

**SOCIETY OF CANADIAN LIMNOLOGISTS / SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LIMNOLOGIE  
BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 7, 2011  
ROYAL YORK HOTEL, TORONTO**

ATTENDANCE:

Arnott, Shelley  
Blais, Jules (Vice-President)  
Currie, Warren  
Guy, Martha (President)  
Haig, Heather  
Hall, Roland  
Kurek, Josh  
Leavitt, Peter  
McCabe, Shelley  
Molot, Lewis  
Nürnberg, Gertrud  
Paterson, Andrew (Secretary-Treasurer)  
Phillips, Vanessa  
Planas, Dolors  
Quinlan, Roberto  
Ramcharan, Charles  
Reid, Audrey  
Rusak, Jim (Vice-President at CCFFR meeting)  
Taylor, Bill  
Tennant, Tara  
Vinebrooke, Rolf  
Vogt, Richard  
Yan, Norm

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

1. Acceptance of minutes of SCL 2010 business meeting (as posted on SCL website).
  - a. Charles Ramcharan, seconded by Roberto Quinlan, passed unanimously
2. President Martha Guy thanked this year's organizers of SCL-CCFFR (Jules Blais, Nick Collins, Rob McLaughlin, Barry Warner), sponsors and exhibitors (AFS Mid-Canada Chapter, Great Lakes Fishery Commission, AFS Ontario Chapter, NRC Research Press, Canadian Aquatic Resources Section, University of Toronto Mississauga Department of Biology, Dalhousie University Department of Oceanography, University of Toronto Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Guelph Department of Integrative Biology, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, University of Toronto Centre for Environment, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Centre for Northern Forest Ecosystem Research)

Total registration numbers for the 2011 meeting were 372, with 103 attendees recording their affiliation as SCL. Twenty-seven percent of all registrants were students.

### 3. Rigler and Peters' awards:

Martha Guy thanked the members of the Rigler and Peters' awards selection committee [Jim Rusak (VP), Jules Blais (VP), Antonella Cattaneo (Peters), Gary Sprules (Rigler), and Yves Prairie (Rigler)]. The President also thanked Antonella Cattaneo and other SCL members for their donations for the Peters' award. The Peters' award was presented to Henry Wilson, who presented in the 'Energy and Mass Flux Session' on Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion about when papers should be considered for the Peters' Award. There has been confusion as to what papers, based on their publication dates, should be considered in the competition; the selection committee meets in October or November to select a winner. A motion was presented stating that a paper can be considered for the Peters' Award if it is published in the previous year with a one-year lag (i.e., SCL 2012 in Moncton will consider papers published from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010). A paper is considered "published" once it is posted on-line by the journal or appears in hardcopy, whichever occurs first. This motion was presented by Peter Leavitt, seconded by Shelley Arnott, and passed unanimously.

There was some additional discussion on how to increase interest in the Peters' Award. Over the past two years, only 1 or 2 papers were considered in the competition. Professors and co-authors were encouraged to nominate students for the award. All that is required is a nomination letter and a copy of the manuscript.

Regarding the Rigler Award, Gertrud Nürnberg asked how often women have been awarded this award. Of the 27 winners since 1984, three have been women. A general statement was made that nominations are key, and that there are never as many good nominations as you think for the Rigler Award; the award has not been given in every year.

### 4. Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund:

- a. 64 awards were distributed to students, totalling \$16637 for the 2011 SCL/CCFFR conference. 27 of the awards were to SCL students (up from 20 in 2010), and SCL made a contribution of \$2500 to the Travel Fund.
- 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. In 2010, ~90% of the SCL students that received travel awards also renewed their 2010 SCL membership. In 2011, this dropped to about 75% or award winners, although, overall, the % of SCL members that were students increased.
- c. In 2011, SCL students received ~39% of the Clemens-Rigler funding. However, SCL's contribution to the Fund represents only 15% of the total available funding. In 2011, an additional \$700 will be contributed by SCL to the Clemens-Rigler Student Travel Fund (at the request of Hugh MacIsaac, who waived his 2011 Rigler Award honorarium and registration fee).
- 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.

5. Financial report from the Treasurer:
  - a. Andrew Paterson provided a report on SCL finances and membership, by reviewing annual incomes and expenses over the past decade. In eight of the last ten years, SCL was left with a small, net positive balance in its account. The 10-year net balance for SCL was \$13,888.89. As of September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010, SCL's account balance was \$30,699.96.
  - b. Of the \$20,000 transferred from SIL to SCL for student travel (following the SIL conference in Montreal), \$6,500 remains for student travel. The SIL money was spent as follows: a \$5K enhancement to the Clemens-Rigler travel fund in 2007-08 (Halifax meeting); a \$1K enhancement to the Clemens-Rigler travel fund in 2008-09 (Ottawa meeting); \$5K for 2 SIL Student Travel Awards (awarded in Winnipeg, 2009-10); a \$1K enhancement to the Clemens-Rigler travel fund in 2009-10 (Winnipeg); and a \$1.5K enhancement to the Clemens-Rigler travel fund in 2010-11 (Toronto).
  - c. Total membership in 2010 declined to 71 from 86 (2009), with 20% being student members.
  
6. Invitation to join Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE; [www.pages.org/en/main.htm](http://www.pages.org/en/main.htm))
  - a. PAGSE is a cooperative association of more than 25 national organizations in Science and Engineering, representing approximately 50,000 individual members from industry, academia, and government sectors
  - b. A proposal was put forward that SCL join PAGSE as a Society member for 2011. The annual cost of joining is \$500.
  - c. The motion was presented by Martha Buy, seconded by Norm Yan, and passed by a vote of 12 to 3.
  
7. CJFAS Update
  - a. Rolf Vinebrooke provided an update on CJFAS following their meeting with NRC Press. In 2010, of 593 manuscripts received, the rejection rate was 73%. Rejection rates for CJFAS have increased over the past 10 years (from 52-53% 10 years ago).
  - b. The breakdown of papers in 2010 was as follows: 70% fisheries-based; 30% non-fish/aquatic sciences. The journal's impact factor is now 1.97-1.98, and has not changed statistically over the last 10 years.
  - c. NRC Press has become a not-for-profit organization. This affects its 15 standing journals, including CJFAS, and they will continue to support government publications. The federal government has allowed staff to stay physically in the NRC building. NRC Press' new title is Canadian Science Publishing.
  - d. Some ramifications of this change include: editorial staff have to re-apply for their positions (including Holly Foster); reductions in salary for staff; when submitting manuscripts, OSPREY will be replaced by Scholar One on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011; the journals will contain more advertising; and open access to NRC Press journals in Canada will end.
  - e. Some perks of the new arrangement include increased flexibility because of independence from government. The website will also be updated.

- f. CSP has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding with various societies (including SCL) to give members reduced subscription rates. The draft MOU has been reviewed by the SCL membership and will be reviewed by the Executive.
- g. Members were encouraged to submit review articles and cutting-edge Methods papers to CJFAS.
- h. Rolf gave an update on the panel discussion with aquatic journal editors that had occurred at ASLO 2010. There is reviewer crisis developing, with fewer and fewer willing and competent reviewers available for peer-review. Some ideas are being considered, including an author/reviewer credit system, whereby authors submitting papers will also be required to review papers.

8. New student webpage

- a. Martha Guy introduced the SCL Student Webpage, created by Vanessa Phillips. The page is now live at: <http://sclforum.wordpress.com/>

9. Election of new Secretary-Treasurer

- a. Roberto Quinlan was nominated by Lew Molot, seconded by Shelley Arnott, and unanimously elected as Secretary-Treasurer.

10. Upcoming Meetings:

- a. CCFRR-SCL 2012 – Moncton
- b. CCFRR-SCL 2013 – Windsor
- c. Proposed location for CCFRR-SCL 2014 – Yellowknife
  - i. There were concerns about Yellowknife as a conference destination in January. The main concerns were: cost, travel time, and the possibility of delays. CCFRR is continuing to pursue this idea, and is looking for ways to offset costs.

11. Other Business:

- a. Pedro Peres-Neto is stepping down as Communications Officer for SCL. A discussion was held about how best to fill the vacancy. Peter Leavitt suggested the replacement should be someone with a permanent job in aquatic sciences in Canada, to ensure the position would be filled over the long-term (as opposed to grad students or post-docs). A replacement was solicited at the Business Meeting, but there were no nominations.
- b. There was a general proposal to celebrate SCL's 30<sup>th</sup> (or 31<sup>st</sup>??) anniversary in Moncton, with a Special Session including former Rigler Award winners. No firm commitments were made at the meeting.

12. Meeting adjourned.