

Canadian Botanical Association – L'Association Botanique du Canada  
Corporation 086179-1  
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting, June 2, 2020

**Meeting was conducted as a Zoom Call from 4:45- 6:30 PM**

**The AGM was Chaired by Julian Starr, President**

**The Minutes of the meeting were recorded by Deborah Metsger, Secretary**

**Attendance**

Moira Galway, Bruce Ford, Hugues Massicotte, Linda Tackaberry, Shelley Hepworth, Tim Dickinson, Jeff Saarela, Nadia Cavallin, Melanie Jean, Marc-Frederic Indorf, Frederique Guinel, John Markham, Art Davis, Alice Rollini, Christine Petersen, , Andréanne Bouchard, Jana Vamosi, Georgia Denbigh, Selvadurai Dayanandan, Haoran Chen, Anne Bruneau, Richard Caners, Yves Bergeron, Peter Ryser, Warren Cardinal-McTeague, Mihai Costea, Tyler Smith, Christian Lacroix, Marc Favreau, Nicole Fenton, Zoe Panchen, Shelley Hepworth, Julian Starr, Art Davis, Deb Metsger, Gerry Allen, Paul Sokoloff, Fumilola Mabei, Raphael Chavardes, Juanita Rodriguez, André Arsenault, Kristen Reid, Laura Super, Troy McMullin, Anuika, Dylan Longert, Erin Zimmerman, Mirwais Qaderi, Jennifer Doubt, Luise Hermanutz, Melissa Laplante, Patrick von Aderkas; Julissa Roncal

- 1) Welcome and Introductions (members please send an email to Deb Metsger [debm@rom.on.ca](mailto:debm@rom.on.ca) for the presences) Julian Starr
- 2) Approval of Agenda

**Moved by** Peter Ryser

**Seconded by** Selvadurai Dayanandan and Frederique Guinel

**All in Favour:** Carried

- 3) Approval of Minutes of the 2019 Annual General Meeting (Guelph, ON)

**Moved by** Julian Starr

**Seconded by** Christine Petersen

**Discussion** – none

**All in Favour** – Carried

- 4) Discussion on the requirements for soliciting versus non-soliciting corporations under the Canada Not-for-profit Corporations Act (Julian Starr).

Julian Starr reported that the board wished to review its status as a corporation under the Canada Not-for Profit Corporations Act, in part with the purpose of seeing if the requirement for and the cost of the Annual Review Engagement by the Accountants could be removed or reduced.

Frédérique Guinel offered to contact the Legal Firm that oversaw the Continuance Process to have them review the situation.

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- a. Motion required to appoint accounting firm (Hounjet-Tastad-Harpham) to conduct the corporation's Review Engagement for 220019-20

**Moved** Julian Starr

**Seconded** Peter Ryser

**All in Favour** Carried Unanimously

5) Reports from Board Members

- a. President's Report (Julian Starr)

- (i) Membership – Unpaid members, student members

Need to have students paid up.

We are going to make provisions for electronic membership online this year. In the interim please scan form and do an e-transfer or a credit card payment.

- (ii) Awards – Cindy Ross Friedman, John Macoun, Lawson

We are 1/3 of the way to our goal of \$15,000 toward supporting student travel in the earlier part of their career.

- (iii) Webpage & Bulletin

My priority as President was to see the Webpage changed. I would like to thank Zoe Panchen, Tyler Smith and all of those who helped with translation and other things. We have a wonderful new website!

The CBA Bulletin has been getting thinner and thinner over the past few years partly because of retirements. We have hired Erin Zimmerman, a former student of Anne Bruneau who is a professional writer to take over the production of the Newsletter.

The auction last year made more money than ever before, and that money goes into the Macoun fund to support travel money to meetings. Hopefully we will have a physical meeting to send students to next year.

- (iv) Equity and Diversity – Statement out, Figures

Equity and Diversity Statement is now on website. This is very timely given the events that have been playing out in the States. See Julian's article in the bulletin. This statement is a step toward better science to ensure that no minds are excluded from becoming great scientists. Need to let all people know that we are a fair society. Our statement needs to be further expanded to include all types of diversity.

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When considering nomination for awards - please try to nominate women as well as men. There were no women nominated this year. – if you do not nominate women, they cannot win awards. We all take responsibility for this. Note, that I have been informed that the percentage of women as section heads, Board members, and award winners (students), in all three categories 50% or higher, is in the words of our President Elect, Nicole Fenton, who studies such matters, “enviable” as compared to other comparable scientific societies.

Discussion

Tim Dickinson – There is great inequity in the number of Section Chairs – which means that we are letting the women do all the work.

Julian Starr – those ratios will change as Section chairs change.

(v) Section Chairs (Mycology, Development, Ecology)

If anyone thinks that they would like to be a chair or co-chair please send in your name

b. Past-President's Report (A. Davis)

Thank you, Julian!

Written report sent to Deb Metsger and Julian Starr on May 30<sup>th</sup> as follows:

- Represented CBA-ABC on the Plant Canada Board from July 2015 (Plant Canada conference in Edmonton, AB) on regular teleconferences leading to the Plant Canada conference in Guelph, ON (2019); specifically serving on the Fundraising Committee and as CBA-ABC liaison for the field trip locally organized and led by Dr. Mihai Costea, WLU
- Lionel Cinq-Mars judge representing the Development Section at Plant Canada 2019 conference at University of Guelph
- Participation in nominations for Lawson Medal and Mary Elliott Service Award
- Member of Selection Committee for Taylor Steeves Award in Plant Structure & Development for 2020
- Currently working with Dr. Shelley Hepworth (Treasurer) to procure a computer to replace the work computer of our Executive Assistant, Vanda Wutzke (Aberdeen, SK)

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- Presentation of slate of nominations for 2020-21
- It has been a pleasure serving on the CBA/ABC Executive for the past six years.

Julian Starr – Thank you Art for your tremendous service to the Association.

c. President-Elect's Report (N. Fenton)

Numbers regarding Conference.

This is the biggest meeting that I have seen in 20 years. Over 380 people registered. We have attendees from all the Canadian provinces, 5 states and 11 other countries.

There are 77 members attending this AGM. We expect some hybrid form for meetings in the future, even when we can travel again. Please fill out the questionnaire.

Thank you to all of the people who helped to put on this conference. See Appendix A

Julian Starr – I was a doubter when the virtual conference was first proposed but this was a fantastic experience.

Deb Metsger – I Move that we thank the UQAT team for all the work that they have done to host this meeting.

Seconded André Arsenault

Motion Carried.

d. Treasurer (S. Hepworth)

Finances are in very good shape.

Investments have taken a hit.

Donations are doing well.

Please pay up membership.

Memberships are holding steady.

Please try to get colleagues to join

Julian Starr– because this is an early meeting no financial report now.

e. Webmaster (Zoe Panchen)

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The CBA has a new website. We hired a professional designer and now have a modern website.

Need online registration

Need people shots

Please feel free to send content

Need to work on French website.

Minor tweaks to be up and running.

f. Other Board Members

A. Sectional Reports

*Ecology*

Richard Caners - new chair of Ecology Section

- Excited to take on role of chair.
- Wanted to consider changing wording of the J Stan Rowe award.

Criteria number 5 – publication in year preceding the meeting – The earliest published version of a paper be considered for applicants.

Criteria number 2 - Work done by a student and done within 2 years after graduation.

Julian Starr – We will discuss this among board members and section heads.

Richard Caners – Sounds good to me.

*Mycology* Hugues Massicotte

I will be stepping down as a Chair this year. Going for a co-chair is a great way to go. I encourage any and all Mycologists that want to move in. You learn a lot about who is doing things in Mycology and it is all about organization. The mycology section includes lichenology.

*Development* Moira Galway

- Very short report because section has been inactive.
- Shelley Hepworth has offered to help with some initiatives.
- Plan a symposium that meshes with conference themes. We will defer a symposium on trees until the following year.

*Systematics* Deborah Metsger and Geraldine Allen

- As always, we had enthusiastic participation with more than 12 people joining us and at least 3 offering regrets

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- Porsild-Consaul Award was not awarded this year for logistical reasons. We therefore intend to offer 2 awards in 2021 – therefore encourage students to apply.
- Focussed our discussion on Symposium topics for 2021
  - Great enthusiasm for a herbarium symposium perhaps with an emphasis on mechanisms and activities for making collections accessible and relevant to broader communities and users – including artists, naturalists, and more.
  - Complimentary to that idea – Anne Bruneau and Carole Sinou would like to offer a Canadensys workshop which the Systematics Section would endorse and assist with. We would likely try to link the symposium and workshop in some way.
  - On a different vein we will also explore interest in a symposium on Evolution of Early Angiosperms, which would align with the conference theme of evolution of early land plants.
  - The section expressed interest in finding ways to keep in better touch throughout the year so that we can stay on top of and move our many ideas forward. To that end we have discussed the creation of a Section list serve that would be sent only after you accept the invite.
  - Finally - I am stepping down as Co-Chair in order to focus on my responsibilities as Secretary. Julissa Roncal will take my place and joining Gerry Allen as a co chair.
- B. Investigations for the website have revealed that CBA is paying for list-serves so Tyler Smith has offered to set up a list-serve for any section that would like to have one.

6) Business Items

a. Future CBA-ABC Meetings

- i) 2021 – Québec City with the International Association of Bryologists and American Association of Bryologists and Lichenologists.

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ii) 2022– Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT),  
Rouyn-Noranda, QC

iii) 2023 – Winnipeg, Joint meeting with the Canadian Society of  
Ecology and Evolution (CSEE) – possible, unconfirmed locality

b. Motion to carry over 2020 Seed Money for 2022 Meeting in Rouyn-Noranda

**Moved:** Tim Dickinson

**Seconded:** Art Davis

**All in Favor:** Unanimous

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7) Nomination of new Board Members for 2020-2021

**CBA-ABC Board of Directors**

Nominations for 2020-21

Past President: Julian Starr (2020-2022)  
President: Nicole Fenton (2020-2022)  
President-Elect: **Mihai Costea (2020-2022)**  
Vice-President: Lyne Rochefort (2020-2021)  
Secretary: **Deborah Metsger (2020-2022)**  
Treasurer: **Shelley Hepworth (2020-2022)**  
Bulletin Editor: **Tyler Smith (2020-2021)**  
Webmaster: **Zoe Panchen (2020 -2022)**

**Directors:**

East – **Jennifer Doubt 2021-2024**  
Jeff Saarela (2019-21)  
Julissa Roncal (2019-2021)

West – **Bruce Ford (2020-2022)**  
**Patrick von Aderkas (2020-2022)**  
Richard Caners (2019-2021)

**Student Reps:**

East – **Marc-Frédéric Indorf (2020-2022)**  
West – Haoran Chen (2019-21)

**Discussion**

Frédérique - Will Tyler come off the board and Erin come on?

Julian – No Tyler will stay on because Erin is an employee.

Tyler – This is a transition year. If we need to change constitution we will

Julian – We will be paying Erin \$700 per issue, hence, \$2100 per year. Note that at the end of the first year of the contract with Erin (i.e., three issues), we will reassess if the agreed amount per issue works for both parties given the amount of work involved.

Comparable to situation with the production of the new website.

8) Other Business

*a. Resolution to support Hungarian Natural History Museum (T. Dickinson)*

The following is a draft resolution that I would like to present to the CBA/ABC Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 2 June 2020. I am doing so at the request of fellow



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University of Western Ontario alumnus, Dr János Podani Ph.D. 1982 and Professor, Eötvös University in Budapest), a member of the group of supporters of the Hungarian Natural History Museum described in the report in Nature referenced below.

Draft CBA/ABC response to the move of the Hungarian Natural History Museum from Budapest to Debrecen, Hungary, by T. A. Dickinson, ROM Senior Curator Emeritus. French translation by Frédérique Guinel follows.

**Preamble:** The Canadian Botanical Association has been asked to show support for the campaign against the proposal by the government of Hungary to move the 200 year old Hungarian Natural History Museum from Budapest to Debrecen, just under 200 km away. The Natural History Museum contains more than 10 million specimens of modern and fossil plants, fungi, and animals from Hungary, Europe, and around the world. The Museum's herbarium alone contains over two million specimens of algae, fungi, and plants ([http://www.nhmus.hu/en/collections/department\\_of\\_botany](http://www.nhmus.hu/en/collections/department_of_botany)). The campaign to stop this move has come from the staff and researchers of the Museum, and numerous Hungarian academics, including members of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (Abbott A. 2020. NEWS - 24 February 2020 - Outcry over plan to move Hungarian natural-history museum to remote town <https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00490-x> accessed 24 February 2020).

The concerns expressed about this move include the way in which most of the Museum's researchers and staff will be unable to relocate with the collections on which their research is based, for which they care, and which they interpret to the public. This poses the risk of interrupting important research on Hungarian biodiversity and ecology, of exposing the collections to the risk of damage, and depriving them of the expertise with which they have been and can be interpreted for the Hungarian public and for international visitors (in person, or online). Already the Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF) has written in support of the Hungarian Natural History Museum, emphasizing that... "Museums play a central part in historical, cultural and scientific patrimony of any particular country and disruptions to these relationships can be detrimental to the collections, to the standing of the institution itself, as well as to society itself due to the strong cultural links to the natural sciences and biodiversity discovery" (see below).

**Resolution:** Be it resolved therefore that the Canadian Botanical Association / l'Association Botanique du Canada (CBA/ABC) strongly supports the efforts of the Hungarian Natural History Museum, its researchers and staff, and its other supporters in Hungary and elsewhere, to prevent the move of the Museum from Budapest to any other location. Such a move would be destructive to the integrity of the collections, to their care, and to the research being carried out using them.

**The CBA/ABC urges** the government of Hungary to keep the Museum in Budapest where its collections will be maintained by those who are familiar with them and who are dedicated to their care and protection. Keeping the Museum in Budapest is essential in order to preserve the vital role that the Museum plays in Hungarian and international science and education. This will also ensure the uninterrupted care of the collections and the continued association of the collections with the expertise that is essential if they are to play their roles in scientific research, higher education, and the education of the general public.

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Finally, **the CBA/ABC suggests** that the government of Hungary reconsider the move of the Museum from Budapest as doing so will enable the Hungarian Natural History Museum to continue providing its services to the nation without interruption, while making possible other, perhaps more valuable, ways of developing outlying cities like Debrecen. Creating a new, satellite department of the Museum in Debrecen, with new exhibitions, could meet the needs of this university town by providing an opportunity for enhanced natural history and museology training in eastern Hungary.

Voici un projet de résolution que j'aimerais présenter à l'assemblée générale annuelle de l'ABC/CBA le mardi 2 juin 2020. Je le fais à la demande d'un ancien élève de l'Université de Western Ontario, Dr János Podani (Ph.D. 1982 et professeur à l'Université Eötvös de Budapest), membre du groupe de partisans du Musée Hongrois d'Histoire Naturelle décrit dans le rapport mentionné ci-dessous paru dans le journal *Nature*.

**Préambule :** Il a été demandé à l'Association Botanique Canadienne de soutenir la campagne contre la proposition du gouvernement hongrois de déplacer le Musée Hongrois d'Histoire Naturelle, vieux de 200 ans, de Budapest à Debrecen, à un peu moins de 200 km. Le Musée d'Histoire Naturelle contient plus de 10 millions de spécimens modernes et fossiles de plantes, de champignons et d'animaux de Hongrie, d'Europe et du monde entier. L'herbier du musée contient à lui seul plus de deux millions de spécimens d'algues, de champignons et de plantes ([http://www.nhmus.hu/en/collections/departement\\_of\\_botany](http://www.nhmus.hu/en/collections/departement_of_botany)). La campagne visant à mettre un terme à ce déménagement a été menée par le personnel et les chercheurs du musée, ainsi que par leurs défenseurs parmi les universitaires hongrois, notamment les membres de l'Académie Hongroise des Sciences (Abbott A. 2020. NEWS - 24 février 2020 - Le projet de déménagement du musée d'histoire naturelle hongrois dans une ville isolée fait l'objet d'un tollé (<https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-020-00490-x>)).

Les inquiétudes exprimées à propos de ce déménagement portent notamment sur la manière dont la plupart des chercheurs et du personnel du musée pourraient ne pas être en mesure de déménager avec les collections sur lesquelles se fondent leurs recherches, dont ils prennent soin et qu'ils interprètent pour le public. Cela risque d'interrompre d'importantes recherches sur la biodiversité et l'écologie hongroises, d'endommager les collections, et de les priver d'être interprétées par des experts pour le public hongrois et pour les visiteurs internationaux (en personne ou en ligne). Le Consortium of European Taxonomic Facilities (CETAF) a déjà écrit pour soutenir le Musée d'Histoire Naturelle Hongrois, en soulignant que... "Les musées jouent un rôle central dans le patrimoine historique, culturel et scientifique d'un pays et les perturbations dans ce rôle peuvent être préjudiciables aux collections, à la réputation de l'institution elle-même, et à la société en raison des liens culturels étroits établis entre celle-ci et les sciences naturelles et la découverte de la biodiversité" (voir ci-dessous).

**Résolution:** Qu'il soit résolu que l'Association Botanique du Canada/ Canadian Botanical Association soutienne fermement les efforts du Musée Hongrois d'Histoire Naturelle, de ses chercheurs et de son personnel, et de ses autres partisans en Hongrie et ailleurs, d'empêcher le déménagement du Musée de Budapest vers un autre lieu. Un tel déménagement serait préjudiciable à l'intégrité de ses collections, à leur entretien et à la recherche qui les utilise. L'ABC/CBA demande instamment au gouvernement hongrois de maintenir le musée à Budapest, où ses collections seront entretenues par ceux qui les connaissent, en prennent soin, et les protègent. Le maintien du musée à Budapest est essentiel pour préserver le rôle vital que le musée joue dans la science et l'éducation hongroises et internationales. Maintenir le musée à Budapest permettrait aussi

d'assurer le soin ininterrompu des collections et leur utilisation par des experts afin qu'elles puissent jouer leur rôle dans la recherche scientifique, l'enseignement supérieur et l'éducation du grand public. Enfin, l'ABC/CBA suggère que le gouvernement hongrois reconsidère le déménagement du musée de Budapest, car cela permettrait au Musée Hongrois d'Histoire Naturelle de continuer à fournir ses services à la nation sans interruption, tout en rendant possible d'autres moyens, peut-être plus précieux, de développer les villes périphériques comme Debrecen. La création d'un nouveau département satellite du musée à Debrecen, avec de nouvelles expositions, pourrait répondre aux besoins de cette ville universitaire en offrant la possibilité de renforcer la formation en histoire naturelle et en muséologie dans l'est de la Hongrie.

**Motion to support this resolution as proposed Tim Dickinson**

**Seconded** Peter Ryser

**Unanimously carried**

**b) Tyler motion on Black Lives Matter** – Given things going on in the world the Board felt that it should join with many other professional organizations to take a stand. The following statement is proposed for posting on the CBA/ABC website to reflect the Associations reaction to and position on the current state of affairs:

*CBA/ABC reaffirms its commitment to foster a culture of inclusivity, equity, and justice in all of its activities. To this end, we must speak out and take action against recent and ongoing anti-Black racism and violence in the United States, which also exists here in Canada and around the world.*

*We recognize our responsibility to support our Black students, coworkers, and colleagues, and to actively work to eliminate barriers to participation in our society and the wider scientific community.*

*To this end, we as the CBA commit to updating our code of conduct to include explicit expectations regarding community safety, and to establish a working group to support recruitment and mentoring for the enhancement of equity, diversity, and inclusion in our society.*

Adnré ArsenaultIs this too specific? Shouldn't we include aboriginal people and other people of colour.

Tyler Smith - this is not the forum for racialized people to make a comment.

Nicole Fenton – Could we say that we adopt this in principle?

Deb Metsger – Is “Black Lives Matter” referring to the organization or to a movement in principle?

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André Arsenault– I feel that we are reacting on a knee jerk reaction to a political situation – what is the purpose? Who are we trying to please?

Tim Dickinson – André's point is valid – but if you don't speak at any point nothing happens. The Resolution is not perfect – Timing is not perfect – but if not now, when?

Jeff Saaraela – Would we be acting so quickly if we were not in our virtual conference? I support the statement but I also support André .

Julian Starr – It (the resolution) would need to be approved by the membership at a general meeting.

Anne Bruneau – We are meeting here, now, and we do have an opportunity to react.

There needs to be a motion to approve this in principle – and a commitment that it will be sent out after a designated period of time.

Peter Ryser – Add sentence at the end of the first paragraph to that affect.

Tyler Smith – Adopt in principle and have 48-hour conference period to comment.

Julian Starr – Please vote (by electronic hand raise) for the motion to have a 48-hour comment period.

Motion Carried

Julian Starr - We Invite people to send their comments to Nicole over the next two days. The Board will consider them and come to a decision on the Resolution accordingly after 48 hours. and we will look at them over the next two days.

Julian Starr – Thank you to Georgia Denby for your service to the CBA as a student board member over the past two years, and particularly for taking over the Instagram Account.

9) Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn** the Annual General Meeting

**Moved by** Julian Starr

**Seconded by** Zoe Panchen

**Carried**

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:30 PM EST**

**Canadian Botanical Association/ Association Botanique du Canada  
Awards Ceremony 2020**

*Conducted by Zoom call from 6:30 – 7:30 PM  
Julian Starr, President, presented the Awards.*

***Student Publication Awards for Best Paper***

**Stan Rowe Award (Ecology)**

Honorable Mention

– Dr. Mélanie Jean

– Dr. Jacqueline Dennett

**Taylor Steeves Award (Structure and Development)**

– Nathan Rowarth

**Weresub award (Mycology)**

– Hayley Paquette

***Student Presentation awards***

There were **42** student presentations made at this year's virtual annual conference!

Thank you to the members who served as judges for the Lionel Cinq-Mars Best Paper Award and the Iain and Sylvia Taylor Poster Award:

Andre Arsenault, Bruce Ford, Art Fredeen, Moira Galway, Shelley Hepworth, Melanie Jean, Christian Lacroix, Deborah Metsger, Zoe Panchen, Christine Petersen, Jana Vamosi.

Note: The judges found it difficult to compare posters that were traditional results-based presentations with others that were concept-based. The criteria for posters will be revamped and updated as a forum for the future.

**Iain and Sylvia Taylor Poster Award**

**Jenna Rabley** – Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue, *Differences in paper birch physiological strategies in a northern boreal common garden experiment.*

Response by Jenna Rabley – Thank you! – and thank you CBA for holding this virtual conference.

**Honourable Mention**

Hana Thompson, Queen's University

Enrique Hernandez, Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue

Response from both: Thank you to all the organizers for putting this conference online!

### **Lionel Cinq-Mars Award**

**Gulnara Tagirdzhanova, University of Alberta** *Metagenome-derived predictions of the input of three fungal symbionts to a lichen symbiosis*

Response from Gulnara – Thank you so much! – I didn't expect this. The ability to go to a conference online is an amazing way to continue my graduate work!

Julian Starr – Congratulations!

### **Honourable Mention**

Alice Rollini, Dalhousie University  
Mike Dungey, Queen's University.

Both students said thank you very much.

### **Association Major Awards**

#### **Lawson Medal**

"The Lawson Medal, the most prestigious award of the Canadian Botanical Association, was established to provide a collective, formal expression of the admiration and respect of botanists in Canada for excellence in the contribution of an individual to Canadian botany".

We have one winner this year for Category B (an exceptional career in botany).

And the winner is...

**La Médaille Lawson – Catégorie B** (Reconnaissance d'une carrière exceptionnelle en botanique)

#### **Pr Yves Bergeron**

Institut de recherche sur les forêts,  
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue

Response by Yves Bergeron – « I am very honoured by this award. I am very grateful to the CBA. I know that you had many candidates. I have not been very active in CBA but gave my first paper at CBA in Sudbury in 1984. I am very honoured to share this award with many famous predecessors. I Hope to be able to tour everyone through this region when you

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return to Quebec in 2021. I was very lucky to have had many good graduate student (110). I am very proud of your new president. «

**Mary Elliot Service Award**

**Dr. Timothy Dickinson**, Senior Curator Emeritus Royal Ontario Museum, Adjunct Professor, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology University of Toronto

Response by Dr. Dickinson: « I was very surprised and thrilled to receive this award from the CBA. Thank you all very much »

Julian Starr – Congratulations to all this year's winners. You will receive your awards in the mail, but we will invite you to join us in Quebec City next year so that we can honour you in person.

**Other awards not given this year**

Due to our inability to travel and the switch to a virtual conference, the **Kieth Winterhalder** and **John Macoun** travel awards were not awarded this year. For the same reason, neither was the **Laurie Consaul Northern Research grant**. This simply means that next year the President will have the ability to devote even more money to these awards!

The **Porsild-Consaul Award**, and the **Magister Teaching Award** were not awarded this year. Nor were funds awarded through the **Special Projects Fund** We look forward to having many applicants for the awards and the funds next year.

Thank you all for attending this wonderful meeting. A lot of people wanted to go to James Bay. We all need to come back in 2022 and do that!

This is the end of my term as president of the CBA/ABC. I am very happy to turn the helm over to Nicole Fenton. - A fellow Winnipegger! The prairies have taken over the CBA for four presidential terms in a row!!!.

The Association has so much to build on. Thank you everyone who has been part of this meeting.

It has been my great privilege to serve as president!!

Nicole Fenton – Thank you Julian for all that you have done in herding multi-directional cats and in a hand over to the new generation!

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Botany is the original multi-disciplinary science. We learn so much from each other!

Stay well and Stay safe everyone!

**Awards Ceremony adjourned at 7 :41 EST**

**Appendix A – Organizing Committee for 2020 | CBA/ABC Virtual meeting, hosted by  
Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue (UQAT) June 1-2 2020**

**Organizing committee - [intranet](#)**

- Julie Arseneault<sup>1</sup>
- Annie DesRochers<sup>1</sup>
- Mélanie Jean<sup>1</sup>
- Sophie Laliberté<sup>1</sup>
- Daniel Lesieur <sup>2</sup>
- Nicole Fenton<sup>1</sup>

**Vitual hosts**

- Raphaël Chavardès<sup>1</sup>
- Andréane Garand<sup>1</sup>
- Fabio Gennaretti<sup>1</sup>
- Marc-Frédéric Indorf<sup>1</sup>
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