Meeting Outcomes and Key Messages

Board of Directors Meeting
1 December 2012
State of the Union

The Board reflected on the evolution of AGU over the past two and one-half years via a presentation titled, “AGU Then and Now.”

Driven by commitment to better serving members and adhering to the strategic plan, this inaugural AGU Board of Directors discussed major accomplishments, ongoing challenges, and what has been learned as its term of office ends 31 December 2012.
State of the Union

“AGU Then and Now” and State of the Union reports by the President, President Elect, and Executive Director/CEO are posted on the AGU website on the strategic plan page.
Actions Taken

• After discussing recommendations of the Task Force on Scientific Ethics, authorized the Executive Committee to approve the Scientific Integrity and Professional Ethics Policy following the 2 December Council meeting.
Actions Taken

• Endorsed the 2013 operating plan and approved the operating and capital budgets.

• Endorsed implementation of the first phase of the “Thriving Earth Exchange,” as recommended by the Grand Challenge Task Force, within the resources included in the 2013 AGU budget.
Actions Taken

• Approved the consent agenda which included status updates on previous meeting agenda items and meeting minutes.
• Discussed the 2013-2014 committee structure which includes committees and task forces reporting to the Board, to the Council, or to both. A major goal is increased member participation in the life of AGU.

• Identified key questions to be addressed in developing strategic objectives for AGU’s international presence.
Review and Discussion

• Discussed the status of the Wiley publishing partnership transition and ways to address implementation issues.
Passing the Gavel

• The Board thanked its outgoing members for their service and heard their perspectives and advice for the incoming Board. Members leaving the Board at the end of the year are Francis Albarede, Sunanda Basu, Nancy Crooker, Floyd DesChamps, Tim Grove, Steve Sparks, and Rob van der Hilst.

• The Board thanked President Mike McPhaden for his leadership and welcomed Carol Finn as President effective 1 January 2013.