

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

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday May 21, 13:00-14:30P

Wolfville, NS

MINUTES

1. Adoption of the Agenda.

- Shannon Berch moved that the Agenda be adopted as submitted; Liette Vasseur seconded the motion. Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

- David Richardson moved that the minutes be approved with the correction noted by Larry Peterson; Vipen Sawhney seconded. Motion carried.

3. Business Arising. - Items for Information

a. CBA-ABC 2009 report (Rodger Evans):

- Rodger Evans reported that of the 92 registrants, 48 were students, a very high percentage. He requested feedback by email post-conference on reasons for this high student turn-out.

b. Future meetings

- Jeff Saarela, Vice President reported via Julian Starr, that in 2010 CBA/ABC and SPNHC are cohosting the international conference 'Biodiversity 2010 and Beyond: Collections and Science'. There will be concurrent sessions, including workshops and tours of the newly renovated facilities at the Canadian Museum of Nature. Conference will be held at the University of Ottawa, May 31- June 5, with some sessions at CMN.
- Rodger, President reported that CBA-ABC is looking for a Vice President for the Plant Canada meeting to be held in 2011 in Halifax.

c. Section Reports.

Ecology and Conservation Section

- The Conservation Committee merged with the Ecology section this year. Liette Vasseur and Adrienne Sinclair are co-chairs. The Section hosted 2 panel discussions this week. 'Life after Graduation' held 31 participants and 'Critical Habitats' involved 20 people. The latter resulted in a letter to be submitted to Environment Canada expressing concern over the length of processes. Information generated during the discussion will be

compiled and submitted in a second workshop in Ottawa, 2010. The hope is that representatives of the federal department will be able to participate. Of particular interest are a definition of Critical Habitat and what processes are needed. The position paper on transplantation will be reviewed and a half-day workshop offered in 2010 to discuss successful and unsuccessful attempts using transplantation as mitigation.

Plant Development Section (Rodger Evans)

- Art Davis will chair a section symposium on 'Insect and Plant Interactions.' Moira Galway and Cindy Ross Friedman will serve as Cinq-Mars judges. The membership was reminded of the Taylor Steeves Award for best student paper in Plant Development.

Teaching Section

- Chair is now Cindy Ross Friedman. It was agreed that the section would assume responsibility for judging posters for the Iain and Sylvia Taylor Poster Award. In Ottawa the judges will be Frédérique Guinel, Christine Maxwell, John Markham and Marian Munro. The Association offers awards at Regional Undergraduate Conferences. Greater effort will be made to ensure CBA-ABC involvement in these. Christian Lacroix will represent us in Atlantic Canada, Cindy Ross Friedman will cover BC and Frédérique will cover Ontario. Quebec and the Prairies apparently do not offer regional conferences. The section offered a session on technology in teaching, where solutions such as Moodle were presented. In Ottawa, the section would like to see Kate Frego 3M Award winner invited to speak. She had to cancel from 2009 program. The section is also soliciting papers on teaching and a panel discussion was suggested. Vipen Sawhney and Frédérique will take the lead.
- Christine Maxwell presented the motion: "To set aside an appropriate time slot for Kate Frego to present a special lecture.". Hugues seconded. Motion carried.

Systematics and Phytogeography Section

- Chair Tim Dickinson submitted written report to Marian Munro, who announced that Tim Dickinson would remain as Cinq-Mars judge and an alternative will be appointed later. He also wrote that 2 symposia will be offered next year jointly with Mycology.

Mycology Section

- Hugues Massicotte reported that it was consensus the Weresub lecture was better attended during the day than in the evening. The two joint symposia with Systematics and Phytogeography for 2010 will be on 'Dispersal of Plants and Fungi' and 'Plant and Fungi Preservation in Collections.' Hugues remains as the Lionel Cinq-Mars judge.

Membership and Development.

- As co-chair Jane Young was not in attendance, the report was submitted in writing. The number of members is up this year 285, over 259 last year. So too are the number of unpaid members.

d. Bulletin Editor (Christine Maxwell)

- Christine Maxwell reported that 3 issues were published last year, in September, December and March, with a number of great articles. She also reminded the membership to change email addresses with the Association. She receives many undeliverable messages from obsolete email boxes. Christine also requested that faculty and students submit graduate student profiles to Jane Young, preferably with picture and less than 250 words in length. The next deadline is August 15 for September release.
- A motion from the floor: Congratulations are extended to Christine Maxwell on the excellent e-Bulletins received. Moved by Hugues Massicotte; seconded by Rodger Evans. Motion carried.

e. Botany Journal.

- Larry Peterson reported that the coming year will be his last as Chief Editor. He thanked the Editors Bob Latta, Shannon Berch, Frédérique, Art Davis, Liette Vasseur, Julian Starr. He is also indebted to the Association and others for helping the journal as reviewers. The number of submissions remains at 380-400 annually. Larry Peterson will be accepting an award in Washington, DC on behalf of the Botany Journal. The Canadian Journal of Forestry Research and Botany are being recognized as 2 of the most important journals in the last 100 years. The NRC journals and CISTI programs are changing. The journals will be run by a not-for-profit organization. There is concern that past concessions such as no-page charges and full-colour illustrations will be lost. Transition begins April 2010. Larry will remain until then. The Monograph Series and book publication programs have been cancelled. Larry Peterson is requesting a letter of support from the CBA-ABC for the journal publication. The CBA-ABC congratulates Barry Shelp and Larry Peterson on receiving the Award. Thanks were offered to Larry as Chief Editor.

f. Website

- Daya Dayanandan, webmaster, announced that we now have both a French site and an English site, with only the ByLaws untranslated. Rodger had a student do the translation this winter past. Hugues and Christian will continue to provide translation or assess the need for outside services. At the moment, only the membership forms are available online for CBA-ABC. There is no SQL certificate in place. Doug Baleshta of Thompson Rivers University offered to assist the Association with setting this up.

g. Chlorofilms video award.

- Rodger Evans reported that Harrison Wright, from Arunika Gunawardena's lab won an honourable mention in the YouTube plant video competition. Rodger requested a motion that \$1000.00USD be offered by CBA-ABC to ASPB for the fall 2009 competition.

Motion: CBA-ABC will offer \$1000.00 USD to the ASPB and chlorofilms for student awards on the best Plant Videos on YouTube. David Richardson moved; Cindy Ross Friedman seconded. Motion carried.

- David Richardson also suggested that winning videos be presented during the next conference.

4. Items requiring approval or action.

a. Nomination of Officers. (Christian Lacroix) Christian presented the following names for consideration. There were no nominees from the floor.

- Director-eastern: David Garbary. Moved by Rodger Evans; seconded by Art Davis. Motion carried.
- Director-western: Art Fredeen. Moved by Christine; seconded by Art Davis. Motion carried.
- Secretary: Laurie Consaul. Moved by Larry Peterson; seconded by Vipen Sawhney. Motion carried.

b. Selection of Awards Committee (Rodger Evans)

- Rodger announced that the following people have offered to serve on the Awards Committee for the Lawson, Elliott and Macoun awards. Cindy Ross Friedman, Daya Dayanandan, Hugues Massicotte, Liette Vasseur and Rodger Evans.

c. Treasurer's report. (Jane Young):

- As Jane was absent, Rodger reported that financial statements were not available until after the year-end May 31, 2009. A motion was received from the floor.

Motion: Treasurer must seek balance sheet and income statements in draft, prior to AGM. Moved by David Richardson; seconded by Liette Vasseur. Motion carried.

- **Appointment of 2 auditors:** Christian Lacroix and John Markham volunteered to serve as auditors for 2009-10.

Motion: To thank Vanda Wutzke and Mel Fischer for accounting services in 2008-9. Moved by Christine Maxwell; seconded by Ed Reekie.

- **Advancement of funds for 2010:**

Motion: To forward \$2000.00 to LOC in Ottawa for 2010. Rodger Evans moved; seconded by Vipen Sawhney. Motion carried.

d. Motion to move the head-office from Charlottetown to Wolfville. Moved by Rodger Evans; seconded by Cindy Ross Friedman. Motion carried.

5. A.O.B. There was no further business to report.

6. Adjournment

Liette Vasseur moved to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Daya Dayanandan.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Munro