

**CANADIAN BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION
ASSOCIATION BOTANIQUE DU CANADA
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting 2015 (approved)
Wednesday, July 29, 2015, 12:00 to 1:30 pm, Edmonton, AB**

Those Present: Elisabeth Beaubien, Shannon Berch, Rebecca Bowler, Richard Caners, Warren Cardinal-McTeague, Pauline Catling, Nadia Cavallin, Hauran Chen, Art Davis, S. Dayanandan, Tim Dickinson, Jennifer Doering, Tammy Elliott, Dilukshi Fernando, Art Fredeen, Moira Galway, Ian Girard, Joyce Gould, Sean Haughian, Melanie Jones, Deirdre Khan, Vladimir Kucsfalusi, Ellen MacDonald, Hugues Massicotte, Deb Metsger, Jenna Millar, Jocelyn Pender, Christine Petersen, Sylvie Renault, Diana Robson, Jianfei Shao, Santokh Singh, Tyler Smith, Julian Starr, Linda Tackaberry, Iain Taylor, Ed Yeung, Mohamad Zraik.

President John Markham was in the Chair.
Minutes based on Santokh Singh's notes (Secretary was absent).

1. Adoption of the Agenda. The Agenda was adopted unanimously on a motion by Iain Taylor, seconded by G. Allen.

2. Matters arising from the minutes. Any matters would be covered in the President's report.

3. Reports of Officers

a. President's report.

- i.** Translation of By-laws completed.
- ii.** Magister Teaching award criteria to be revised and simplified by a subcommittee (Frédérique Guinel, Moira Galway, Cynthia Ross Friedman).
- iii.** Planting Science program: Julia Nowak wants to have this program progress in Canada. Initially, 5 students will be sponsored for this program. CBA will provide \$500 for this. Motion: We support 5 students for Planting Science program with \$500. James Jones, Iain Taylor, seconded. Unanimous.
- iiii.** Next meeting in U. Victoria (2016), Wilfred Laurier (2017)

b. Past President's report.

Election of Board members:

Secretary: Julia Nowak (Julian Starr, Art Fredeen, seconded). Unanimous.
Student Representatives (2): Warren Cardinal McTeague (Ottawa), Pauline Catling (Manitoba)
Eastern Rep: Juissa Roncal (Memorial)
Western Rep: Melanie Jones (Kelowna)
Vice President: Gerry Allen Victoria

c. President-Elect.

d. Secretary's report.

No teaching prize was awarded at the Edmonton meeting in 2015.

e. Treasurer's report. The financial report looks good. Julian Starr suggested more funds for student awards. Other suggestions included paying the registration fee for students, and giving large award to a student or early career faculty. An increase in student membership was reported. It was suggested that in order to increase our general membership, we should think about having a combined membership with CSPB, and having an electronic membership renewal system.

f. Bulletin Editor's report. Tyler Smith reminded everyone that the deadline for the September Bulletin was September 06, 2015. He welcomes articles and profiles from student members of the Association. The Bulletin is available online.

g. Webmaster's report. Daya reported that the website was functioning smoothly. All CBA bulletins are now available on the website. The Annual meeting pictures can be added on the website.

4. Section Reports.

Ecology and Conservation. Nicole Fenton.

- Had one excellent symposium.
- Had a position paper
- Ideas for the symposium were solicited.

Teaching. Christine Peterson

- \$500 was given to science Canada to support the Canada Science Fair.
- New symposium ideas: Outdoor classroom, Sustainability.

Development. Moira Galway.

- Ideas for the symposium were solicited.
- We had 4 submissions for the Taylor Steeves award.

Systematics and Phytogeography. Julian Starr.

- Julian Starr reported that there was a winner for the Consaul award.

Mycology. Hugues Massicotte, Shannon Berch.

- Hugues Massicotte solicited ideas for the symposium for next year.
- There were two submissions for Weresub award.
- There was a great Weresub lecture at this conference.

5. Awards

6. Adjournment. 1:30.

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