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**List of members attending the
Business Meeting held at
Memorial University of Newfoundland,
St. John's, Newfoundland,
Monday, May 20, 1974**

Norah J. Allman	George E. Lammers
A. J. Baer	B. D. Loncarevic
W. R. A. Baragar	R. W. Macqueen
Richard T. Bell	W. H. Mathews
N. Blagona	W. H. McIlwaine
R. A. Burwash	G. V. Middleton
Jean Y. Chagnon	Louis Moyd
Ward Chesworth	R. C. Mummery
John R. DeGrace	I. Munro
Duncan Derry	Ward Neale
R. N. Farvolden	Neil D. O'Donnell
J. Fleming	W. A. Padgham
Alan Goodwin	S. J. Pedley
Wm. C. Gussow	H. R. Peters
S. R. L. Harding	W. H. Poole
Peter W. Hay	A. A. Ruitenberg
H. Hofmann	J. C. Smith
C. A. L. Hogg	D. W. Strangway
R. D. Hutchinson	Louise Stevenson
W. W. Hutchison	P. H. von Bitter
Paul M. Kavanagh	J. O. Wheeler
M. J. Keen	C. G. Winder
M. J. Kennedy	Hugh
J. Lajoie	Wynne-Edwards
R. Y. Lamarche	

Total number of members attending the Meeting	49
Total number of members represented by proxy	634
	683

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The Cordilleran Section of the G.A.C. has completed another active and stimulating year. In February its symposium "Volcanism and Related Mineralization in the Canadian Cordillera" drew more than 700 geologists and its evening talk series several times drew over 200. In both the symposium and the evening talks, the willing involvement of many delegates from the Geological Survey of Canada, B.C. Department of Mines, the University of British Columbia, and industry did much toward developing programmes with a wide appeal.

The strong support of the evening talks followed the adoption of "porphyry copper (molybdenum) deposits" as a continuing theme for five of the sessions. R. W. Hodder, University of Western Ontario; S. R. Titley, University of Arizona; J. D. Lowell, Tucson, Arizona, and C. Meyers, University of California, Berkeley filled in for four of the evening talks while in a wrap-up session a panel of "local experts" (A. Sutherland-Brown, W. MacMillan and N. Carter, all of the B.C. Department of Mines; A. Soregaroli, University of British Columbia, and T. Macauley, Newmont) discussed the B.C. porphyries.

The response to all the programmes was gratifying but it was found questioning and debate decreased as attendance climbed and one of the challenges passed on to the incoming executives is for them to find a format which will restore more of the free exchange that should be part of these sessions. In the past year there was also a strong realization in the west that geologists have to start telling the public about geology and the work geologists do. As a beginning the Cordilleran Section issued a guidebook "Vancouver Geology". Geri Eisbacher of the Geological Survey prepared the guide and presented the geology of the city in terms the public could understand. The guide has had little publicity but sales have been brisk and it has received warm acceptance from the high schools and colleges in the area. As a result the Section now has two other guidebooks in preparation.

The immediate future of the Cordilleran Section looks bright and another active year is being planned. Its activities are broadening but are still primarily concerned with providing a common meeting ground for the large, active geological community in British Columbia.

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