



# **Atlantic Association of Geomatics and Planning**

From: Executive and Council
Date: Monday June 20, 2022
Subject: A Message from the AAGP

There are a few items that the Atlantic Association of Geomatics and Planning (AAGP) Council would like to highlight following the Annual General Meeting (AGM).

## **Meeting Minutes**

The approved minutes from the <u>2021 AGM</u> are available on the website. The draft minutes for this year's AGM can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **Vacancies on Council and Education Committee**

You will notice that as indicated in the 2022 AGM Minutes, we are in need of volunteers to take on roles on Council which remained vacant at the conclusion of the June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. We are encouraging our members to become involved and consider putting forward their names for consideration as <u>Treasurer</u>. If you have any questions about this position, please send a message to <u>finance@aagp.ca</u>.

A call was put out for members to take part in the Education Committee, to help plan and prepare for the next AAGP workshop in 2023 as well as to begin exploring other options, such as online training. At the conclusion of the AGM, there were no named volunteers for this committee. Without an Education Committee, a workshop next year cannot be held. Executive and Council encourages anyone interested in being part of the Education Committee to email <a href="mailto:info@aagp.ca">info@aagp.ca</a> at their earliest convenience. We also extend our thanks to Mark Hebert at COGS for offering to help out with the Education Committee.

Member participation in various Association roles is essential as we continue to evolve. We look forward to hearing from you and working collectively to continue to advance the interests and priorities of the AAGP.

### **Membership Renewals**

As indicated in our by-laws, "Annual fees are due and shall be paid by the first day of June of each year for the proceeding year. When a Full member, Associate member, or Student member is in arrears of fees in excess of 30 days after June 1st, they shall cease to hold membership of any class but may obtain reinstatement for membership upon submission of a new application."

There are several members who have not submitted payment. An invoice was sent to you in early June via email. If you cannot find your invoice, please contact <a href="mailto:finance@aagp.ca">finance@aagp.ca</a> to request it again. We ask you to arrange payment of your renewal invoice via <a href="mailto:finance@aagp.ca">finance@aagp.ca</a> as soon as possible so that you will continue your membership and retain uninterrupted access to the list-server and related resources.

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### **New Members Outreach**

Please reach out to your colleagues around the region and let them know that we are expanding our scope to include geomatics professionals of all kinds. Our main focus traditionally has been centred on the administration of land and land related information, but we are reaching out to include GIS practitioners in other fields and areas of expertise. Our goal is to create a network of communication and learning which will benefit any professional working directly in a GIS environment, sharing skills and concepts ranging from data management and editing to complex spatial analysis, and how to share that information with a broad audience.

#### **Feedback**

As we draw closer to the 50th anniversary of this association in 2025, we need you to take a part in determining our future course. Whether you have a question, a complaint, a suggestion, or even a bit of trivia, the Council wants to hear from you! We are looking for new opportunities to engage our membership and all input is welcome.

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