

**CANADIAN BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION  
BOTANIQUE DU CANADA**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
MINUTES**

**Wednesday, June 13, 2007**

**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**

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1. Adoption of the Agenda. Moved by Sylvia Taylor; seconded by Rodger Evans.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting. Moved by Iain Taylor; seconded by Vipen . (after the correction of Jeannete Whitman's name).
3. Business Arising. - Items for Information

- a. Website. (Christian Lacroix). The Executive agreed to appoint Daya Dayanandan of Concordia University as our new Webmaster. The Membership is now requested to contact Daya with changes.

- b. Awards (Christian Lacroix). All are encouraged to consider nominating botanical workers, particularly students, for one of several awards, including the Undergraduate student travel awards.

- c. Future meetings. (Christian Lacroix).

2008. The CBA/ABC meets in Vancouver, with BSA. Concern was expressed over accommodations nearby to UBC.

2009 deferred discussion to items below.

2010 meeting in Ottawa. An offer was made for CBA/ABC to join SPNHC (Society for the Preservation of Natural History Specimens) for this meeting. Questions and comments were sought from floor.

Some concern was expressed in the number of societies in partnership. These types of arrangements can mean the loss of CBA/ABC identity and a long period of time between CBA/ABC stand-alone meetings. After some discussion a motion was put forward:

Motion: "That CBA/ABC join SPNHC for an overlapping meeting in 2010 in  
Christian Lacroix moved; seconded by Cindy Ross. Motion carried.

d. Section Reports.

Ecology. Adrienne Sinclair expressed the need for nominations for awards. The section is continuing with Profiles in Canadian Ecology.

Plant Development. Rodger Evans. The section now has new chair/secretary, Jane Young. Cinq-Mars judge for 2008 is Cindy Ross, with Art Davis as alternate. The section is considering possibility of joint symposium WITH BSA next year. The Taylor Steeves award was not presented this year. Seeking nominations for this award for 2008.

Teaching: Christine Maxwell. The symposium was very well attended. Plans have begun on a joint symposium with BSA counterpart for 2008. The section website has temporarily vanished; it will reappear on CBA/ABC server.

Systematics and Phytogeography: Tim Dickinson. Similar concerns as other sections over lack of candidates for Porsild award. Suggested that the Society send posters to university departments reminding them to encourage students to participate, whether or not they are members. At the 2008 meeting, Anne Bruneau will collaborate on symposium with BSA.

Cinq-Mars judges for next year, 4 in total. Names to follow.

Mycology. Hugues Massicotte reiterated that more nominations for Weresub awards are needed. He hopes to have symposium next year on endophytes and mycorrhizae. Shannon Berch and Hugues Massicotte will serve as judges for the Cinq-Mars award.

e. Plant Canada 2007. (Art/Christian). Art Davis. 41 CBA delegates are in attendance. Possible reasons for low attendance include the cost of registration as well as the high frequency of meetings with Plant Canada and conferences in western Canada. Thanks were expressed to those who proposed the two joint and two stand-alone symposia. Plant Canada sponsored each symposium to the tune of \$1000. CBA/ABC offered an additional \$300-600 for each symposium. Thanks to the Mycology section for agreeing to withdraw their symposium; it was suggested that perhaps they should have first choice at a future meeting. Art also thanked Larry Peterson and Iain Taylor for organizing a workshop where over 30 participants were in attendance.

Motion tabled by Vipen on behalf of membership to thank Art for his hard work for 2007 meeting; seconded by Sylvia. Carried unanimously.

f. Bulletin Editor (Christine Maxwell). Highlights from the Editor's report include the reduction of production costs by using a copy shop. Christine reminded the membership to communicate email address changes with the office (Vanda Wutze). For future editions, one electronic issue will be used to remind people to join, if they have not already done so.

4. Items requiring approval or action.

- a.** Nomination of Officers. Vipen Sawhney presented a motion to appoint the following officers:

Secretary, Marian Munro, 2 years ending 2009. Seconded by Christine Maxwell.

Vice President, Santokh Singh, 1 year ending 2008. Seconded by Iain Taylor.

Development and Membership Committee Chair, Jane Young. seconded by Sylvia Taylor.

Two Directors, Moira Galway and Art Davis, 2 year-terms. Seconded by Santokh Singh.

Student representatives, Jessica Stolar and Leona Shaw. Seconded by Alana Yorke.

- b.** Plant Canada meeting 2009 (Christian Lacroix). The Board of Plant Canada met and one society has indicated that they will not be present. The Executive recommends that we renew our commitment to Plant Canada for 2009.

Iain Taylor presented the motion: “The CBA/ABC renew the commitment made to Plant Canada for 2009.” Seconded by Vipen Sawhney. Motion carried, with one dissenting vote.

Executive recommends that the Plant Canada interval be extended to 4 years.

Iain Taylor presented the motion “ The CBA/ABC will normally meet every 4 years with Plant Canada.” Seconded by Art Davis. Motion carried.

- c.** Treasurer’s report. (Hugues Massicotte) . Joint meetings do not yield much cash flow. Hugues challenged each member to enlist a new member this year. He also reminded the membership that awards must be presented in order to maintain charitable Status. The membership was encouraged to donate to the various funds. A small amount will be required by the management firm to upgrade software.
- d.** Motion presented by Vipen Sawhney: “Congratulations are extended to Art Davis for a successful Plant Canada 2007 meeting and to Daya Dayanandan for returning money to CBA/ABC from 2006 meetings.” Seconded by Denis Barabé Motion carried
- e.** Iain moved to “Accept Iain Taylor and Luc Brouillet to serve as auditors of the financial statements. Seconded by Rodger Evans. Motion carried.

5. A.O.B. There were no items brought forward.

6. Meeting adjourned; motion put forward by Iain; seconded by Sylvia Taylor.