

**CANADIAN BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION -
L'ASSOCIATION BOTANIQUE DU CANADA**

Annual General Meeting 2017

**Friday, July 7th, 2017, scheduled for 12:00 - 1:30 pm (Science Building Rm N1001),
Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, ON**

Meeting Called to order: 12:16pm. Quorum is met.

Members present: Christine Petersen, Moira Galway, Peggy Broad, Christian Lacroix, Simon Chuong, Ed Yeung, Vipen Sawhney, Emily Tran, Katie Black, Julissa Roncal, Kirsten Reid, James Jones, Tim Dickinson, Daya Dayanandan, Mirwais Quaderi, Remi Hebert, Saskia Hart, John Shims, Nadia Cavallin, Julian Starr, Nicole Fenton, Richard Caners, Patrick von Aderkas, Heather Vanvolkenborg, Renee Christie, Linda Tackenberg, Hugues Massicotte, Deb Metsger, Frédérique Guinel, David Garbary, Cynthia Ross Friedman, Mihai Costea, Art Davis, Julia Nowak, Gerry Allen, John Markham.

Agenda items

1. Adoption of the Agenda (as modified) **Motion to approve:** Frédérique. Second: Simon. All in favour: Unanimous.
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at Univ of Victoria, 2016.
- **Motion to approve:** John. Second: Gerry. All in favour: Carried.
3. Report of Directors (reports follow)
 - a. Vice President (Frédérique) – verbal report.
 - a. Thanked everyone for coming and hoped has been an enjoyable conference. A written report will be coming at the end of August.
 - b. Meeting attendance: 85 botanists and 12 artists
 - b. President (Art Davis) – verbal report.
 - a. Thank you to everyone who made this 1st year as President enjoyable.
 - b. International Fascination of Plants Day (May 18th) – keep the date in mind for 2018. Members are encouraged to put on a display; Singh lab (UBC) and Davis lab (University of Saskatchewan) put on displays in 2017.
 - c. Please promote the CBA-ABC to students or other faculty members to keep the membership going strong.
 - d. Recent challenges proposed for new management of the Montreal Botanic Gardens (MGB) was discussed. Great work by the CBA-ABC membership in responding to the proposed changes. Hugues provided an update about the MBG.
 - c. President elect (Julian Starr) – verbal report.
 - a. MBG – discussed quick action by the CBA-ABC. Great work everyone. Applause for the executive team who worked on this urgent situation.
 - b. Cinq-Mars Award competition. Thanks to Nicole, Moira, Hughes, and Julissa, for judging student talks at this conference.
 - d. Treasurer (Michele Piercey-Normore). Art presented the Treasurer's Report because the CBA-ABC Treasurer (Michele) is not present.

- a. Fluctuation in numbers of CBA-ABC members was briefly discussed. The membership jumps of 2015 and 2014 are believed to be partially related to the large Plant Canada/BSA meeting (Edmonton) and 50th CBA-ABC Anniversary (Montreal) meetings, respectively.
- b. Please pay memberships as quickly as possible. It would be desirable to make membership and renewals online to make renewal easier. Peter asked if members could pay for 3-yr membership at a time.
- c. It was suggested that the Treasurer's Report include finances of the past 2 years on each statement, in order to see trends in finances.
- d. There was a large expense showing for the Lawson Medal award. This was largely brought about because CBA-ABC's stock had run low, such that it was approved for Iain Taylor to order 5 more Lawson Medals to be prepared at the brass foundry in Vancouver, B.C., to be available when needed for presentation at future annual meetings.
- e. **Motion** to use the same firm for next year's review engagement of CBA-ABC: Art. Second: Julian. All in favour: Unanimous.
- f. Suggestion (Tim) that auction proceeds from the annual meeting be reported on its own line in future Treasurer's Reports. This amount goes directly to support student travel (Macoun Travel Bursary) to the annual meetings. ** in 2013, also not in records (Cindy).**
- g. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report. All in favour: Unanimous.
- e. Bulletin Editor (Tyler Smith) – No report (Absent).
 - a. CBA-ABC has published its 50th volume of the Bulletin, earlier this year.
- f. Secretary (Julia Nowak) – verbal report.
 - a. Asked that delegates attending the AGM sign their names on the circulating attendance sheets, which will be included into the AGM minutes.
- g. Webmaster (Daya Dayanandan) – verbal report.
 - a. Annual costs for hosting website. Daya is looking into cheaper options. Thank you everyone for supporting the past 10 years. Would like to collaborate with the new webmaster.
 - b. Vipen – formal thanks for Daya's great work.
- h. Past President (John Markham) – verbal report.
 - a. CBA will hold a Joint Western regional meeting in December 2017 in Winnipeg (CBA/CSPB). **Motion:** CBA will provide \$1500 seed money for the CBA/CSPB meeting John. Seconded: Cindy. All in favour: Unanimous.
 - b. Vipen – would fully support this type of meeting. No memory of joint Western regional meetings.
 - c. Tim – have there been discussions about a joint meeting of CBA with CSEE? Julian replied that CSEE will be meeting here or Guelph next year. Maybe we can meet in about 5 years?
- i. Election of New Members to the CBA-ABC Board of Directors
 - Webmaster – Zoe Panchen . John nominates. Lots of seconders. All in favour: Unanimous.

Vice-President (for 1 year term) – to liaise with BSA executive. Vipen nominated John Markham. Seconded: Cindy. All in favour: Unanimous.

Student Representative (East) – Kirsten Reid (2-yr term). Seconded: Julian. All in favour: Unanimous.

Eastern Directors - Julissa Roncal (renewal of 2-yr term). Nicole Fenton (2-year term). All in favour: Unanimous.

Western Directors - Patrick van Aderkas and Richard Caners (both for 2-yr terms). All in favour: Unanimous .

4. Liette Vasseur's document about gender equity and equality for CBA-ABC.
 - a. Liette is away, so Heather (also from Brock University) spoke on Liette's behalf.
 - b. Where should we put the statement (Frédérique)? Deal with it as an open resolution in by-laws (Art). Move a motion of support.
 - c. Cindy – The proposed guidelines in this document are not currently practiced. Frédérique – we do try to do this. Deb – objection to doing things that are politically correct. Tim – It is good to say what we do and then do it. Worth supporting.
 - d. Moira - inclusivity. “Ensure” – not sure about the last paragraph. Vipen – “ensure” is too strong.
 - e. Gerry – report sections and botany. Reword / fine-tune the description. And put that up for this.
 - f. Proposed by Tim that following this AGM, this document's text be modified (i.e., some edits as suggested above) and brought forward again to the membership, at the next AGM - Tim. All in favour: Unanimous.
5. Item for information – Data files of Paul Maycock.
 - a. He passed away about 5 years ago. Lots of data compiled in folders in a filing cabinets, but uncertain of their whereabouts.
 - b. Deb – all of his things are in Erindale. Herbarium specimens.
 - c. **Motion** to encourage the custodians of those files to keep them safe and make them accessible to the scientific community: Tim. Second: Deb. Deb will volunteer to look into this. All in favour: Unanimous.
6. Upcoming meetings
 - 2018 – Joint meeting with BSA in Rochester, MN (July 21-25, 2018)
 - a) CBA-only banquet – either from 4-6pm on Wednesday (just before the last BOTANY 2018 celebration event) or on Tuesday night.
 - b) John – awards at AGM. Vipen – leave this in John's hands to schedule.
 - c) Helps the CBA that our members registering for the Rochester conference should tick the CBA membership box. Any conference profits will go to each society/association, based on representation at the conference.

2019 – Plant Canada meeting in Guelph with CSPB hosting (July 7-12, 2019).

7. Reports of Section (co-)Chairs (synopsis of verbal reports follow)
 - a. Ecology
 - a. Nicole – Co-chair Andre not here. Good meeting on Wed and good symposium. Promoting communication among members between meetings.
 - b. Mycology
 - a. Hugues -Weresub paper winner. Great Weresub lecture. Discussed symposium topics.
 - c. Plant Development
 - a. Simon – Good meeting. Potential title for symposium. Award for Taylor Steeves. Need to recruit more members.
 - d. Systematics and Phytogeography
 - a. Julian – Porsild-Consaul award winner. Julissa, Tim, and 1 other Section member were the judges. Julian is relinquishing chair of the Section to Gerry Allen and Deb Metsger.
 - e. Teaching
 - a. Christine – good meeting. Teaching tips workshop didn't work out. Great drawing workshop at this conference. Iain & Sylvia Taylor award recipient will be announced at the banquet tonight. Thanks for the 7 judges. Community based teaching symposium idea. Media skills workshop – how to deal with the media. How to do it properly (Cindy can do this). Hosting a tour of the university teaching labs (host university). Christine stepping down as chair – Rafael (co-chair) has declined to chair. A request was made for anyone interesting in chairing, to approach the CBA-ABC executive.

Motion to Adopt verbal reports: Hugues. Second: Denis. All in favour: Unanimous.

8. Peter expressed thanks to this year's organizing committee, very capably led by Frédérique.
9. Motion to Adjourn: Julian. 1:41pm.