

**SOCIETY OF CANADIAN LIMNOLOGISTS / SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LIMNOLOGIE
BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 2010
WINNIPEG**

ATTENDANCE:

Arnott, Shelley
Blais, Jules (SCL rep at CCFFR Business Meeting)
Cumming, Brian
Guy, Martha (President)
Jeziorski, Adam
Leavitt, Peter
Linley, Dallas
Paterson, Andrew (Secretary-Treasurer)
Phillips, Vanessa
Quinlan, Roberto
Ramcharan, Charles
Rennie, Michael
Rusak, Jim (Vice-President)
Strecker, Angela
Sweetman, Jon
Taylor, Bill
Vinebrooke, Rolf
Warner, Barry (Society of Wetland Scientists)

Martha Guy presides the meeting. Andrew Paterson records the minutes of the meeting.

1. Acceptance of minutes of SCL 2009 business meeting (as posted on SCL website – copies also provided at the door)
 - a. Passed with one modification; Roberto Quinlan added to attendance list for 2009 meeting
 - b. Charles Ramcharan, seconded by Jim Rusak
2. President Martha Guy thanked this year's organizers of SCL-CCFFR (Jim Rusak, Darren Gillis, Paul Blanchfield), sponsors and exhibitors (Lake Winnipeg Foundation, Province of Manitoba, Lotek Wireless Inc., Leckie, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, Experimental Lakes Area, Vemco, Manitoba Hydro, Ducks Unlimited Canada, Golder Associates, NRC Research Press, GLIER, Quesnel River Research Centre, AFS-CARS, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, University of Manitoba, Dalhousie University)

Total registration numbers for the 2010 meeting were 275, with a breakdown of 145 for CCFFR, 60 for SCL, 3 for the Society of Wetland Scientists (SWS), 63 of unknown affiliation, and 4 volunteers.

3. Rigler and Peters' awards:

Martha Guy thanked the members of the Rigler and Peters' awards selection committee (Norm Yan, Gary Sprules, Jim Rusak, Jules Blais, and Antonella Cattaneo). The President also thanked Antonella Cattaneo and other SCL members for their donations for the Peters' award. The Peters' award was presented to Adam Jeziorski (Queen's University) during the conference.

4. SIL 2007 Student Travel Awards for SIL 2010 in Cape Town, South Africa:

- a. A portion of the \$20,000 received from SIL 2007 (Montréal) was set aside to fund two student travel awards to SIL – 2010 in Cape Town, South Africa. Four applications for the travel award were received, and two winners were announced during the Business Meeting. Each recipient will receive a \$2,500 contribution towards their conference travel. The successful candidates were: 1) Amanda Poste (University of Waterloo), and 2) Helen Baulch (Trent University).

5. Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund:

- a. 65 awards were distributed to students, totalling \$16440 for the 2010 SCL/CCFFR conference. 20 of the awards were to SCL students, and SCL made a contribution of \$2000 to the Travel Fund. This is similar to total number of awards given in previous years (e.g., Ottawa – 2003 = 53 awards; Montréal – 2007 = 95 awards; Ottawa – 2009 = 70 awards).
- b. In 2009, it was suggested at the Business Meeting that SCL students receiving Clemens-Rigler Awards for conference travel should be current members of the Society. This year, ~90% of the SCL students that received travel awards also renewed their 2010 SCL membership.
- c. In 2010, SCL students received ~30% of the Clemens-Rigler funding. However, SCL's contribution to the Fund represents only 12% of the total available funding. Beginning in 2010, SCL will increase its contribution from \$2000 to \$2500 to begin to address this funding gap.
- d. Martha Guy thanked donors to travel fund (CCFFR, DFO, SCL), Rob Mackereth of CCFFR for chairing the selection committee, CARS (AFS) president Dave Stanley and Treasurer Peter Amiro for managing the fund and payouts, and CCFFR Secretary-Treasurer Julie Deault

6. WWF's Letter from Scientists to PM on Copenhagen; partnership with Life Sciences Canada:

- a. WWF's letter from scientists to the Prime Minister and all Parliamentarians, voicing scientists' strong support for global action to address climate change, was circulated at the Business Meeting. This letter was endorsed by the SCL Executive on behalf of its members, in advance of the Copenhagen meeting on climate change. For more information on this initiative, please visit: (http://wwf.ca/conservation/global_warming/copenhagen/december2009/take_action/scientist_ad.cfm)
- b. In 2009-10, the SCL Executive followed up on a possible partnership with the advocacy group, Life Sciences Canada. This partnership would allow scientists to have "one voice" at the political arena in Ottawa. Jim Rusak reported that a subsequent meeting is planned to resurrect this initiative. Life Sciences Canada

is an advocacy group and umbrella organization that includes a mix of medical scientists and other groups of biologists.

- c. This led to a general discussion on how SCL Executive can better reach and inform its membership of events. Michael Rennie suggested a blog-spot for announcements on the SCL web page. Peter Leavitt suggested that members update their profiles – many are out of date.

7. G8 Freshwater Summit, Bracebridge, Ontario, June 1-2, 2010:

- a. Jim Rusak and Andrew Paterson informed SCL membership of a Freshwater Summit to be held in Bracebridge, Ontario in June 2010. The Summit was planned to coincide with the G8 Summit being held in Muskoka, Ontario. The objectives of the Summit are to: inform the public on local and regional threats to source-water protection; summarize current understanding of the impacts of climate change on inland lakes and streams; provide recommendations to improve the transfer of water science to water policy; and develop a communiqué describing the key findings and recommendations from a panel discussion on these issues at the Summit. This document that will be presented to the Canadian contingent at the G8 Summit in Huntsville, Ontario on June 25 to 27, 2010.
- b. The format of the Summit will include talks from renowned Canadians, with expertise on freshwater science, water policy and First Nation's perspectives on water issues.
- c. The following speakers are confirmed:
 - i. Dr. John Smol (Queen's University) - Past threats to water quality and quantity, and how the past can be used to inform present and future threats;
 - ii. Dr. Norman Yan (York University) - Current water issues, stresses, and trends; and
 - iii. Dr. David Schindler (University of Alberta) - Possible future scenarios for freshwater in Canada.
 - iv. Maude Barlow (The Council of Canadians) - Socio-economics of water in Canada;
 - v. Gord Miller (Environmental Commissioner of Ontario) - Translating water science into water policy; and
 - vi. Henry Lickers (Akwesasne Department of Environment) - First Nations perspective on water issues and sustainability in Canada.
- d. Following the keynote presentations, there will be a panel discussion to further explore the issues facing inland lakes and rivers as well as their ongoing management. The panel will be moderated by Paul Kennedy, host of CBC Radio's 'Ideas'.
- e. A concurrent student symposium is also being planned. This parallel program will be run at the Bracebridge campus of Nipissing University, providing students with access to senior water scientists. The students would develop their own briefing document regarding the symposium outlining their key findings and recommendations. This document would also be presented to the main symposium and submitted to the Canadian G8 contingent.
- f. To Register for the conference, please visit:
<http://www.2010freshwatersummit.org/>

8. Financial report from the Treasurer:

- a. Andrew Paterson provided a report on SCL finances and membership. With a contribution of \$20,000 from SIL to SCL in 2009, income of \$8,275.50, and expenditures of \$7,178.39, the SCL balance at the end of 2009 was \$34,967.98.
- b. Total membership in 2009 rose from 75 (2008) to 86, with 22% being student members. The Treasurer noted that a minimum active membership (regular members) of 70 is required to keep the society sustainable at current expenditure levels.
- c. Declines in SCL membership since 2007 are driven primarily by declines in student membership. However, as a %, student membership has increased since 2008. A rise in student members in 2010 may be the result of requiring Clemens-Rigler award winners to be members.

9. CJFAS Update

- a. Rolf Vinebrooke provided an update on CJFAS following their meeting with NRC Press. In 2009, of 635 manuscripts received, 177 were accepted for publication, resulting in a rejection rate of 72%. The rejection rate has risen gradually from 1997; normally sits at about 66%.
- b. The breakdown of papers in 2009 was as follows: 66% fisheries-based; 33% aquatic sciences. The journal will be actively seeking to increase the number of associate editors with aquatic science backgrounds.
- c. The journal's impact factor is now 2.28.
- d. NRC Press will become a not-for-profit organization in September 2010. This will affect 15 standing journals, including CJFAS, and they will continue to support government publications. The ramifications of this change are that free access to all Canadian institutions will be terminated. Also, there is a push to centralize editorial assistantships, which could affect Holly Foster (currently located in Dallas, TX).
- e. NRC Press may increase advertising in issues as a revenue strategy; page charges are also being discussed.
- f. NRC Press may also replace OSPREY with another electronic submission system.
- g. A panel discussion on publishing dynamics will take place at ASLO in 2010 (Santa Fe). The panel will include editors of six international aquatic journals.

10. New student reps:

- a. Martha Guy introduced the new student representatives of SCL: Student (francophone) – Morgan Botrel/UQAM; and Student (Anglophone) – Vanessa Phillips/U Regina.

11. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. CCFFR-SCL-SWS 2011 will be in Toronto
 - i. Local arrangements: Nick Collins
 - ii. SCL VP involved: Jules Blais
- b. CCFFR-SCL 2012 – Moncton
- c. CCFFR-SCL 2013 – Windsor

12. Other Business:

- a. A proposal was made to change the timing of the SCL meeting to May, so that it could be combined with CSEE; perhaps for the 2014 meeting.
- b. There were general concerns about conflicts with other meetings at that time, and with field work.
- c. For January meeting, it was suggested advertising should be stepped up and be more broadly distributed.
- d. There was a discussion on whether or not Clemens-Rigler travel funding should be restricted to Canadian students. It was decided that it should be restricted to Canadian students, but not limited by where they were studying (e.g., in Canada or abroad). SCL members decided on the following motion that will be brought forward by Martha Guy to CCFFR for consideration: "Eligible students for the Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund must be enrolled at a Canadian University, or are Canadian students studying abroad".
- e. Jim Rusak, seconded by Shelley Arnott.

13. Meeting adjourned.