

Held in conjunction with the virtual Annual meeting
BL2021, Bryophytes, lichens, and northern ecosystems in a changing world,

CBA/ABC Annual General Meeting Zoom Link for those not attending the Virtual Conference

Time: Friday July 9th 11:30-1:30pm

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Canadian Botanical Association L'Association Botanique du Canada

Corporation 086179-1

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

11:30 AM EDST via zoom

Recording Secretary – Deborah Metsger

Chairperson – Nicolle Fenton President

Attendees – confirmed by count and by email to debm@rom.on.ca

Nicole Fenton, Mihai Costea, Deborah Metsger, Shelley Hepworth, Julian Starr, Bruce Ford, Patrick von Aderkas, Richard Caners, Jennifer Doubt, Jeff Saarela, Julissa Roncal, Haoran Chen, Liette Vasseur, Christian Lacroix, Marc-Frederic Indorf, Melanie Jean, Kendra Sampson, Phil Burton, Keith Egger, Christine Petersen, Etienne Levelle-Bourret, Dale Leadbeater, Frederique Guinel, Art Davis, Geraldine Allen, Corey Burt, Diana Haughland, Julie Arsenault, Elizabeth Schultz, Anne Bruneau, Moira Galway, Morgan Glofcheskie, Hugues Massicotte, Linda Tackaberry, Andre Arsenault, Tim Dickinson, Santokh Singh, John Markham, Peter Ryser, Nadia Cavallin, Marc Favreau, Diana Robson, Phil Burton, Arunika Gunawardena, Jacalyn Grey, David Garbary, Karen Golinski, Line Rochefort

Regrets with Proxy Votes for Special Resolutions

Tyler Smith, Andreeanne Bouchard, Tegan Padget, Rafael Otfenowski,

The meeting was called to order at 11:38

1. Welcome

Nicole Fenton welcomed everyone to the 2021 Annual General Meeting, both those attending the conference, and those who called in from home. She explained that all of the documents that would be covered had been circulated in the Annual General Meeting Package, sent by email to all members earlier in the morning.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Nicole Fenton presented the agenda for the meeting and called for any adjustments to it. There being none, she called for a motion to Adopt the Agenda.

Motion: To Adopt the Agenda for the 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Botanical Association L'Association Botanique du Canada as presented.

Moved by: Liette Vasseur

Seconded by: Julissa Roncal

Approved Unanimously

3. Resolution to Approve the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting

Nicole Fenton presented the Minutes of the 2020 Virtual Annual General Meeting which was provided in the AGM package. She indicated that there was no business arising from the Minutes, as most of the items would be covered in today's Agenda. She called for modification or amendments to the minutes. There being no discussion or amendments to the Minutes, Nicole Fenton called for a Motion to Approve the Minutes.

Motion: To Approve the Minutes of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Botanical Association L'Association Botanique du Canada held virtually on June 2, 2020.

Moved by: Christine Petersen

Seconded by: Marc-Frederic Indorf

Approved Unanimously

4. **Reports from board members**

a. **President's report**

a. Review of the main points of the Bulletin Supplement

Nicole Fenton explained that her intent for this verbal report was to elaborate on some of the seminal activities of 2020-2021 many of which had been highlighted in a Supplement to the CBA/ABC Bulletin Volume 54, in May.

1. **The Administrative Reboot**

Arose from a review of the CBA/ABC documents filed in the Minute Book on the Drop Box, and the realization that some of the required annual filing had been missed, since the time of Continuance. Notably, Income Tax to the Province of Quebec had never been filed since the CBA head office was moved to that Province in 2014. Thank you to Treasurer, Shelley Hepworth for leading the team to back file the documents. This omission flagged the need for a total review of the By Law's, Continuance Documents and Founding Documents to ensure that the corporation was compliant with all its obligations and procedures. Deborah Metsger, Secretary, with assistance from Frederique Guinel, conducted a thorough review.

a. **Change in student board member terms**

The By-Law review revealed that the term of office for students is in fact one year, not the two-year terms that we have been appointing. To change this in the By-Law a Special Resolution is required, with approval by 2/3 of the Membership. Members Special Resolution 1 By-Law No. 2 seeks to change the one-year term to be renewable for a second year. This would seem to be the most beneficial for students in their programs and will allow greater continuity for the Association.

MEMBERS SPECIAL RESOLUTION BY-LAW NO. 2

(See Appendix 1 for wording of the Resolution)

Voted by zoom poll

46 votes for; 0 opposed; 4 Proxy votes for

50 out of 106 required for a 2/3 majority

2. IDEA process

a. Code of conduct CBA MEMBERS RESOLUTION 1

As Described in the written President's report that was pre-circulated and is attached to these minutes, the Board of Directors struck a working group which has worked for the past year to develop a proposal for an IDEA (Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility) Committee of the Board of Directors. The Working Group felt that one of the first steps toward the formulation of the Committee and the fulfillment of its objectives was to adopt a Code of Conduct for the Association. The Code of Conduct as detailed in CBA Members Resolution 1, was presented to the Board of Directors at the Outgoing Board Meeting and approved by them. We would now like it to be Adopted by the Membership.

Discussion:

Christian Lacroix – Will the code of conduct be available in French?

Nicole Fenton – Yes Christian, it will be once we get a committee of francophones to read it over. Will you be part of the group Christian?

Christian Lacroix – Yes.

Marc Favreau offers to help in the Chat.

Nicole Fenton called for a Proposer for the Resolution:

Proposed by Liette Vasseur

Seconded by Frederique Guinel

Voted by Zoom Poll

48 votes for; 0 opposed

Carried unanimously

b. Purpose of the Association

The Purpose of the Association as accepted in the Articles of Continuance in 2014 was the original purpose that was part of the Founding Documents in 1979. In keeping with the objectives of the IDEA Committee and with all the contemporary activities of the Association, the Board felt that it was important to change the Purpose of the Corporation as filed with Corporations Canada. This

also requires a Special Resolution, approved by the Board of Directors and a 2/3 Majority of the Association Membership

MEMBERS SPECIAL RESOLUTION ON PURPOSE OF THE CORPORATION (See Appendix 1 for wording of Resolution)

Discussion

Julian Starr – requested change in wording to include “amateur” botanists” as well as professional botanists.

Christine Petersen – noted need for commas in “c” and “b”

Deb Metsger – indicated that the document would be edited and cleaned before it was filed and added to the Minute Book.

The Resolution was Proposed, with the requested changes, by Nicole Fenton.

Seconded by Christine Petersen

Vote was conducted by Zoom Poll

48 votes for; 0 opposed; 4 Proxy votes for

52 out of 106 required for a 2/3 majority

c. Call for nominations to the IDEA committee

Nicole Fenton invited anyone interested in joining the IDEA committee to contact her or Deb Metsger, Secretary to express their interest. Please look at the Bulletin Supplement for Details. Membership can be by self nomination. Members of the Working Group are invited to continue if they would like to. The Committee will include at least one board member. The goal is to launch the committee in late summer.

3 Membership

Nicole Fenton noted that there had been a drop in membership renewals in 2020-2021 because people were working from home and had not received their notices. She has been sending personal reminders. For those who choose not to renew, she has been asking the reason why. This information will provide the Association some data going forward.

In addition to checking on unpaid members, Nicole has been reaching out to new members to welcome them to the Association, in French or in English as appropriate. Similarly, she has put together a package of materials to send to recent hires in Biology and Botany Departments across the country, that describe the benefits of belonging to the CBA: including things like the bulletin; competitions and awards for students; comradery with colleagues

from many disciplines from across the country, and more! The package is available for others to circulate to new colleagues or others whom you might know who would be interested in the Association. “I know that the CBA has been a tremendous driver in my career since I joined as a master’s student. I have always known that I have the CBA behind me. I think that Members tend to take the Association for granted because we are too familiar with it. We need to get the word out”

Discussion

Santokh Singh – In order to get new members, could we invite early hires to join? It is important to attract new faculty members early in their careers, so that they will stay throughout.

Nicole Fenton – I will send you the prepared materials that I have described Santokh.

Julissa Roncal– What about the benefits for people in Government, or other non-academic botanists?? – Do you have any materials that I can give to them to promote the Association?

Nicole Fenton – Yes – Increasingly we have been adding workshops to our offerings, especially at in-person meetings, to teach identification or other skills. The plan for last year’s meeting (which will hopefully take place next year) was to offer certificates for attendance – something that would be attractive to people from government agencies who could use them as professional development. It is not difficult for us to get colleagues to assist with such one- or two-day workshops. Similarly, our fieldtrips are another good promoter that would be of interest to government employees and even those from NGO’s. The Bulletin is also an asset that would be attractive. I will send the materials that I have, and we can prepare more that are targeted to non-academics.

Comments from Chat

Diana Robson – The workshops are a great idea. I’ve benefitted from several in the past.

a. PAGSE

Upon the excellent recommendation of Past-President Julian Starr, CBA/ABC has joined PAGSE, The Partnership Group for Science and Engineering Le Partenariat en faveur des sciences et de la technologie.

As described on their website:” *PAGSE is a cooperative association of more than 20 national organizations in Science and Engineering, representing over 50,000 individual scientists and engineers from academia, industry, and public service. Formed in*

June 1995 to represent the Canadian science and engineering community, PAGSE's mandate is to educate and inform federal Parliamentarians, decision makers and other leaders of the importance and significance of Canadian research and innovation to economic development, and society as a whole. PAGSE became a non-profit organization in 2020'

PAGSE will offer the CBA a forum for communicating with Government and putting forward our concerns. The Association was very enthusiastic about our joining them. The CBA/ABC Board felt that PAGSE is a good platform to promote the Association and to become better connected with other Canadian societies.

Comments from Chat:

Moira Galway – PAGSE sponsors public talks ‘Bacon and Eggheads’ which are great, and due to pandemic, accessible online for all.

Julian Starr - As a member of PAGSE we can nominate speakers for Bacon and Eggheads who talk to parliamentarians directly through scientific talks - on Botany!

b. CBA/ABC Bulletin

Erin Zimmerman has completed her first year as Executive Editor of the Bulletin and has signed an agreement with us to produce the bulletin next year. She has been doing a great job and has been successful in going out and getting new content. Please consider submitting content to Erin, or getting your students to.

Discussion and Comments from Chat

Frederique Guinel – The Newsletter is great! I have been enjoying it.

Julian Starr – Erin has done a great job!

Christian Lacroix – Great work on the Bulletin – kudos to Erin.

Hugues Massicotte – The bulletin has been superb, and the website is also very nice!

c. Awards

Nicole Fenton reported that there were not many applicants for our awards this year. CBA has very prestigious awards in the Lawson, for Lifetime and Major Achievements, the Mary Elliot Award for Service to the Society, and the Magister Award for Excellence in Teaching. The Magister Award has not been given out in three or four years. CBA/ABC has many excellent teachers who should be

nominated. We need to promote the Magister Award and to nominate our colleagues for all the awards.

All our Awards are excellent for your Resume!

Santokh Singh – yes, it is important to give out these awards as it is a sign of the vitality of the organisation. Perhaps the teaching section, in particular, or all the sections, should be nominating people for the different awards?

Nicole Fenton – Our Student Awards are also very generous and a great addition to Resume's. This year only three of the four prizes for Best Paper were awarded. The Special Projects Fund has also not been applied for in a while, nor this year, the Consaul Northern Studies Grant (the lack of applications may have been a function of COVID).

Discussions and Comments from Chat

Anne Bruneau – What is the Special Projects Fund – where is it on the website?

Nicole Fenton – It is not on the website. It should be. We need to promote it more. We will do a highlight on it for the Bulletin.

Art Davis – The Special Projects grant was introduced by John Markham at the end of his term as President. Denis Barébé and Christian received an award, as did Nicole Fenton and Pierre-Luc Chagnon.

Julian Starr – Which Student Best Paper Award was not given?

Nicole Fenton – The Steeves Award for Development.

Moira Galway – Since I have been Section Chair, we never received more than two applications for Steeves, and most were from students of section members. I think that only once was there a nomination from a non-affiliated individual.

Julissa Roncal – The same situation applied for the Systematics section this year. We are trying to advertise via social media

Moira Galway – for nominations – please send out the reminders earlier and do more promotion.

Anne Bruneau – The announcement of the awards for best paper is often so late that there is not time to prepare. They need to be sent out much earlier if possible.

Julian Starr – In response to Anne's comment that we need to get the notification of awards done earlier every year, one key element to improving this is fixing submission dates for awards. Currently

these dates float from year to year which complicates things and leads to delays in announcements.

Julissa Roncal – I agree with Julian in terms of fixing deadlines for award submissions.

Nicole Fenton – yes absolutely we need to do better at notifying for awards. We can consider fixing the date. If it is in the books it will help everyone.

Nicole Fenton – The Awards Ceremony is being held at 4 PM. I will make sure that those who are not attending the conference have the link so that they can attend.

Anne Bruneau – It is not nice to receive awards online – Could we next year recognize the past two year's recipients in person at the meeting at UQAT.

Nicole Fenton – Definitely; it is a good idea.

d. Kindness Project

Started by CBA member Laura Super (PhD candidate UBC) and helped by Patrick von Aderkas this multinational project aims at increasing Kindness pedagogy in the Academic Universe. <https://blogs.ubc.ca/kindnessproject/> I have been participating in meetings and am starting an institutional project at UQAT that I think could be brought to a national level. I think that it is important for CBA/ABC to support.

5. Objectives for 2021-2022

Nicole Fenton detailed the objectives for the Association for the upcoming year, as outlined in her written report.

- a. Have online payment functional, along with member lists. (Thank you, Tyler Smith for all your work on this. We are almost there).
- b. Activate the IDEA committee, as discussed above.
- c. Increase and diversify membership by piloting outreach to professional botanical groups and professors across Canada.
- d. Solidify the administrative reboot and ensure effective movement of CBA files from Drop Box to a server.
- e. Move towards stabilizing financing of our awards, including the Cindy Ross Freidman Award. This is something that Shelley Hepworth is also keen to do.
- f. Continue to increase CBA visibility by actively participating in multi-association movements and projects (e.g., a recent grant proposal, PAGSE, Kindness Project).

Discussion and Comments from the Chat

Santokh Singh – These are good objectives, but can we add something on advocacy considering the biodiversity crisis? CBA/ABC needs to be more visible in terms of what we are all doing regarding Biodiversity and Climate Change. Is there something that we can do to be more active politically – to interact with provincial and federal governments?

Nicole Fenton – This is an interesting idea – we would need a subgroup that can focus on that.

Julian Starr – That is where PAGSE comes in. It is the forum that we can use to get a lot more visibility for our work.

Nicole Fenton – I would like to nominate Christian Lacroix and Julian Starr to represent CBA at PAGSE as I self-proclaim to not be the best person to deal with politicians. However, I am willing to engage with the public any time.

André Arsenault – I agree with Santokh, we need to promote biodiversity. We especially need to reach out to future politicians via youth. We need to engage with youth. Maybe we could get graduate students involved in doing outreach.

Nicole Fenton – Yes, that is something that is on the radar of the IDEA committee.

Tim Dickinson – Have we managed to arrange to meet with CSEEB (Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology)

Nicole Fenton – Yes – It is in the Agenda – 2023.

Tim Dickinson – That is great!

b. Treasurers Report. Shelley Hepworth

- i. The Financial Report is attached to these minutes.
- ii. The association is in a very good position with our finances. We have a large chunk of funds in our checking account that will cover all our regular activities throughout the year. Those funds are from a combination of money made at the last Plant Canada Meeting and Memberships.
- iii. The Board voted to raise the Membership Fees in January as that had not been done for a very long time. The fees are now more on par with other societies.
- iv. We still have a fairly large number of unpaid memberships, as Nicole Fenton mentioned.
- v. At the recommendation of the Accountants, we applied to the CRA and successfully changed our fiscal year to December 31. This will make it much easier to be compliant with government reporting and to provide the membership with the financial statements in advance of the Annual General Meetings.

- vi. Our long-time Administrative Assistant Vanda Wutzke will retire at the end of December. Vanda has worked for CBA for many, many years. She handles all of our banking, day-to-day finances, memberships, dealings with the accountants and much more. She has been my right arm and it is going to be very difficult to replace her.
- vii. This year the Membership has two financial statements to approve, one for 2020 and one for 2021, because the 2020 meeting was held too close to the end of the fiscal year in 2020, so before the Annual financial statement had been prepared.

RESOLUTION 2 TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2020

Proposed by Shelley Hepworth
Seconded by Tim Dickinson
Voted by Zoom Poll
For 45 Opposed 0
Carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 3 TO ACCEPT THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2021

Proposed by Shelley Hepworth
Seconded by John Markham
Voted by Zoom Poll
For 45 Opposed 0
Carried unanimously

viii. **Appoint of Accounting Firm for 2022**

RESOLUTION 4 TO APPOINT THE ACCOUNTING FIRM “Hounjet Tastad Harpham” to audit the CBA Books for the year 2021-2022.

Proposed by Shelley Hepworth
Seconded by Julian Starr
For 45 Opposed 0
Carried unanimously

Discussion and Comments from the Chat

John Markham – I note that we give half price membership to CSPP members. Please know that they do not reciprocate.

Nicole Fenton – Perhaps we should cease this practise.

Moira Galway – CSPB needs to attend Kindness workshop.

Julian Starr – too nice, botanists?

Liette Vasseur – Vanda should at least receive something (a gift) on the day of her retirement.

Hugues Massicotte – Vanda has done a tremendous job for many, many years. Can CBA/ABC do something to acknowledge her long-time service?

Frederique Guinel – She served several Presidents. Perhaps all the Presidents and Treasurers that she worked with should sign a card.

Hugues Massicotte – Flowers too with the card? Botanical no?

Frederique Guinel – Good idea!

Christine Petersen – Group Greetings.com is a great electronic card option.

Nicole Fenton – Vanda will get a card from all the people she served, and flowers. We also have prepared a Resolution from the Membership that will be affirmed at this meeting. Art – We might call on you to deliver it!

Art Davis – No problem!

Nicole Fenton - Thank you Shelley for the tremendous job that you are doing as treasurer, and especially for steering us through all the complicated Quebec forms.

Art Davis – Thanks for the great job, Shelley!

Hugues Massicotte – Great job Shelley!

Julian Starr – Yes, Kudos to Shelley!

b. President Elect's Report- Mihai Costea

Student Awards are the best part of the CBA/ABC.

This year we had an excellent Awards Committee composed of myself, Bruce Ford, Marc-Frederique Indorf, Melanie Jean, and Zoe Panchen who worked together to review the Student Awards and the Procedures for judging them. Please see the Attached Report for Details.

As highlights:

We proposed changes to the Best Paper Awards to ensure that:

- 1) students were not penalized when their timing for submission was delayed due to legitimate leaves such as maternity, paternity, or sick leave.
- 2) that the wording of the criteria for date of publication was less ambiguous and was standardized for all the awards.

We revised the structure and judging criteria for the Lionel Cinq Mars and the Iain and Sylvia Taylor best presentation and best poster awards. Judges for several years had felt that it was difficult to judge students who were at very different stages in their academic career on an equal footing. We therefore have broken each award into a Proposal stage and a Results Stage and developed specialized judging criteria for each

one. The system is being used in this year's competition. I think that the judges are finding it easier, but we still have a problem with the students selecting the proper competition. First year students have a better chance to be recognized if they submit to the proposal stage.

Prior to becoming President-Elect, I had no idea that the CBA/ABC supported so many regional undergraduate competitions. There are up to 10 awards of \$100 that we give out across the country annually. In nearly all cases, we are the only Society that does, which is a tremendous promotional platform for the Association. The committee considered reducing the number of awards given each year, but as the Association is flush, the Board decided to keep them as they are. However, we have decided that in addition to the \$100 prize, we would offer a one-year membership to CBA/ABC.

To partially alleviate the problem of notification, I encourage all of you to let me know of any undergraduate competitions that are taking place in your region. There are areas of the country that we have been missing entirely, for example Prairies and Quebec.

Discussion and Comments via Chat

Elizabeth Schultz – There is an annual competition at the University of Alberta.

Nicole Fenton – Great information thank you Elizabeth!

Moira Galway – Please see:

Science Atlantic: <https://scienceatlantic.ca/recognition/conference-awards/biology/> - The Botany Award

"The Botany Award is presented annually for the top undergraduate presentation (oral or poster) at the Annual Science Atlantic Undergraduate Biology Conference.

The Canadian Botanical Association/L'association botanique du Canada Undergraduate Student Regional Awards Program offers an award of \$200.00 at the annual undergraduate Biology conferences in each of the five regions of Canada: Atlantic region, Québec, Ontario, Prairies and Territories, and British Columbia.

The prizes are awarded for the best presentation by an undergraduate student in the discipline of botany. Some regions, including the Atlantic Region through the Science Atlantic Biology Committee, split the prize into two separate awards: one for the best oral presentation, and one for the best poster."

The purpose of this recognition is to encourage undergraduate students to pursue graduate research in botany and to enhance the visibility

Nicole Fenton – Thank you, Moira!

Christine Petersen – I really like the Proposal-stage and the Results - stage. It was always difficult to judge with the old system.

Apples and Oranges - LOL

Santokh Singh- I think that it is a great idea to split the stages, however we need to make sure that there are enough submissions to judge. There needs be a minimum quality standard enforced if only one or two posters or talks are competing within the same category.

Mihai Costea – Yes, we can decide that by setting a minimum grade cut off, for example 80-85%, and by the unanimous vote of the judges.

David Garbary – I want to comment on the change to give only one regional award rather than two. I feel very strongly that we need to keep two. These are very important to the recipients.

Mihai Costea – We are going keep 10 awards for the entire country. Nothing will change. Anyway, in any give year it is hard to give all of the awards. We need assistance in hearing about all the competitions and getting representatives to go to them.

Deb Metsger – It is important that members share information on regional Awards with their Regional Directors. This is an integral part of the Regional Director's duties – but they can't carry them out without your help.

Arunika Gunawardena – Would it be possible to create a new award that could be given at the Canada-wide Science Fair. This would be an excellent forum in which to promote the CBA/ABC.

Nicole Fenton – This is a good idea.

Christine Petersen – We looked into this when I was chair of the Teaching Section, but it was too expensive to be able to do.

Arunika Gunawardena – We could at least give a certificate.

Christine Petersen – It could certainly be investigated again.

c. Section Reports

Systematics and Phytogeography
Gerry Allen and Julissa Roncal – co-chairs

The Section met on Wednesday. Our conversation followed on from the Workshop on Biodiversity Information that was prepared by Anne Bruneau and her team from Canadensys. We will be following up on the information that Anne and others prepared for the CBA Bulletin a few

years back regarding digitization of herbaria. We will work toward populating the Section Pages on the Website.

Teaching Section

Patrick von Aderkas and Laura Super co-chairs

10 people attended the Teaching Section meeting on Thursday. We talked about the kinds of information that could be put into the bulletin. We also talked about the potential for changing the name of the Section to reflect other kinds of learning – not just University learning. The name Learning and Community Science was discussed. We want to not just be semantic but to create a resource from the website. We also talked about possible symposium topics, including Lessons we have learned from the pandemic.

Discussion and Comments from the Chat

Christine Petersen – TLC Teaching Learning and Community.

Jennifer Doubt – Oh, cool. :)

Frederique Guinel – I like TLC, Christine!

Julian Starr – TLC, everybody needs it!

Santokh Singh – I think that it would be good to retain teaching somewhere in the title – perhaps Learning, Teaching and Community Science. I would not want to see the University context lost.

Arunika Gunawardena – I agree with Santokh.

Nadia Cavallin – It could be a tagline following the official name of the "CBA Teaching Section". Explaining that the section discusses learning and community science would be important, especially for new members, to know that the scope of the section reaches beyond the university classroom.

Geraldine Allen – A tagline might be a great idea for all the sections!

Patrick von Aderkas –TLC works for me.

Development Section

Moira Galway and Shelley Hepworth co-chairs

Moira Galway – I would like to welcome Elizabeth Schultz as the new co-Chair of the section. I will be stepping down after having been in this post for many years.

At the meeting on Wednesday, we discussed symposium proposals for next year. We will likely revisit the topic proposed for UQAT in 2020 which was *Development in Trees*. We also discussed content that could be put on the website.

Shelley Hepworth – Thank you to Moira for chairing the section for so long.

Elizabeth Schultz – Thank you for asking me to be co-chair. I am looking forward to being more involved.

Moira Galway – I am happy to help out behind the scenes.

Discussion from Chat

Art Davis – Thanks Moira! And welcome, Elizabeth!

Frederique Guinel – I second Shelley. Thank you, Moira for your good work!

Julian Starr – A big thanks Moira! Great job!

Patrick von Aderkas – Great job, Moira

Hugues Massicotte – Indeed, great job Moira!

Moira Galway - It was fun! Just ran out of steam with administrative encroachments aka "micro-burdens" and need a break!

***Ecology Section
Richard Caners chair***

My report is included in the agenda package for this meeting and in the Appendix to the Minutes.

The J. Stan Rowe award had 7 applications. We worked hard to get the word out and it paid off.

I had a request that the Announcement for the Award go out in French.

The Ecology Section meeting was held on Wednesday. We had suggestions for several symposia for next year. We also discussed ideas for content on the Ecology page: ideas for Award recipients; ways

of engaging section members, and things that could be contributed to the CBA archives.

Discussion from Chat

Julian Starr – Wow! Seven applications! Bravo!

Moira Galway – Indeed, great job!

***Mycology Section
Allison Walker chair***

Allison was unable to attend the AGM as she had been having technological issues today. Allison's report on the Section meeting held on Wednesday is attached to the Minutes.

Nicole Fenton - **Thank you!** to all the Sections and their chairs for such great work!

6. Business items

Future meetings

a.

- i. 2022 – UQAT Abitibi
- ii. 2023 – Winnipeg CSEE
- iii. 2024 – to be determined Plant Canada

Nicole Fenton reported that the Local Organizing Committees for 2022 and 2023 were already working and plans were well under way. 2024 is still under discussion.

Julian Starr and Moira Galway reported that the timing and location of the next Plant Canada Meeting was still under discussion. The PCM might be postponed if the International Botanical Congress (IBC) in Madrid goes ahead in 2024. Look for updates in the Bulletin.

b. Plant Canada

The report prepared by Moira Galway is appended to the Minutes. We did get a bit of money from Plant Canada 2019. The next conference will be put off for at least a year due to the pandemic.

Moira noted that the CBA/ABC reps are both supposed to be Board members, which she is not. Julian Starr noted that he and Moira could serve for one more year, but we will need a new representative next year.

7. Past president Julian Starr
a. Nomination Slate for 2021 – 2022



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Nominations Slate for Board of Directors 2021-2022

(New directors and renewals in bold)

Past President: Julian Starr **(2020-2022)**
President: Nicole Fenton **(2020-2022)**
President-Elect: Mihai Costea **(2020-2022)**
Vice-President: Annie Desrochers (2021-2022)
Secretary: Deborah Metsger (2020-2022)
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RESOLUTION 5 TO APPROVE THE NOMINATIONS SLATE FOR 2021-2022

Proposed by Julian Starr

Seconded by Andre Arsenault and Patrick von Aderkas

For 44 Opposed 0

Carried Unanimously

Discussion and Comments from Chat

Santokh Singh – Can we make our commitment to diversity more obvious in the board? The names shown do not reflect diversity.

Nicole Fenton – we do have the IDEA committee – and 2 board members will be on the committee and responsible for the transfers to the board level. Next year we will try to reflect this in the board Nomination Slate. We welcome you, Santokh and anyone else to serve on the Committee.

Santokh Sing – I do not need to be on the committee, but I am happy to discuss or advise.

Nicole Fenton – Congratulations to all those who have accepted the nominations.

Julian Starr – Serving on the Board of Directors provides a great opportunity to serve the association and get to know the organisation in more depth and to move up if you would like to contribute more in the future!

Nicole Fenton agrees and says it is a great way to get to know lots of people across the country.

8. Other Business

RESOLUTION 6 TO THANK THE OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE CBA/ABC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Proposed by Nicole Fenton

Seconded by Julian Starr

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 7 TO THANK THE CONFERENCE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Proposed by Julian Starr

Seconded by Gerry Allen

Carried Unanimously

RESOLUTION 8 TO THANK VANDA WUTZKE FOR HER
SERVEC TO THE CBA/ABC

Proposed by Frederique Guinel

Seconded by Julian Starr

Carried Unanimously

Nicole Fenton thanked everyone for attending, and encouraged everyone to attend the Society Awards Ceremony at 4PM. CBA/ABC is going first.

9. Call for Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn by Julian Starr

Seconded by Mihai Costea

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 PM EDST



Deborah Anne Metsger, Secretary

Minutes will be approved at the June 2022 Annual Meeting



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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No.1 2021

CBA/ABC CODE OF CONDUCT FOR THE ASSOCIATION

Considering that the CBA/ABC is meant to be a welcoming and constructive forum for dialogue regarding all aspects of botany. And,

Considering that the CBA/ABC is committed to encouraging respectful and inclusive behaviour amongst members and fostering inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility in our community. And,

Considering that the following Code of Conduct was approved by the Board of Directors;

It is proposed that the Membership approve the following Code of Conduct for the Membership:

In being a member of the Canadian Botanical Association/ L' Association Botanique du Canada we encourage you to read, understand and abide by these principles:

We are all responsible for ensuring an equitable representation in science.

We welcome people of all backgrounds, identities, and abilities.

We respect the different perspectives present in scientific discourse.

We regularly reflect on how our remarks and responses may be interpreted.

We will listen to and respect requests to behave in a different manner.

Proposed by: Liette Vasseur

Seconded by: Frederique Guinel

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,

President

Date: July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,

Secretary

Date: July 9, 2021



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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No. 2 2021

ACCEPTANCE OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 2020

Whereas the Bylaws require the Annual Financial Statement be approved by the Membership;

Whereas the Board of Directors has reviewed and accepted the Annual Financial Statement;

It is therefore proposed by Treasurer Shelley Hepworth:

That the Membership accept the 2020-2021 Annual Financial Statement prepared by the Accounting Firm "Hounjet Tastad Harpham".

Proposed by Shelley Hepworth

Seconded by Tim Dickinson

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,

President

Date: July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,

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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No. 3 2021

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Proposed by Shelley Hepworth

Seconded by John Markham

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,

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Date: July 9, 2021

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Secretary

Date: July 9, 2021



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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No. 4 2021

TO APPOINT THE ACCOUNTING FIRM “Hounjet Tastad Harpham” to audit the CBA Books for the year 2021-2022.

Whereas the Bylaws mandate that the Membership appoint an Accounting Firm to prepare the Annual Financial Statements for the following year, and

Whereas the Board of Directors has reviewed and accepted the Annual Financial Statement;

It is proposed by Treasurer Shelley Hepworth:

To appoint Accounting Firm “Hounjet Tastad Harpham” to audit the CBA Books for the year 2021-2022.

Proposed by Shelley Hepworth

Seconded by Julian Starr

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,

President

Date: July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,

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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No. 5 2021

To Accept the Nominations for 2021-2022

Whereas the Nominating Committee, chaired by the Past President has tabled a slate of candidates for 2021-2022; **and**

Whereas the Nominating Slate has been accepted by the Board;

Be it Resolved that the Membership accepts the Nomination Slate for 2021-2022

Proposed by Julian Starr

Seconded by Andre Arsenault and Patrick von Aderkas

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,
President

Date: July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,
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Date: July 9, 2021



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Nominations Slate for Board of Directors 2021-2022

(New directors and renewals in bold)

Past President:	Julian Starr (2020-2022)
President:	Nicole Fenton (2020-2022)
President-Elect:	Mihai Costea (2020-2022)
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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No.6 2021

TO THANK THE OUTGOING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Whereas the Membership of the CBA/ABC recognizes the tremendous contributions that the Board of Directors make to the operations and programs of the Association:

Be it Resolved that the Members of CBA/ABC wish to thank the following outgoing directors for their service to the Association:

Richard Caners (2017-2021)

Haoran Chen (2019-2021)

Marc-Frédéric Indorf (2020-2021)

Julissa Roncal (2015-2021)

Patrick von Aderkas (2017-2021)

Proposed by Nicole Fenton

Seconded by Julian Starr

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,
President

July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,
Secretary

July 9, 2021



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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No.7 2021

To Thank the Organizing Committee for the joint conference

BL2021, Bryophytes, lichens, and northern ecosystems in a changing world

Whereas CBA/ABC recognizes the tremendous effort that has gone into the coordination and execution of this online conference with three societies; and

Whereas The conference has been a tremendous success;

Be it Resolved that The Membership of the Canadian Botanical Association – L'Association Botanique du Canada extends their thanks and appreciation to the organizing committee for all their efforts on our behalf

Proposed by Julian Starr

Seconded by Geraldine Allen

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,
President

Date: July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,
Secretary

Date: July 9, 2021



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CBA/ABC MEMBER'S RESOLUTION No. 8 2021

To Thank Vanda Wutzke for her many years of dedicated service to the Association

Whereas CBA/ABC recognizes that Vanda Wutzke has been the administrative assistant for the CBA/ABC for over 20 years;

Whereas Vanda Wutzke has been very devoted to the association responding to all the requests and questions of numerous officers of the board over this period;

Whereas Vanda Wutzke is retiring from her position at the end of December 2021;

Be it Resolved that The Membership of the Canadian Botanical Association – L'Association Botanique du Canada extends their deepest thanks and appreciation to Ms. Vanda Wutzke for all her efforts.

Proposed by Frederique Guinel

Seconded by Julian Starr

Resolution Accepted Unanimously

Nicole Fenton,

President

Date: July 9, 2021

Deborah A. Metsger,

Secretary

Date: July 9, 2021