Geographic Education Study Group
2004-2005 Annual Report

The 2005 annual meeting of the CAG marks the second anniversary of the formation of the Geographic Education Study Group. The mission of the study group is to promote geographic education and the understanding of geographic education at all levels.

The study group continues to maintain a geographic education website (http://www.wlu.ca/%7Ewwwgeog/CAGEDU.htm). Currently, much of the content on the site is archived material, and so I invite submissions of any kind from CAG members to better reflect current research efforts in geographic education.

Over the last year, the study group was active at the 2004 annual meetings and organized several special sessions in geographic education. Several members of the study group also participated in sessions on geographic education at the CAG Ontario division meetings in October. At the 2005 meetings being held at Western, members of study group will be active in several different capacities. Papers on diverse aspects of geographic education are listed in the program including papers on GIScience and geomatics education, and geographic fieldwork. Also at this year's meeting will be a major symposium "Projecting Geography in the Public Domain in Canada". This symposium will explore ways to project geography more effectively in the public domain in Canada. The symposium is under the auspices of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society and financially supported by a Grosvenor Grant from the National Geographic Society. Jointly involved in it are the CAG, the CAG Geographic Education Study Group, and the Canadian Council for Geographic Education (CCGE).

A business meeting of the study group will be held on June 2 at which time we can discuss possible next steps for the study group in promoting geography and fostering geographic literacy in Canada.

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