

**CANADIAN BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION/ASSOCIATION
BOTANIQUE DU CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Wednesday, July 30 2008
Vancouver, BC**

MINUTES

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

- **Christian moved for the adoption of the minutes, with the changes. The Treasurer's report indicated below. The treasurers report is to be presented first, under business arising from previous minutes. Motion seconded by Rodger. Motion carried.**

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2007 Annual General Meeting.

- **Moved by Iain Taylor; seconded by Luc Brouillet. Motion carried.**

Business arising, Items for Action. Moved ahead of items for information due to scheduling conflicts.

3. Treasurer's report.

Hugues reported that the society is in good financial shape. Its income is tied to membership, with the exception of the great revenue from Plant Canada 2007 meetings. We are experiencing slow growth from investment funds. CBA/ABC continues to pay a Service contract to Aberdeen Agencies.

- **Motion offered by Vipen Sawhney to accept financial statements as presented. Seconded by Luc Brouillet.**

4. Local Organizing Committee

- **Motion to congratulate Santokh Singh, our CBA representative, Christine Maxwell and the local organizers of Botany 2008 for an outstanding meeting . Presented by Hugues; seconded by Rodger. Motion carried.**

5. Plant Canada 2007 meeting.

- **Motion to congratulate Art Davis and Karen Bailey for an outstanding financial outcome with the Plant Canada meeting last year in Saskatoon. Moved by Vipen Sawhney and seconded by Santokh Singh. Motion carried.**

6. Financial accounting and membership support.

- **Motion to thank Vanda Wutzke and Mel Fischer for another great year of financial and membership accounting for our association presented by Geraldine Allen; seconded by Sylvia Taylor. Motion carried.**

7. Appointment of Auditors for the Association

- **Motion to approve Luc Brouillet and Iain Taylor as auditors to review the year end statements of the association in late fall 2008 presented by Liette Vasseur; seconded by Tim Dickinson.**

8. Advancement of funds for AGM and conference 2009 at Acadia University.

- **Motion to advance \$2000.00 for the next year meeting at Acadia University presented by Rodger Evans; seconded by Sylvia.**

9. A vote of thanks

- **A motion to thank Hugues for his diligence in serving as Treasurer was presented by Vipen Sawhney; seconded by Sylvia Taylor.**

Business Arising. - Items for Information

a. Addition to the Agenda: Botany Journal

Larry Peterson offered thank-yous to editors. The July issue was the first of two to concentrate on systematics issues, coordinated by Anne Bruneau. August's issue is now being filled. He also requested ideas for theme issues. Thanks to Larry given by Anne Bruneau for inclusion.

Paul Cavers acknowledged Larry's new book on Teaching Plant Anatomy.

b. Awards and Distinctions (Christian Lacroix)

- **Alf E. Porsild Award: Jeff Saarela. In absentia accepted by Sean Grahame.**
- **Taylor Steeves Award: Julia Nowak.**
- **Travel Awards: John Macoun travel bursary: 7: Mariannick Archambault (IRBV, Université de Montréal); Laura Bourque (UPEI); Monika Gorzelak (UNBC); Carole Sinou (IRBV, Université de Montréal), Royce Steeves (Guelph), Xiaofeng Yin (UPEI); Erin Zimmerman (IRBV, Université de Montréal).**
- **Winterhalder Undergraduate Travel Award: Quinn Mason, Charles Vaudry, both of Thompson Rivers University.**

- **Iain and Sylvia Poster Award:** Iain and Sylvia presented the award to Martha Coleman. Honourable Mention was given to Ryan Patterson.
- **Lionel-Cinq Mars Award:** Crystal Mathieson and Quinn Mason, co-awardees.
- **Mary Elliott Service Award** given to Doug Larson, University of Guelph. In absentia.
- **The Lawson Medal** will be presented at the Banquet. This year's recipient is Vipen Sawhney, University of Saskatchewan.

c. Botany 2008 report (Santokh Singh)

99 CBA/ABC members registered. The Local Organizing Committee thanks to Rob Guy, Iain and Sylvia Taylor, Christine Maxwell. The ASPT, AFS, BSA all had representatives on LOC. Three symposia were funded by CBA plus contributed papers. Thanks offered to the Forest Service, Office of Vice President-Research, student assistants from the Botany Department and the Dean of Science. Some surplus funds are expected. Also set up two Workshops which provided good opportunities for undergraduates, which promotes sustainability of curriculum. The Weresub lecture was well attended. Loren Rieseberg gave the Annals of Botany lecture and Carl Wieman, Nobel Laureate, to speak on Science Education. The PowerPoint presentation will go on the website.

Award winners will be displayed on a rotating PowerPoint presentation during the Banquet. Christian thanked the LOC and team for their efforts.

d. Future meetings

- **2009 Wolfville.** Rodger Evans presented the working theme of Peripheral Species. Dates moved up to May 19-22, to coincide with other society meetings in Halifax.
- **2010 Ottawa**
- **2011 Halifax Plant Canada.** IBC also that year.
- **2012 BSA in US site not yet selected.** Looking for CBA rep.

e. Section Reports.

Ecology: Andrea White reported from the Section on behalf of Adrienne Sinclair and Paul Catling. Paul is stepping down as co-chair. Adrienne will serve as co-chair with Liette Vasseur. The Conservation Committee met with the section and will merge with Ecology Section for the next year. Updating the position papers will be the focus, especially the Species at Risk and transplanting papers. The Section would like to see the papers on the website. For the meetings in 2009 the section proposed Wildcrafting and climate change. Art Fredeen and Kate Frego were congratulated for this

year's symposia. The section would like to promote Projects in Research labs showcase. Profiles have been templated.

The Stan Rowe award was not given this year.

Plant Development (Usher Posluszny): Eight people attended meeting to discuss symposium for 2009. Art Davis. Cinq-Mars judges will be Christian Lacroix and Vipen Sawhney.

Teaching Section (Christine Maxwell): The year's meetings offered lots of sessions on teaching. Kate Frego has been canvassed for lecture as 3M award winner for next year, in addition to contributed papers. The section will try again for representation in Botany journal. There will be two co-chairs for next year, Cindy Ross-Friedman and Christine Maxwell.

Systematics and Phytogeography Section (Tim Dickinson): Reported that the section had a successful symposium on the Phylogeny of Northern Alpine Species. Cinq-Mars judges to be determined. The section also expressed concerns over having the meeting poster circulated only electronically. They request receiving paper copy as well. Often the recipient of the digital version is not the person who posts these notices. Interested in offering a joint symposium next year, possibly with Ecology section. They are aware of a group of papers on Biodiversity and informatics. Mihai Costea suggested a workshop on methodology for students., perhaps in an herbarium.

Mycology section: (Linda_____) reported on the success of a superb Weresub lecture delivered by Dr. Mary Berbee. Would like to increase awareness among students of the Weresub award as there were no applicants this year. Mycology topics for next year will be discussed and Cinq-Mars judges names submitted.

Membership and development Section report deferred.

e. Bulletin Editor (Christine Maxwell): She is happy with the copy shop used for printing. A suggestion was made on profiling graduate students. She welcomes material on teaching for inclusion as well as comments and suggestions.

4. Items requiring approval or action.

a. Nomination of Officers.

Vipen Sawhney presented the following motions to elect officers:

- **President-elect: Hugues Massicotte. Liette seconded; motion carried.**
- **Vice President: Rodger Evans; seconded by Iain Taylor; motion carried.**
- **Treasurer: Jane Young, seconded by Liette Vasseur; motion carried.**

- **4 directors, 2008-10: Cindy Ross-Friedman, Daya Dayanandan, Usher Posluszny and Arunika Gunawardena. Seconded by Christine.**
- **Student reps: Jessica Stolar and Julia Nowak. Seconded by Sylvia Taylor.**

b. Selection of Awards Committee (Christian Lacroix):

A motion from the floor was presented by Christine Maxwell:

- **The following committee be appointed to serve as the Awards Committee: Rodger Evans, Hugues Massicotte, Arunika Gunawardena, Cindy Ross-Friedman and Geraldine Allen; seconded by Iain Taylor. Motion carried.**

c. Affiliation with BSO at University of Alberta. Jason Gardner. General support was expressed. Christian will send a letter of support to the group.

d. CFBS dissolution meeting in Ottawa. Adrienne Sinclair will attend this on behalf of the Association.

5. A.O.B.

Iain Taylor is compiling a “History of UBC Science” and how research at this institution has had an impact on the rest of the country.

Christian passed the Corporation Seal to Rodger

7. Adjournment

- **A motion to adjourn offered by Rodger Evans and seconded by Christine Maxwell.**