

**CANADIAN BOTANICAL ASSOCIATION  
BOTANIQUE DU CANADA  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2010, 4:30 to 5:30 pm, Ottawa, ON**

The meeting was begun with the sad announcement that Andre Bouchard passed away this past March.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

Change to agenda. Jeff will report on 2010 meeting (under 3a).

Vipen Sawhney moved to adopt agenda; Marian Munro seconded: carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2009 Annual General Meeting

Approval: Hugues Massicotte moved, Jane Young seconded, unanimous, carried.

3. Business Arising and Items for Information

**a. CBA-ABC 2010 (Jeff Saarela)**

Jeff expressed thanks to everyone for coming to Ottawa, and reported so far so good. There are 350 participants, slightly greater number of SPNHC, but more talks and posters by CBA people. SPNHC people registered much sooner.

Motion put forth to thank Jeff and the committee for doing an excellent job on the CBA this year. Vipen Sawhney moved: round of applause.

**b. Future meetings:**

i. Hugues Massicotte (2011)

2011 – Halifax, with Plant Canada – A main theme will be how plants and their systems adapt to climate change. July 17-25.

ii. 2012 and subsequent years (2012 with BSA, Columbus, Ohio)

Tim Dickinson reported the conclusion from Systematics and Phytogeography section to meet with CSEE sometime after 2012. CSEE is meeting in 2013 at UBC Okanagan. Tim asked if it is possible with this much lead time to organize a joint meeting with CSEE. Rodger's opinion was that it is likely possible and that we need to find a local contact (from the valley or, for example, from Thompson River University?). Hugues suggested contacting the CSEE to ask about it.

2016 with BSA again; east coast has been suggested, perhaps at Memorial U (MUN) ... no one present from MUN to comment.

**c. Section Reports:**

Ecology and Conservation: Liette Vasseur: Very successful year at Acadia; last year they had a good discussion on SARA and a summary was placed in the Fall CBA bulletin. Also during the 2009 Ecology and Conservation section meeting, a discussion was opened about life after graduation...Liette is preparing a summary paper on the trends, tips, which will be put in CBA bulletin in fall 2010 (as the second paper from the 2009 meeting). During the past year they have continued to encourage constituencies in the listing process; this arises from the concern raised in 2009 that the listing process is often behind ...this has been discussed as a concern at the provincial level. Liette announced the symposium of the June 4, 2010. On June 2, they had a roundtable discussion on reintroduction of rare species...27 people attended. Would re-examine previous papers on transplanting and look at what conditions should be considered. Section meeting was held at lunch time, 27 people attended this meeting also...Thanks to the STUDENTS...who were very vocal and involved.

Symposium for next year: "Implications of management on species in face of climate change". Would like a contribution from other societies. Student activities...they suggested outreach: how to talk to stakeholders, etc; they also could look at policy and reactions. Roundtable: adopt possibility of a workshop on tools related to rebuilding of populations related to climate change; have had a couple of people volunteer. Also, how plants are going to move. Judges for the awards: Liette will give this list to the secretary. Paul Cavers talked to them about NRC press; E&E section endorsed his proposal (given later in these minutes).

Plant Development: Jane Young: Great turn-out, 16 in attendance. Rodger Evans will be a Cinq Mars judge next year; Moira Galway will be alternate judge. Students are encouraged to submit papers for Taylor-Steeves award, and anyone with students should encourage them; there is a Taylor-Steeves award this year. Suggestions for symposia in 2011: Adaptation to climate change by non-model species, which may come together with another suggestion for a symposium about the effects of climate change on symbiosis. Arunika Gunarwardena will be the new chair for the next two years. Jane also expresses thanks to Art Davis for putting on this year's symposium.

Teaching: Cindy Ross Friedman: Attendance at the Teaching Section Meeting on June 2 was fantastic, with 19 attending, including students. Attendance was improved over previous years because the meeting was not held concurrently with the other section meetings. Announcement of Teaching session following morning session (w Kate Frego) and teaching panel.

Thanks to Kate for her special lecture on teaching and to moderators Frédérique Guinel, Vipen Sawhney, and the "Teaching Panel" (Mihai Costea, Art Davis, Kate Frego, Larry Peterson, and Jane Young). The 2010 Iain and Sylvia Poster Judges, Frédérique Guinel, John Markham, Christine Maxwell (coordinator extraordinaire), and Marian Munro were graciously thanked for their hard work in Ottawa.

Regional conferences in which undergraduates can attend: teaching section has taken ownership of these conferences making sure we have delegates there to provide prize money. Cindy gave overview of the multitude of undergraduate awards the CBA supports, including Rising Stars of Research.

The 2011 Iain and Sylvia Poster Judges in Halifax will be: Moira Galway, Frédérique Guinel, Christine Maxwell (coordinator for 2011), Marian Munro, and Raf Otfinowski with Cindy Ross Friedman as spare.

Symposium: Half-day for Teaching section: Invited Lyn Baldwin (phenomenal, has won a teaching award) who will present on a topic related to "engaging students and writing in the biological sciences". Frédérique Guinel will also help.

Teaching Website active: Marian Munro is webmaster extraordinaire [www.teachingbotany.org](http://www.teachingbotany.org). If you have teaching materials you want to share, please send to Marian or to Christine for the Bulletin. Always encourage fellow teachers and classmates to send materials. Christine told us that Cindy also received a teaching award.

Systematics and Phytogeography: Tim Dickinson reported a good turn-out at the sectional meeting. With regard to judges for the Porsild Award, this year we have brought in some new blood to the committee, which includes Mihai Costea (continuing) + joined by Julian Starr + Geraldine Allen for 2011. The section thanks Suzanne Warwick and Marian Munro for their excellent contribution as judges. There will be a Porsild award presented this year. For next year, the suggestion was made to try to get local botanists in the Maritimes to suggest how we might proceed. Paul Catling has volunteered to take this on. Therefore, there is no hard and fast plan yet for next year's symposia.

This year, we have had two symposia so far, both very successful. The symposium about the role and status of Canadian herbaria was very well attended and a success by what was said by invited speakers and audience.

The most important thing was that Hugo Cota-Sanchez volunteered to be a Lionel Cinq Mars judge and the new chair of the section. Tim sent an email of detailed minutes to the secretary for the archives.

Mycology: Hugues asked us to not miss the special memorial Luella Weresub lecture. The two symposia went very well; went beyond what they were hoping.

Discussed symposia for 2011, and noted that one will go well with Jane's suggested theme: Adaptation to climate change with lichens and perhaps secondary metabolites as another layer. Michelle Percey- [?] accepted to help and to be a judge for the Cinq-Mars next year. There is no Weresub award this year. Discussed possible candidates for Weresub lecture next year, but no announcement yet. NSERC representative visited their section meeting. Keith Seifert brought forward that perhaps mycology was not seen internationally. Suggestions for a better way to link...section chair...perhaps have people as a resource in mycology on our web site? 18 people were at this meeting.

Development and Membership: Jane Young: Overhead presented. Rodger is co-chair. The membership process has run smoothly this year. Please accept thanks to Vanda for processing memberships and Daya D. for updating the membership forms on the web site. The number of members is up slightly and the number of unpaid members is lower. The number of paid student members is higher, and we have 29 new members this year. It is useful for people to process their renewals early so that membership can be determined...AND for professors to sponsor students.

d. **Bulletin Editor (Christine Maxwell):** three issues produced since last meeting, she intends to produce three this year: September, December and March. The bulletin is still printed in Peterborough, and she is pleased with the copy shop. Please submit articles. We welcome student input... "What is new in botany" profiles of student research and photographs...supervisor, we really enjoy having those. **Please let Vanda know when your address changes.**

e. **Information distribution:** Rodger Evans: It is important that messages of interest to CBA get to all members, send them to Christine Maxwell (Rodger Evans). Things have slipped through the cracks. As part of that communication, regional directors can report things to Christine and Vanda. Even if you think you will be repeating it, please send the INFORMATION!! If same thing comes through a few times, then the others are just reminders.

**f. Botany journal (Larry Peterson)**

Update from last year. At Acadia we had just heard that the government had pulled funding for journals. This association supports the journal significantly. A round of applause went for associate editors. We couldn't do the work without the associate editors. Also, Larry thanks people for being reviewers; he appreciates the input. We are looking for good papers for the journal. The number of submitted papers has gone down. The journal will continue, so we must encourage people to submit. We published two special issues: CSPP 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; Schofield Festschrift came out in April this year. There were thirteen reviews and mini-reviews published last year. There has been a reward prize to the most cited paper; it went to Sean Graham's lab in UBC; it was published in the special issue of systematics in Canada in 2008.

Things have been happening behind the scenes. Canadian Science Publishing is a non-for-profit organization which will take over the operation of all of the NRC journals. A temporary board is set up; they have met. Official transfer will happen September 2010. Also, Larry who has acted as an editor for 12 years informed Bruce Dancik yesterday that he was stepping down; Bruce will have to look for new editors and co-editors. Email Larry with any questions. Thanks to all of you for support.

**g. Canadian monograph programme (Paul Cavers).**

Thanks CBA and particularly Rodger and Christine for getting information about demise of our monograph programme out to our members and a larger group of people. He is contacting people that were going to publish monographs. He has had discussions with people to determine how their stuff can be published. Paul has contacted over fifty scientific societies. Feedback has been useful! There has been pretty well unanimous support for monograph publishing program in Canada. Everything is positive about NRC press. The publication of new monographs has officially stopped in April. NRC press has agreed to publish any monographs that had been already submitted (14 published in one year...an all time record). It is important that we strive to get monographs published. We may follow up what has been done by entomologists who have agreed to deal with the publications themselves...doing the reviewing, editing, then sending to Canadian Science Publishing to get it published. The press can do this as long as they don't lose a lot of money on the publishing. People in fisheries

are investigating doing the same thing. Perhaps get together through Plant Canada (get them to establish a publications committee). Go to the general public to get input for monographs.

4. Items requiring approval or action:

**a. Nomination of Officers (Christian Lacroix)**

**Western director:** Santokh Singh; Current director Cindy Ross Friedman. Christian moves they be appointed; Seconder: Marian Munro.

**Eastern director:** Daya Dayanandan, Arunika Gunawardena. Christian moves they be appointed; Seconder: Liette Vasseur

**Treasurer:** Jane Young has agreed. Christian moves; Seconder: Hugues Massicotte.

**Bulletin editor:** Christine Maxwell: Christian moves; Seconder: Vipen Sawhney

**President-elect:** Frédérique Guinel; Christian moves; Seconder: Denis Barabé

**Two students:** Julia Nowak agrees to stand for another term: Move she be appointed for a second term. Nomination for Christina Lord: Christian moves they be appointed. Seconder: Arunika Gunawardena.

**Vice President:** Marian Munro agreed to nomination: Christian moves to appoint Marian as VP for 2010-2011: Seconder: Frédérique Guinel.

Chrisitan moves that we approve full slate of new board members: Vipen Sawhney seconded: Unanimous, carried.

**b. Selection of Awards Committee (Rodger Evans)**

Nominations:

Anne Bruneau nominated: Lynn Gillespie, Arunika Gunawardena

Frédérique Guinel nominated: John Markham

Moved by Rodger, Seconded by Julian Starr, carried.

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

Overhead for May 27, 2010, not year end. \$19,000 balance. We are hoping to purchase another GIC. Currently, we have \$3000 on term deposits. Thank you to Santokh Singh and Rodger Evans for monies from past two conferences. Rodger mentioned that the money from Acadia was from auction and was considerable. Total investments approx. \$97,000.

Jane moved to thank Vanda Wutzke and Mel Fischer, for capital services of 2009-2010. Seconder: Hugues Massicotte, applause vote, carried.

Jane nominated 2 auditors: Art Davis, Vipen Sawhney. Seconder Deb Metsger; carried.

d. **Motion to move the head office** from Wolfville, NS to Prince George, BC (Rodger Evans). Seconder: Larry Peterson.

e. **e.i: Motion 1:** Provide BSA students access to an electronic version of the CBA-ABC Bulletin. This would be made available to BSA students through their website. In exchange, CBA-ABC students would receive access to the **BSA student** website and discussion forums (Moved by Rodger Evans). Seconder: Cindy. Discussion: Vipen Sawhney asked: would BSA students benefit from our teaching site (it is open, so no problem). Vote: Unanimous.

**e.ii: Motion 2:** CBA spend \$500 for our students to be members of BSA, so that they get access to the newsletter and electronic version of AJB. (If this passes, Rodger will bring this to BSA at Rhode Island). It would be \$10 per student. Seconder: Julian Starr. Carried.

f. **Change funding structure for symposia** to the waiving of one student from each lab of each invited speaker. This is in lieu of a monetary honorarium and/or waiving of the fees of the

invited speaker (Rodger Evans). Can invite someone else from the institution or work out the funding some other way. Will not cost much more than the \$600 anyway.

Moved by Rodger Evans, Seconded by Jane Young.

Discussion: Larry Peterson, what if you invite symposium speaker, and they want the money? He knows people who would not speak without being paid. [Rodger mentioned that there were 12 people invited at Acadia...no one refused to come, everyone was allowed to bring a student].

Tim Dickinson: expressed concern about this before...very important to encourage students to come to the meetings...but we are a charitable organization...important to be able to bring speakers in...he wouldn't want us lose the ability to approve funding for a speaker. If we want to maintain the quality of symposia, he would like to see the association continue financial subsidies.

Art Davis: This year, there was the possibility for the speaker's registration to be covered, and for one of his/her student to have his/her registration fees to be waived. Some people aren't members...sometimes long distance. He suggests to have a discretionary fund.

Anne Bruneau...money is important.

Vipen Sawhney...he has talked to people who have found that even a small amount of money is important.

It was suggested that the executive talk more about it....Jane mentioned that the situation depends on the finances each year.

Moira Galway: Offer honorarium, but offer the other options. A matter of advertising.

Tabled for the Executive Meeting to discuss further.

- g. Motion: **Make the \$1000 contribution** to "Rising Stars of Research" an annual award (Rodger Evans). Seconded Cindy: unanimous, carried.

"Rising Stars of Research" is an annual conference where undergraduate present posters; it is run out of UBC and is opened in a competitive manner to all 4<sup>th</sup> year students from a Canadian University. (This year \$750 used for travel and \$250 for best botany poster).

#### 5. Any other business

Nancy Dengler has won BSA's top award and is giving the First Kaplan Memorial Lecture.

Tim Dickinson has been asked to propose that CBA make a comment on the way in which plant displays have disappeared from the CMN. Words to the effect: "CBA applauds the reopening of the Canadian Museum of Nature but notes with considerable disappointment the absence of a botanical (plants and fungi) display, such as that which existed previously." Tim moves that president writes a letter to the president of the CMN and copy other appropriate persons. Timely way in the next couple of months to register our associations' concern. Seconded by Dave Punter, carried.

Liette: Moves to thank the Local Organization Committee and VP for organizing the conference and the President, who is completing his term for a great work over the last two years. Applause.

Adjournment: Moved: Rodger, Seconded: Liette

Reminder for Incoming Directors meeting Friday June 4, at 5:20 pm.