

**CANADIAN BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION BOTANIQUE DU CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday, July 20, 2011, 12:00 to 14:00 pm, Halifax, NS**

Attendees: Felix Baerlocher; Lyn Baldwin; Andrew Browne; Hazel Cameron-Inglis; Paul Catling; Paul Cavers; Laurie Consaul; Hugo Cota-Sanchez; Kate Crosby; Melissa Day; Chris Deduke; Martin Dubé; Rodger Evans; Art Freeden; David Garbary; Claire Gilmour; Frédérique Guinel; Moira Galway; Anurika Gunawardena; Sean Haughian; Christian Huynh; Christian Lacroix; Jeremy Lundholm; John Markham; Hugues Massicotte; Christine Maxwell; Irene McKechnie; Troy McMullin; Marian Munro; Carol Peterson; Larry Peterson; Michele Piercey-Normore; Katie Porter; Mirwais Qaderi; Laurie Remmler; David Richardson; Stephanie Riviere; Cindy Ross-Friedman; Vipen Sawhney; M. Shafiullah; Santokh Singh; Linda Tackaberry; Iain Taylor; Sylvia Taylor; Brenda Timsina; Liette Vasseur; Michael Wright

Non-voting members: David Galbraith

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Sylvia Taylor moved to adopt agenda; Marian Munro seconded: carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2010 Annual General Meeting in Ottawa

Rodger Evans moved, Vipen Sawhney seconded, carried: unanimous.

3. Vice President's report provided by Marian Munro

- Hugues Massicotte congratulated the organizers of Plant Canada 2011, Yousef Papadopoulos and David Percival, mentioning that they did a superb job in organizing this meeting.
- There were 475 attendees fully registered at Halifax; approximately were CBA members.
- Award for the Grad Students Poster Design Award. Two members of the CBA, Art Freeden and Christian Lacroix, received this award.
- The Lionel Cinq-Mars Award will not be announced today because two participants are competing this afternoon. The Award will be given tomorrow in room 260 at 8:30 am.

Hugues Massicotte, on behalf on CBA, thanked Marian Munro for doing an excellent job at organizing the events for the CBA this year. Hugues gave Marian a gift certificate.

4. President report: Hugues Massicotte.

❖ Future meetings: the next 5 years.

- i. 2012 with BSA, Columbus, Ohio. Posters are available. BSA expects the CBA members to be there in great numbers. Hugues hopes for 50 attendees..
The American Society of Lichenology and the American Society of Bryology will join BSA on this occasion.
- ii. 2013: A proposal by Cindy Ross-Friedman and Lyn Baldwin to meet at Thompson Rivers University (~ 8,000 students) in Kamloops (a town of ~ 80,000 inhabitants), BC, to be held in the first two weeks of June. A short presentation by Lyn: the Delphinium will be in blooms and the Saskatoon berries in fruits. She talked about the botanical wonders of the Valley.

Residences have temporarily been booked in preparation for the event. The theme for the conference will be decided later.

Vipen moved that we adopt the proposal; Frédérique seconded: carried.

- iii. 2014 will see the 50th Anniversary of our Society. Hugues will inquire about the plan to meet in Montreal at the New Botanical Building which was inaugurated two weeks ago. Only the members of our Society would be to celebrate the Past and look at the Future.
Hugues invites Iain Taylor to write and present an historical document of the Society for the occasion. Sylvia Taylor proposes that we should make a concerted effort to invite the founding Fathers of the Society, its Past Presidents, the attendees of the first meeting, and the winners of the Lawson Medals. These persons could be celebrated at a Symposium on 1964. This idea was supported by the entire audience.
- iv. 2015: A proposal by an ad-hoc committee for Plant Canada 2015 composed of Hugues Massicotte, Marian Munro, Stephen Darbyshire and David Clements is being circulated. The CBA and the Canadian Weed Science Society would host, with a third society still undecided (CSPP?), Plant Canada either in Guelph, Ottawa, or Kingston.
- v. 2016: A possibility to go and visit Newfoundland. To organize a CBA meeting there, maybe with the BSA?
- vi. Someone inquires whether it would be good to bring in the next International Botanical Congress to Canada. Someone mentioned that Beijing was thought of for the next venue. Hugues mentioned that CBA is very small and would be lost in organizing such a meeting. Sylvia Taylor mentioned that it had been proposed that CBA, BSA and the Mexican Association of Botany co-host such a large meeting. Hugues mentioned that Global Plant Council maybe interested in being involved, however, Carol Peterson noted that this Council meets annually but is not interested in organizing anything. It acts more as a think-tank.

- ❖ A memorandum of understanding has been signed between the CBA and the CSP (Canadian Science Publishing). We have agreed to mutually nurture our causes. There will be a nice enticement for everyone to subscribe to Botany at a reduced rate. We need to discuss whether we should include a subscription to the journal in our registration fees. If it was mandatory, the membership fee would increase by \$25.00 and all members would have free access to the journal. If it was not mandatory, the price of Botany could be proposed at an annual rate of \$50.00. There will be an announcement in the Bulletin. We are about a year before we organize this; this will be an item on the agenda for our annual teleconference meeting in January 2012.

A lot of good things are happening in the journal, Botany. Check the web site to see what is occurring under the new Editor, Christian Lacroix. Larry Peterson has stepped down as Editor-in-Chief of Botany but will be involved until the end of August.

- ❖ Awards Announcements.

- Hugues thanks all judges who have helped him with the travel awards (Winterhalder, Macoun, Elliott and Lawson Awards): John Markham from the University of Manitoba, Arunika Gunawardena from Dalhousie University, and Lynn Gillespie from the Canadian Museum of Nature.
 - Keith Winterhalder Undergraduate Travel Award to *Hazel Cameron-Inglis* from Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops.
 - John Macoun Graduate Travel Scholarships to 6 winners:
 - *Andrew Trant* from Memorial University
 - *Troy McMullin* from the University of Guelph
 - *Claire Gilmour* from the University of Ottawa
 - *Sarangi Athukorala* from the University of Manitoba
 - *Christian Huynh* from Wilfrid Laurier University
 - *Stephanie Riviere* from Wilfrid Laurier University

- Iain and Sylvia Taylor Awards for the best poster presentation. The judges were Christine Maxwell, Cindy Ross-Friedman, Moira Galway, and John Markham. Christine came and congratulated the winners but Iain and Sylvia presented the award.
 - There were two honorable mentions:
 - *Jim Ross* from Acadia University
 - *Christian Huynh* from Wilfrid Laurier University
 - There were two winners:
 - *Deep Shafiullah* from the University of PEI
 - *Kate Crosby* from Dalhousie University
- Awards for papers published by students
 - The Stan Rowe Award for Ecology, adjudicated by Liette Vasseur and Art Fredeen, goes to *Cameron Carlisle* for a paper published in the Journal of Vegetation Science. Lyn Baldwin received the award on his behalf.
 - The Taylor Steeves Award for Plant Development, adjudicated by Moira Galway from St-Francis Xavier University, Art Davis from the University of Saskatchewan, and Usher Poluszny from the University of Guelph, goes to *Christina Lord* for a paper published in the American Journal of Plant Science and Biotechnology. Arunika Gunawardena received the award on behalf of Christina.
 - The Luella Kayla Weresub Award for Mycology, adjudicated by Jim Traquair from Agriculture Canada and Shannon Berch from UBC, went to *Troy McMullin* from the University of Guelph.

No nominations were received for the Alf Erling Porsild Award.

- The Mary Elliott Service Award goes to Martin Dubé, a Plant Taxonomist from the University of Moncton, Edmunston Campus, who served as the Editor of the Bulletin from 2002-2006. He was also responsible for the online Newsletters and the digitalization of all Bulletins (39 volumes of information), which was completed in 2007. This is the biggest work ever done for the Association Archives. Martin is also working internationally as he is helping in the re-construction of the Herbarium in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Martin Dubé said a few words to the audience.
- The Lawson Medal which is the most prestigious Award of the CBA is shared this year by three co-winners in recognition of their outstanding contribution in the form of the book “Teaching Plant Anatomy through creative laboratory exercises” published in 2008 at the NRC Press. Larry Peterson, Carol Peterson, and Lewis Melville are all present to receive their awards. Larry Peterson came up in front of the audience and thanked all the people who were instrumental in making the book as it is, especially the undergrad students who provided photographs and the Art History student who did the formatting and cleaned all photographic plates. The book was dedicated to Elizabeth Cutter, Larry’s Ph.D. supervisor, who died last year.

5. Section Reports:

Ecology and Conservation: Liette Vasseur

Many of the activities that occurred during the past year and some of the decisions that were made during our section meeting will be published in the Bulletin. Volunteers are needed for the next couples of years to update the transplantation position paper that we have for the Association. We propose to have a joint symposium at the 2012 meeting in Columbus on “Lessons learned from past experiences on relocation and transplantation - What can we learn for the future?” More help will be needed for the 2013 meeting for another topic, about securing land conservations.

6. Nomination of Officers (Rodger Evans)

Students: This is a two-year position. A motion by Marian Munro, seconded by Cindy Ross-Friedman, was made that there should be three student representatives of the Society. Julia Novak (for Western) and Christina Lord (Eastern) both agreed to stay on.. Marian Munro nominated Michael Wright from the University of Toronto to also be a representative. All were in favor.

Executive-Assistant: Vanda Wutzke has agreed to continue on until 2013. All in favor.

Secretary: Laurie Consaul has kindly agreed to stay on until 2013. All in favor.

Eastern director: Moira Galway from St-Francis Xavier accepted for a 3-year position. Rodger moved that she be appointed. All in favor.

Western director: Art Fredeen from Prince George accepted to serve for another 3 years. Rodger moved that he be appointed. All in favor.

Development and Membership: This was already proposed last year but there were no volunteers. Rodgers proposed that two persons, one from the East and one from the West, take this responsibility. Sylvia Taylor reminded the audience that this is a task undertaken by the Past-President. Rodger argued that when he was President, he worked alongside Jane Young to encourage new members. As he understood, this is a task done by the President but the President is busy enough. Liette Vasseur proposed that the past- president and the current president look at and update the by-laws, clarify the objectives of, and define efficient structures for, all positions taken by members of the Society. Rodger thus proposed that instead of nominating a person in charge of development, Hugues, Frédérique and himself will review the CBA by-laws and Manual of Policies and Procedures to update all roles required by Society. This is to be done before the next Executive Committee.

Vice-President: Marian Munro declined to serve and Michele Piercey-Normore accepted the nomination made by Hugues who moved to appoint Michelle as VP for 2011-2012; Secunder: Christine Maxwell. All in favor.

Archivist: Joe Gerrath was our Archivist for a long time and lately, the Secretary has filled this role. Laurie has many boxes in her office. We need to find a realistic solution for finding a place for the CBA archives as National Archive will not accept any more the Society's archives. Liette Vasseur mentioned that she remembers talking to Luc Brouillet about having the archives placed at the Montreal Botanical Garden. Luc should be approached again to see if our Archives could be kept there.. Liette mentioned that we should also look at filing these archives electronically. Sylvia Taylor mentions that this has been an issue for a long time (~25 years). She mentioned that Joe had agreed to clean and combine the boxes that he had received from the Taylors, as well as the boxes that he has already in his basement. Rodger Evans meanwhile will look whether or not the archives could be placed online at Acadia which possesses a large electronic space for specimens. The handling of the Archives will require a lot of care.

Two motions from Hugues

1) The need to elect two auditors for this year: John Markham and Larry Peterson are appointed. All agreed.

2) A raise for Vanda's salary from \$ 350 to \$ 400 monthly. Moved by Christine Maxwell and seconded by Vipen Sawhney. All in favor.

Motion to adjourn

The meeting reconvened on Thursday the 21, at 8:30 am, for the Lionel Cinq-Mars Award and for accepting the financial report prepared by Jane Young. Moved by Hugues, seconded by Cindy Ross-Friedman

Attendants: Andre Arsenault; Lyn Baldwin; Hazel Cameron-Ingليس; Stephen Clayden; Melissa Day; Chris Deduke; Rodger Evans; Art Fredeen; Moira Galway; David Garbary; Claire Gilmour; Frédérique Guinel; Christian Huynh; Jeremy Lundholm; Irene McKechnie; Marian Munro; Michele Piercey-Normore; Stephanie Riviere; Cindy Ross-Friedman; Michael Shane; Carole Sinou; Iain Taylor; Sylvia Taylor; Liette Vasseur; Linda Tackaberry; Jill Thomson; Jaime Wertman; Michael Wright.

1. Hugues presented the financial statement; he mentioned that:

- There had been a big surplus from Ottawa.
- Membership is down because some people fail to renew their memberships. As of the present, there are about 300 members and 75 people who have not paid.
- Few things need to be adjusted. For example the cost of production of Lawson medals.
- New medals may need to be recast.

Iain Taylor moved that the financial report be accepted; Marian seconded the motion.

2. A motion was made by Sylvia Taylor and seconded by Liette that the ad-hoc committee for the 2013 meeting at TRU be given appropriate seed money to prepare the meeting. All in favor.
3. Lionel Cinq-Mars Award Distribution.

Hugues Massicotte quickly reviewed for the audience the history of Lionel Cinq-Mars. He then named the judges of this year. The committee was chaired by Frédérique, President-Elect, and consisted of:

- For the Systematics and Phytogeography Section: Hugo Cota-Sanchez
- For the Plant Development Section: Rodger Evans and Frédérique Guinel.
- For the Ecology and Conservation Section: David Garbary and Art Fredeen
- For the Mycology section: Michele Piercey-Normore and Hugues Massicotte.

There were 12 participants to the competition who were all excellent. It was thus difficult to choose the best one among them. We decided to give an honorable mention and one award.

The Honorable mention goes to Hazel Cameron-Ingليس from Lyn Baldwin's lab at Thompson Rivers University. Hazel's presentation was given with great confidence; it contained great graphics which were logically explained. All judges were impressed by Hazel's performance, especially since she is a 4th-year student. Congratulations!

The Lionel Cinq-Mars Award this year goes to Lauren Remmler from the University of Ottawa. The research presented by Lauren was innovative and interesting. Lauren used mathematical models to study the development and growth of leaves. In her presentation, she demonstrated her communication skills by explaining a difficult concept very well. She used nice graphics with data based on a large sample size. All judges congratulate Lauren.

Motion to adjourn by Cindy Ross-Friedman