

Annual General Meeting and Awards Ceremony Zoom LINK :

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Attendance in Person: André Arsenault, Corey Burt, Jonathan Cazabanne, Naziha Bendou, Mihai Costea, Annie Desrochers, Selvadurai Dayanaudan, Tim Dickinson, Jennifer Doubt, Nicole Fenton, Marie Frissard, Moira Galway, David Garbary, Frédérique Guinel, Arunika Gunawardena, Shelley Hepworth, Mélanie Jean, Mélanie Jones, Meharck Lamara, Étienne Léveillé-Bourret, John Markham, Deborah Metsger, Julia Morarin-Izard, Simon Morvan, Mélissande Nagati, TokyJerimaina Rabeariean, Line Rochefort, Peter Ryser, Rajesh Rajaselvam, Julian Starr, Christina Thibeault, Liette Vasseur, Jeff Warren

Attendance online: Richard Caners, Julissa Roncal, Jeff Saarela, Elizabeth Schultz, Santokh Singh, Jana Vamosi, Harold Weger

The Minutes of this meeting were recorded by Secretary, Deborah Metsger.

The meeting was called to order by Nicole Fenton, President at 3:41 PM EDT.

1. **Welcome** Nicole Fenton welcomed all attendees, virtual and in-person to the 2022 Annual General Meeting. It is wonderful to see so many members present. We don't have any major issues to address as it has been a year of continuing projects. Following the AGM we will immediately hold the Awards Ceremony.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

Nicole Fenton presented the agenda and called for any additions or modifications. There being none she called for

Members Resolution 1: ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA FOR THE 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Proposed by Liette Vasseur

Seconded by Line Rochefort

Resolution adopted unanimously

3. **Members Resolution 2_2022 to Approve the Minutes of the 2021 Annual General Meeting**

Nicole Fenton reminded everyone that the minutes 2021 AGM had been sent out the previous week. Does anyone have any changes, or additions to the minutes? If not, please accept

Member's Resolution 2: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF 2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Proposed by: Nicole Fenton

Seconded by: Étienne Léveillé-Bourret

4. Reports from board members

- a. President's report 2021-2022 - Nicole Fenton

Once again, the year 2021-2022 was a very busy and productive one for the CBA-ABC. Many people have contributed to the achievements of the last year, and I would like to

thank you all for your commitment to the association and for the tremendous energy you have brought to the completion of tasks and the implementation of new portfolios.

Here are some of the main things that have been accomplished over the last year by the association.

1. *Completion of the changes to the By-Law initiated after the vote at last year's AGM.*
 - a. The Change in the Purpose of the Association to reflect our modern activities and to put a highlight on our commitment to inclusion diversity, equity and accessibility, and
 - b. the change to the duration of mandate for the Student Directors, from one-year non-renewable, to one -year renewable (which was what was erroneously being done in practice).

Both By-Law changes were submitted to the CRA, and Corporations Canada as required. The submissions were made by the lawyer and account for the high lawyer's bills that were incurred this year. Luckily, they are a one-time expenditure. We have had no feedback from the government agencies since the submissions were made, and so assume that all is in order.

2. *Change of the fiscal year from June 1-May 31 to January1-December 31.* This change will align all of our financial transactions with the calendar year and will simplify reporting to government agencies, and also securing the necessary approvals from the Board and the Membership. Because of this change we will be presenting two financial statements for the past year that were required to account for the transition. Beginning next year, we will only need one.

3. *Online membership renewal.*

- a. After many years of wishing, **we finally have an online membership renewal system in place.** Tyler Smith has put in many hours of coordination and liaison with the web designer and Vanda Wutzke, our administrative Assistant to accomplish this. A Huge Thank You!!! To Tyler. Bravo! It is now possible to become a member, renew membership, and make donations online.
- b. *Change in how "memberships" are calculated.* One of the main consequences of the new system, beyond ease of renewal and going paperless, is that it has changed the way in which our members are counted. For many years there has been an unspoken rule or practice whereby you were still counted as a member for two years after your membership lapsed. This practice was in violation of Federal Law – which states that membership must be renewed within three months of the start of the calendar year. So now, in accordance with the law, we will take your name off the membership list if you have not renewed within three months' time. That is not a big deal, because you can simply renew and be put back on. There is no consequence except that you just won't get a bulletin for a couple of months.

The former practice of retaining unpaid members made it hard to track active members (you cannot vote at an AGM unless you are a paid member) and

inflated numbers for the membership-at-large and for each of the sections. The online renewal system will only record active membership so the numbers will be real.

Discussion

Lynne Rochefort — Is the Federal requirement in place so that you have permission to send emails and things like that?

Nicole Fenton — NO, it is more so that you have an accurate reflection of who your membership is. Otherwise, you could say that you have 500 members, and that would simply mean that you have had 500 members over the last five years – not now. There is an advantage to keeping a list of people who have been members, but that is not the same thing as counting them on your active, current membership list.

Mihai Costea – This is also a stipulation of our By-Law.

Nicole Fenton – It simply means that we must maintain two lists – one for Active Members, and one for lapsed members, who we will encourage to renew.

Line Rochefort – With the Online renewal system can you choose between one, two and five years?

Nicole Fenton – You can choose between one-year and life member. There are advantages to becoming a lifetime member because you don't have to renew every year! I would suggest that it is a very good investment. I did it a few years back and it just takes it off my mind.

That aside, we have discussed multiple year options and will continue investigate it. It would be helpful especially in instances where people are paying for their graduate students for the duration of their program. It is currently difficult to buy gift memberships. Tyler is actively working on how to facilitate this within the system. For now, he must essentially do it manually.

4. *Membership committee* – Étienne Léveillé-Bourret- chair

A membership committee was formed in 2021-2022. It got off to a really good start but stalled in the New Year for a variety of reasons – as so many things did! It needs to continue in 2022-2023 so I would encourage any of you who are willing and have ideas of how to attract new members and retain them to consider being involved. This is a committee of the Board of Directors, but members-at-large are welcome and encouraged to join. We have many young active members who have joined in the last few years, and we need to continue that trend and also look at potential interest in sectors outside of Academia. We need to promote and reflect Botany in Canada.

5. *Continued Website updates*(Webmaster Zoe Panchen)

Thanks to Julian Starr's leadership during his Presidency, and Webmaster Zoe Panchen's hard work, the CBA/ABC website was updated and modernized in 2020. We

continue to work to improve it and add relevant content and there have been several positive developments.

- a. *section pages* Zoe Panchen has worked with the Section Chairs to create separate pages for each Section and to have a dialogue about possible and appropriate content for them. Each section is working on content and we hope to have more and more uploaded in the coming months. Please feel free to work with your sections to develop interesting content that highlights all that our members are doing and are involved in.
- b. *list of past presidents* Frédérique Guinel produced a phenomenal list and photo journal of all of the CBA/ABC past presidents dating back to the founding of the Association in 1964. Thank you, Frédérique!
- c. *“about the association”* (Thank you again Frédérique Guinel!)
- d. creation of an IDEA section
- e. update of various pages and elements on the website.

Please let us know if you have anything that needs to be updated

6. Social media updates

- a. Initiatives by student board members Corey Burt and Jacalyn Grey have resulted in a marked increase in traffic. Thank you both for your incredible leadership on the social media front. Please contact Corey or Jacalyn if you have anything to post.

Corey – That also includes information from CBA students – please send pictures or information and we will post them.

André Arsenault – Should we have an I-Naturalist Project?

Lynne Rochefort – What is an I-Naturalist Project? - Can we create a project?

Mélanie Jean – We need to make sure that we have something targeted.

Tim Dickinson – It would make sense to set the target on the regions around the meeting.

Mélanie Jean – That way everyone could record all their observations.

John Markham – Bioblitz with CBA!

Nicole – It is bryo-monitoring season – anyone can apply for kits. We will put information into the bulletin.

7. Launching of the official IDEA committee

- a. The IDEA committee met three times this year and advanced on the production of several documents
- b. a survey of the membership is planned for the coming year, so please check your mailboxes and fill them in. Check your mailboxes!

This will happen next year. We welcome new members to the IDEA committee.

Santokh Singh - The IDEA is a great thing, and it will be important for increasing and diversifying the membership. What is the nature of the survey?

Nicole Fenton – It is still under development, but essentially the survey will ask people about their origins and background. We want to have an idea of how diverse our membership is now – so that we can track it into the future. The survey will provide a baseline set of information about the Association as it is now. Hopefully we can build on that and be able to monitor how we are doing.

8. Update on the CBA/ABC Bulletin

Tyler Smith was unable to be here today. However, his end-of year written report was provided to the Board at the Outgoing meeting and is attached to these minutes. Tyler's activities have largely focused on the completion of the online membership as described above

Erin Zimmerman, Bulletin Editor, is doing a fantastic job with the Bulletin. Please continue to send Erin content. She is interested in updates on fieldwork and research from individual students and from labs, as well as any other interesting botanical content that you know of or are involved in.

In order to service CBA/ABC members first, there will be a one- year embargo on publication on the website. Bulletin issues will not go up immediately.

André Arseneault – A one year embargo may be too long.

Tim Dickinson – Some of the Bulletin content is Association-specific, but there are other articles that are of interest to the general public. That needs to be considered regarding an embargo and its duration.

Nicole Fenton – Tyler Smith and Erin Zimmerman have recommended that the professional print publication of the Bulletin cease and that it becomes an online-only publication. Resolution No. 3 deals with that change.

Tim Dickinson – Do we know how many people become members just for the Bulletin?

Mihai Costea– No we don't – but there are only about 25 people who are getting print copies. That is why it is no longer economical. Also, retired members are supposed to get the Bulletin for free, but noone realizes that.

Nicole Fenton –the Board agreed that the CBA/ABC should cease to professionally produce a print copy of the Bulletin as the cost is prohibitive for the number of members who are receiving it. If any of the few members currently receiving a print version cannot access the Bulletin online, we will print one out and send it to them.

**Members Resolution 3: TO SWITCH TO ONLINE-ONLY PUBLICATION OF THE
CBA/ABC BULLETIN**

Proposed by: Nicole Fenton

Seconded by: Julian Starr

Resolution: Approved Unanimously

9. Moving Forward!

This is an association with lots of room to grow!

There are lots of ideas and potential projects that could be developed.

– Room for lots of active members

– Especially for students – CBA/ABC involvement will look really good on your resume!

– Be sure to reach out to the Board or a section if you want to get involved!

Please contact us!

b. President Elect – Mihai Costea

I ran the CBA/ABC undergraduate awards in 2022. The only provincial undergraduate competition that took place in Canada this year was Science Atlantic (<https://scienceatlantic.ca/> March 11-13). Two botany awards were presented on behalf of CBA/ABC at the end of this event (see below). With the help of Christine Petersen, we also gave the best poster award at the annual undergraduate event organized by Thompson Rivers University. In total, three \$100 awards were given, and were distributed to the students:

Thompson Rivers University Undergraduate Research (March 28, 2022)

Best poster: Keilin Gorman

Title: Cannabis extracts: A novel approach against multidrug-resistant biofilms.

Supervisor: Dr. Naowarat Cheeptham

Science Atlantic Conference (March 14, 2021)

Best talk: Sohiba Khayol Muhammad, Dalhousie University

Title: The effect of auxin (IAA) on programmed cell death during perforation formation in lace plant leaves (*Aponogeton madagascariensis*).

Supervisor: Dr. Arunika Gunawardena

Best poster: Jemma Todoschuk, University of Prince Edward Island

Title: Why plants lie: modelling pollinator deception.

Supervisor: Dr. Stevan Springer

Christine Petersen: Just a note that Keilin Gorman went on to win an award at the Provincial level.

Mihai Costea: During the conference I have coordinated the adjudication of the Lionel Cinq-Mars competition for best presented paper and the Ian and Sylvia Taylor Poster Awards. This year there were 25 student oral presentations and 31 student posters which is awesome!

There have been two major challenges for the judges. First, there were a large number of posters and papers that were being presented in French. We have had two teams of judges adjudicating in each of the official languages. Second, due to concurrent sessions, we often had multiple contenders in different rooms at the same time. The judges have certainly become familiar with the hallways and stairwells and accumulated their daily steps. In addition, this year the new system of judging by which we offer a proposal stage prize, and a results stage prize is fully operational. While we did have more students register for the proposal stage this year, there are still a few instances where students would have benefited from doing so. Supervisors, for future years, please ensure that your students are aware of the two categories and apply for the appropriate one.

I would like to acknowledge and thank all of this year's judges: AndréArsenault, Katharina Braeutigam, Richard Caners, Tim Dickinson, Jennifer Doubt, Marta Alonso-Garcia, Moira Galway, Étienne Léveillé-Bourret, Deborah Metsger, Mélissande Nagati, Juanita Carolina Rodriguez, Santokh Singh, Julian Starr, Jeff Warren, and Liette Vasseur.

c. Treasurer – Shelley Hepworth

The Treasurer's Report is included in the Reports attached to these minutes. In summary:

- The Association is in good financial shape.
- Our attendance, at 139, is higher than usual due to an upward trend in student memberships. [Please note change in counting unpaid members mentioned by Nicole earlier].
- Expenses have been particularly high this past fiscal year due to lawyer's fees related to the changes in the by-law and purpose, and also due to costs of online membership development. These should relax in the coming years.
- Amounts distributed for awards has been low for the past two years because we did not issue travel awards while conferences were on-line only.
- This was the first year of changing the year-end, we therefore have two Financial reports to approve.

Members Resolution 4: ACCEPTANCE OF THE May 31, 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Proposed by: Lynne Rochefort

Seconded by: Frédérique Guinel

Resolution: Accepted Unanimously

Members Resolution 5: ACCEPTANCE OF THE December 31, 2021 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Proposed by: Shelley Hepworth

Seconded by: Santokh Singh

Resolution: Approved Unanimously

Members Resolution 6: TO APPOINT THE ACCOUNTING FIRM “Hounjet Tastad Harpham” TO AUDIT THE CBA BOOKS FOR THE YEAR 2022-2023.

Proposed by: Shelley Hepworth

Seconded by: Julian Starr

Resolution: Approved Unanimously

d. Secretary, Deborah Metsger

Three students were selected for sponsorship for the BSA program Planting Science, one from U of T, one from Nigeria and one from the University of Lethbridge. However, due to confusion in channels of communication, we never actually connected with these students so that they got their free memberships. We are working with the organizers to improve this for future years.

e. Bulletin Editor - Not present – activities reported by the President

f. Section Reports

1. Systematics – Julissa Roncal

Report for the year attached.

This is the Report of the Section meeting held this week.

- The section has a new co- chair Jeff Saarela

- We will give two awards next year to make up for lack of Porsild Consaul applications this year.
- We talked about updating a google doc to assess herbaria – Google group with new list of members for Systematics sections.
- Didn't have time to talk about populating website – will have a meeting in a few months-time to generate new ideas.
- Discussed changing the name as a way to increase new memberships and specially to attract members from other societies or from non-academic sectors.

Mihai Costea- This is something that the entire membership can play a role in increasing the membership.

2. Development - Elizabeth Schultz

Report for the year attached.

This is a summary of it, and a report of the Section meeting held this week.

- Shelley and I took over last summer

- Organized the tree development
- Have been discussing how to increase membership within the section.
- Would like to increase submission for the Taylor Steeves Awards

3. Ecology – Richard Caners

Report for the year attached. In summary:

- Stan Rowe Award had 8 submissions
- Even though Ecology section has seen a decline in members it has been very active.
- Old-growth Forest symposium - winner from old-growth photo contest this evening.
- Lots of ideas for Symposia for next year and activities to keep going through the year.

4. Mycology: See Report from Alison Walker attached.

5. Teaching

- Laura Super and Patrick Von Aderkas were unable to be here for the meeting. Report for the year attached. Report of section meeting this week was given by Frédérique Guinel.
- Encourage everyone to nominate people for the Magister Award
- Need more participation by students
- \$ 1500 for grants to make a video or in a community
- Propose to have two workshops for next year
- Working to determine how to incorporate indigenous knowledge in teaching
- Discussed whether students would like to have a mentorship program

5. Other Business items:

a. Vanda Wutzke's retirement—Thanks via zoom.

Vanda Wutzke joined the meeting via zoom. Nicole Fenton and Shelley Hepworth thanked Vanda for her more than 20 years of service, expressing the reality that she was the feet on the ground who had dealt with the membership and all the banking and financial reporting over the years. She will be missed. Vanda thanked the Association for the bouquet of flowers that had been sent to her on behalf of CBA/ABC earlier in the day, explaining that it engendered great excitement in the office as it is rare in her small town to have such an elaborate bouquet delivered from Saskatoon. She expressed her thanks to all the Presidents and Treasurers that she had worked with over the years and explained that it was time to move on and be a Grandmother!

**Members Resolution7:TO THANK VANDA WUTZKE FOR HER YEARS OF
DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CBA/ABC**

Proposed by: Shelley Hepworth

Seconded by: Nicole Fenton

Resolution: Approved Unanimously

b. Vanda's replacement – Jordan Morlock

Shelley Hepworth explained that Vanda's co-worker Jordan Morlock has agreed to step into Vanda's role as Administrative Assistant. The role will be different given the Association's switch to online membership. However, Jordan will continue to handle the banking and liaison with the accountants. Vanda has agreed to help with the transition and to be available to answer any questions that Jordan might have.

c. Future meetings

1. 2023-Winnipeg CSEE

Plans are well underway for a joint meeting with CSEE in June 2023. Bruce Ford, Mihai Costea, Anne Worley and John Markham have all been representing CBA interests in early discussions. The meeting will be held at the Convention Center with receptions in various Winnipeg Museums and Cultural institutions. It promises to be an exciting meeting.

2. 2024 –Winnipeg Plant Canada

Within the past month the CBA/ABC representatives to Plant Canada, Moira Galway and Julian Starr were informed that Plant Canada had gone ahead and booked the 2024 Plant Canada meeting in Winnipeg without consulting us. CBA/ABC had already been planning to go to Newfoundland in 2024. The Board had a long discussion about the merits of joining Plant Canada in Winnipeg or abandoning the joint meeting and sticking with our plans to go to Newfoundland. The first step toward a decision was to consult with the Local Organizers for Newfoundland. They were fine with switching to 2025 and felt that would give them more time to prepare. Because the Plant Canada meetings are of particular relevance to members of our Development Section, it was decided that it was important to stay with the normal practice of meeting with Plant Canada every four years or so (the last meeting was in Guelph in 2019). Also meriting consideration is the fact that the International Botanical Congress is meeting in Madrid in 2024. Since Newfoundland will be an expensive venue, few people may be able to afford to attend both. For all these reasons the Board decided to hold the 2024 meeting with Plant Canada in 2024. We will be looking to members who are not involved in the 2023 2024 meeting to assist with the Local Organizing Committee in 2024 so that the burden is not on the same cohort of members.

3. 2025- St-John's Newfoundland (CBA only)

A suite of members from St-John's and Cornerbrook have offered to host the 2025 meeting. We look forward to finally coming to "the Rock".

6. Nomination of new board members: Past-President, Julian Starr

There are three new positions to fill this year. Thank you to the other members of the Nominating Committee, Jeff Saarela and Mihai Costea, who worked tirelessly (especially Mihai) to fill the vacancies. Eleven people were approached for the position of Treasurer. Thank you to Peter Ryser for stepping up to the plate.

Members Resolution 8 To ACCEPT THE NOMINATION SLATE

Proposed by: Julian Starr

Seconded by: Moira Galway

Resolution: Approved Unanimously

7. Other Business

a. Liette Vasseur – Update on *Botany*

- Canadian Science Publishing is making a lot of new changes. They are starting a fashion of special issues – e.g., on Indigenous Knowledge.
- To encourage young researchers and new researchers to publish – they will be open access.
- There will be a change in production processes on Canadian Publications so that it can be much faster to be online.
- We are also dropping the Print version of Botany.
- Colour production online may not be the same and will also look at costs.
- Working on IDEA. Targeting to include women and under-represented groups as editors.
- Stay tuned.

Arunika Gunawardena and Peter Ryser proposed that CBA should give an award at the National Science Fair National Science award. The award was proposed in the past – but thought that it was too expensive.

- Started to have a plant biology Science Fair Prize. Revisit it or obtain support from Industry.
- \$500 + one award for National Science Fair.

b. Members Resolution 9. TO THANK OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Mihai Costea recognized the three outgoing board members – Julian Starr for his six years in the progressive Presidential ranks, Shelley Hepworth for four years as Treasurer, and Bruce Ford for four years as Director West. All three have made tremendous contributions to the Association.

Proposed by: Nicole Fenton

Seconded by: Mihai Costea

Resolution: Approved Unanimously

**c. Members Resolution 10 TO THANK NICOLE FENTON FOR HER
LEADERSHIP AS PRESIDENT OF CBA/ABC**

Proposed by: Julian Starr
Seconded by: Deborah Metsger
Resolution: Approved Unanimously

**d. Members Resolution 11 TO THANK THE LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE FOR
ROOTING TOGETHER FOR THE NORTH**

Proposed by: Mihai Costea
Seconded by: Frédérique Guinel
Resolution: Approved Unanimously

8. Motion to adjourn the 2022 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Proposed by: Liette Vasseur
Seconded by: Mélanie Jean
Resolution: Approved Unanimously

Meeting Adjourned at 5:25 PM

Deborah A. Metsger, Secretary

Deborah Anne Metsger

Development Section Report 2021-22, June 6, 2022.

1. Shelley Hepworth and Elizabeth Schultz took over from Moira Galway as co-chairs of the Development Section in July 2021. Thanks to Moira for generously serving 8 years as chair of the Development Section.
2. We invited 3 speakers (Uwe Hacke, Katharina Braeutigam and Isabel Molina) and selected 2 speakers from submitted abstracts to speak at the Tree Development Symposium, which had originally been planned for 2020.
3. In response to concern that many Canadian Developmental Botanists are not joining CBA, we set out to identify all Plant Biologists who work on some aspect of Development across Canada. This has been a slow process, but is almost complete.
4. In response to concern that the name of the section was perceived to be too restrictive, we polled current members about the name, and gave four options:
 - i. No name change (retain Plant Development)
 - ii. Plant Form and Function
 - iii. Plant Systems Biology
 - iv. Your proposal for a new name

7 members replied, and of those 3 voted for option ii) and 4 for option iii). Two new names were also proposed: "Plant Morphology and Development"; "Plant Cell and Molecular Development".

Since this was a small group with the slimmest of margins, and since the comments suggested none of the choices were ideal, we decided this should be discussed at the section meeting.

5. This year there were two submissions for the Taylor Steeves Award for the best student paper published in plant development, structure or morphology. Once we have a complete list of Botanists working on aspects of development, we'll begin to advertise the award and recruit prospective prize-winners.

Shelley Hepworth and Elizabeth Schultz, Co-Chairs,
Plant Development Section, CBA/ABC

Ecology and Conservation Section update for 2022 AGM

The Ecology and Conservation Section J Stan Rowe Award was a great success again this year, with eight submissions from a wide range of studies in plant ecology. The adjudication committee consisted of Zoe Panchen and John Markham (thank you both!), and Richard Caners, who decided on both an award winner and an honorary mention. The wide circulation of the award notification together with follow-up reminders about deadlines helped to gather a lot of attention for the award. The J Stan Rowe Award page on the CBA website may need to be updated, to add some award-specific criteria that are not found on the application guidelines page for student paper awards.

There has been a suggestion to provide a list of the student award winners for past years on each of the student award pages, as has been done for the Lawson Medal award page. The J Stan Rowe Award page is still in the process of being updated to include background information and context for those interested in applying.

Several section members were eager to assist with judging of the best presentations (Lionel Cinq-Mars Award) and posters (Iain and Sylvia Taylor Award) this year. Thank you for stepping forward!

This year, with the assistance of André Arsenault, the section held a symposium (Wednesday) on old-growth forests titled, "Vanishing old-growth forests in Canada: A symposium on their ecology and value for society". There were five invited speakers from across Canada, including André, who provided their vast experience on the topic. An "old-growth photo contest" was designed to accompany the symposium and was produced for the meeting website by Daniel Lesieur. Daniel has provided exceptional assistance in many aspects of meeting planning. Thank you, Daniel, for helping to make the meeting a huge success!

An Ecology and Conservation Section meeting was held on Tuesday during the meeting.

Richard Caners, Section Chair

4 June 2022 **Mycology Section Report – CBA-ABC**

The Luella K. Weresub Memorial Award Adjudication Committee met virtually on May 1st to adjudicate the 6 excellent student applications received for the 2022 CBA Weresub award competition (present at our meeting were Greg Thorn, Gavin Kernaghan, Mélissande Nagati and Allison Walker, Chair). Two applications represented MSc work, 1 represented early PhD work, and 3 represented Honours research. As one of the MSc applications was published in 2022, it will be considered next year instead. Thus, 5 applications, all published in 2021, were considered.

This year the committee chose to award two \$500 Weresub Awards.

Jonathan Mack (Carleton University) was deemed one of the winners of the top Canadian student paper in Mycology, for his outstanding taxonomic MSc paper entitled:

Mack J, Assabgui RA, Seifert KA (2021). Taxonomy and phylogeny of the basidiomycetous hyphomycete genus *Hormomyces*. *Fungal Systematics and Evolution* **7**: 177–196. DOI: 10.3114/fuse.2021.07.09

Philip Bell-Doyon (Université Laval) was our other Weresubwinner, for his important and well-written early PhD paper entitled:

Philip Bell-Doyon, Steven B. Selva & R. Troy McMullin (2021) Calicioid fungi and lichens from an unprotected intact forest ecosystem in Québec. *Écoscience* **28**:2, 127-136. DOI: 10.1080/11956860.2021.1885804

Members may also be interested in the following information:

(1) New educational and citizen science resources about fungi are now available here:

<https://www.fungieducation.org/citizen-science>

(2) A new book for general audiences about fungi has been published by Keith Seifert, see here for more details and an upcoming online event:

<https://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/detail.jsp?Entt=RDMEVT452712&R=EVT452712>

(3) A podcast episode on marine fungi I recently contributed to in Australia can be found here:

<https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/what-the-duck/underwaterfungi/13912030?fbclid=IwAR13oILfK3yVDOIV93cFCK9qOZjfqhJHbXq4xfaOrzoningrAhMdgp4EGFU> Also on CBC Radio: https://www.cbc.ca/programguide/program/what_the_duck

Many thanks to postdoc Dr. Mélissande Nagati who has been assisting with our Mycology Section during my sabbatical this year. Thank you, Mélissande!

Respectfully submitted,

Allison K. Walker, PhD

Associate Professor

Director, E.C. Smith Herbarium <https://herbarium.acadiau.ca/home.html>

Associate Editor – *Mycologia* <http://www.tandfonline.com/toc/umyc20/current>

Editorial Board Member – *Fungal Ecology* <https://www.journals.elsevier.com/fungal-ecology>

Editorial Board Member – *Canadian Journal of Microbiology* <http://www.nrcresearchpress.com/journal/cjm>

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CBA-ABC SYSTEMATICS AND PHYTOGEOGRAPHY SECTION REPORT

Julissa Roncal and Geraldine Allen section co-chairs

- Porsild-Consaul Award
Despite advertising the award call widely in social media and extending the deadline, sadly, we did not receive any applications this year. As we have done in the past, we can offer two awards next year.
- Section membership
Current section membership has declined to 45 (compared to last year's membership of 80-85 members). This can be a reflection of the list clean-up of inactive CBA-ABC members. To facilitate communication among section members, we have created a new google group with emails from all members from the CBA-ABC list sent this year. CBA_Systematics@googlegroups.com
- Section name change
At the beginning of the year we talked about changing names for CBA-ABC sections. Shall we reconsider the terms of the Porsild-Consaul award to attract more applications? Change of section mandate? How to attract more members?
- Geraldine Allen is retiring and leaving her position as section co-chair. Julissa Roncal is willing to continue her role as section co-chair for continuity. At the section meeting Jeff Saarerela agreed to replace Geraldine as co-chair.

- **Status of digitization efforts in Canadian herbaria**

It was proposed 4 years ago to collect information on this and write an item for the CBA Bulletin (G. Allen, B. Ford, S. Graham, D. Metsger, T. Smith and J. Starr agreed to be involved). Anne Bruneau and colleagues (IRBV-U de M; CNM) published an article in the CBA Bulletin (Fall 2020) on herbarium digitization in Canada, with a list of herbaria and their collections. We can start by sharing an electronic list of herbaria as an excel file in google docs, and then splitting tasks among us to facilitate data compilation. What kind of information do we specifically want to compile in the excel?

Teaching Section 2021-2022 Annual Report

Date: June 5, 2022

Co-chairs: Laura Super and Patrick von Aderkas

The past year has been another year of pandemic teaching. It also meant that the Teaching Section could provide some, albeit limited support to botany teachers. Like the other sections, we populated the new CBA-ABC website with information about the section. In the website, we also directed botany instructors to resources that would be of assistance. In addition, one of us published an article on Kindness Pedagogy in the CBA Bulletin. One of our pressing goals is to translate our section of the website into French.

*Laura Super organized a virtual Teaching Section workshop that is to take place at the annual ABC/CBA meeting at the Université du Québec en Abitibi-Témiscamingue, Rouyn-Noranda, in Quebec. The title of the workshop is *Plants from K-12 to post-secondary: Action-based research and learning using STEAM and citizen/community science.**

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AWARDS CEREMONY

Student awards were presented at the Banquet.

Association Major Awards

Mary Elliot Award

The Mary Elliott Service Award is given to an individual for meritorious service to CBA/ABC

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".

Reminder of only awards not given this year

Laurie Consaul Northern Research award

Award Magister Teaching Award