries made in the geophysical sciences to the public, industry and government
  - d. Articulating a vision for the advancement of the geophysical sciences in Canada
  - e. Identifying and recommending the level of research support required to support geophysical science research in Canada.
  - f. Making periodic recommendations to member societies through their national Executives.

Mode of Operation: CSGS will normally work and make contact by e-mail to respective presidents (or chairs) of member societies or scientific groups. At least one formal meeting or teleconference will be held with member Executives each year. Meeting preference will be given to any joint annual meetings of two or more member groups.

Membership: Any recognized society or charter research group within the geophysical sciences may be a member of CSGS, subject to approval by the committee. The committee shall consist

of Executive members from each member group, with a limit of 6 voting members from any member group. The Chair will alternate between presidents of the two largest society members, CMOS and CGU. A recording secretary will be chosen for each meeting.

Committee Motions:

Formal motions at any meeting require participation by both CMOS and CGU, the founding groups. Motions will require a simple majority from all member groups represented at a meeting, with a minimum of six members constituting a quorum.

Committee Level: This is a Sub-committee reporting to the Canadian National Committee for the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (CNC-IUGG).

Reporting: The Recording Secretary shall draft a report of minutes within two weeks following any formal meeting, while the Chair shall report to the Chair of CNC-IUGG within one month following the annual meeting.

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