

SOCIETY OF CANADIAN LIMNOLOGISTS/SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LIMNOLOGIE
BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 6, 2006
FAIRMONT-PALLISER HOTEL, CALGARY

ATTENDANCE:

Arnott, Shelley
Cottenie, Karl
Cyr, H  l  ne
Derry, Alison
Douglas, Marianne
Guy, Martha
Leavitt, Peter
Patoine, Alain
Peres-Neto, Pedro
Phillips, Iain
Prairie, Yves
Sprules, Gary
Strecker, Angela
Tank, Suzanne
Vinebrooke, Rolf
Yan, Norman

Peter Leavitt presides the meeting. Rolf Vinebrooke and Alison Derry record the minutes of the meeting.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the SCL'05 annual meeting as posted on our website (www.limnology.org/canada)
 - a. Norman Yan, seconded by Martha Guy
2. SCL thanks Shelley Arnott for organizing this year's joint meeting with CCFFR.
3. 2005 Executive Report – delivered by Peter Leavitt
 - a. Success of DIALOG VII.
 - i. On-going support of DIALOG by SCL over the past three years has ensured continued Canadian participation.
 - ii. SCL guaranteed support of DIALOG for the next two years in the amount of \$1000US/yr on the condition of continued NSF support for the program.
 - b. Clemens-Rigler travel fund received solid financial support in 2006.
 - i. Local CCFFR organizers secured \$19K from various sources, including DFO (\$6K) and many provincially based agencies.
 - ii. SCL added its support in the amount of \$2K per year over the next two years.
 - iii. CR support per student averaged \$300/person.
 - c. Awards and Nomination Committee
 - i. Rigler Award

1. Six nomination packages were processed this year.
 2. Robert Hecky was unanimously identified this year's recipient.
 3. Proposed restructuring of the Rigler award committee to include the SCL executive as well as past awardees of the Rigler award.
- ii. Discussion of Robert Peters Award at ESA in Montreal (Aug'05)
1. Awarded annually to a student for the best-ranked paper published in any area of limnology.
 2. To be first awarded in 2006 (with announcement at the 2007 meeting).
 3. Concern expressed over the nomination process
 - a. Norman Yan: award committee must be required to report to SCL executive.
 - b. Selection criteria
 - i. Rolf Vinebrooke: impact factor of the journal should be considered.
 1. Not supported by others.
 - ii. Iain Phillips: students nominated for the award must actively participate in SCL.
 - iii. Gary Sprules: A one-paragraph justification should be submitted to the award committee by the student's supervisor.
 1. General agreement expressed for this requirement.
 - iv. Norman Yan: The committee should be kept small to avoid lengthy delay in the decision process (no more than 4 to 5 people); potentially poll past members of the SCL executive for the awards committee)
- iii. Ted Hammer Award
1. SCL has stopped announcing this award because Dr. Hammer now requires that the student must be from the University of Saskatchewan.
- d. Progress on SCL'04 survey results
- i. The approved increase in membership fees will be monitored over the next three years to assess the financial stability that it brings to SCL.
 - ii. Change of the SCL name was supported by ~66% of its membership.
 1. The name change should be withheld until following joint meeting with ASLO'06 and SIL'07 to avoid logistical difficulties.
 2. At that time, the marine sciences should be incorporated into the new name.

3. Aquatic chapters of other groups such as CAIRNS and CWRA should also be contacted to become involved in the society as it changes its name.
- iii. Emeritus memberships in SCL
 1. SCL recommended to adopt SIL's emeritus membership category, which reduces rates by 50%
 - a. Norman Yan: Voices support for this idea.
 - i. General agreement expressed by others.
- iv. SCL website improvements (presented by Pedro Peres-Neto)
 1. University of Regina provided \$1K for website development
 2. SCL students' interests in other members were recognized, and members are now encouraged to go on-line and enter their profiles.
 3. Hélène Cyr: Expressed concern over how the membership profiles would be organized for easy searching if the list became large.
 - a. Pedro Peres-Neto: Stated it could be very costly to upgrade the website with database searches.
 - b. Gary Sprules: Recommended a simple alphabetizing of the membership profiles.
 - c. Shelley Arnott: categorize Faculty/ Student
 - d. Martha Guy: search topics
 - e. Peter Leavitt: Recommended sorting by membership types.
 4. Peter Leavitt: send out another e-mail reminder to get people to fill in their profiles on the website.
- e. Proposed summer meetings of the SCL executive.
 - i. Recommendation of regular summer meeting of the executive at other scientific conferences (e.g., ESA).
 - ii. An upcoming issue that should be dealt with at this meeting is development of explicit job descriptions for each member of the SCL executive.
- f. Report from Student Representatives (delivered by Alison Derry).
 - i. Linkages with student members are continuing to develop.
 1. First student newsletter circulated in Sept'05.
 2. Student housing pool established for SCL'06.
 3. Student meeting and pub crawl scheduled for Jan 7, 2006.
 4. Student-invited speaker planned for next SCL meeting.
 5. Yves Prairie: SIL organizers would benefit from SCL student input prior to their '07 meeting in Montreal.
 6. Peter Leavitt: Thanks Alison and Jerome for all their efforts with SCL student matters, stating that these relations are essential to developing a strong future society.
- g. SIL News

- i. SIL is in relatively poor shape following the death of Robert Wetzel – William Lewis presently the acting general secretary-treasurer.
 - ii. Yves Prairie is fostering the SCL-SIL connection given the upcoming joint meeting in Montreal '07. Would like to have a student-oriented activity for SCL at SIL.
 - iii. Yves Prairie: Encourages involvement of Canadian limnologists in SIL during its executive turnover, which will occur during the Montreal meeting.
 - iv. Yves Prairie: Report on the future of SIL will soon be available. Comments will be solicited.
 - h. Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution (CSEE) – NSERC meeting
 - i. SCL input was sought by Ed Johnston as part of a recent meeting between NSERC and the newly formed CSEE.
 - ii. NSERC will not officially recognize the involvement of SCL in CSEE because it is not an organization.
 - iii. Gary Sprules: Consideration should be given to whether SCL and CSEE are potential competitors or cooperative allies.
 - 1. Yves Prairie: Recommends that SCL work with CSEE to foster connections with NSERC.
 - 2. Pedro Peres-Neto: SCL could lose further membership support to CSEE given that more Canadians are already members of ASLO rather than SCL.
 - 3. Norman Yan: Agreed that SCL should/must link with CSEE. General agreement expressed by others in attendance.
 - 4. Peter Leavitt: could eventually try an April meeting with CSEE as an alternative to January to see if this would increase SCL membership
 - 5. The New Executive should formally participate in CSEE. Motion from the floor by Norm. Carried.
- 4. Financial report of treasurer (presented by Rolf Vinebrooke)
 - a. Recent fee increases have increased the operating budget of the society, but a 3-yr monitoring period is recommended to better establish the financial stability of SCL.
 - b. SCL and CCFFR are currently streamlining the registration process for next year's conference.
 - i. CCFFR preferred direct transfer of all conference registration fees collected by SCL in Calgary, instead of a more complicated process as used in the past.
 - ii. General agreement that future direct payment of conference fees by SCL members to CCFFR would eliminate confusion between SCL and CCFFR registration desks.
 - c. Budget approved
 - i. Yves Prairie, seconded by Shelley Arnott.
- 5. Election of SCL executive officers

- a. Peter Leavitt steps down as current president, and offers to assist the new president and vice-presidents during the 1-yr transition period.
 - b. SCL membership thanks outgoing VP (Shelley Arnott) for her last three years of contributions to the society.
 - c. H el ene Cyr appointed the new president of SCL by acclamation.
 - d. Roxane Maranger and Martha Guy acclaimed new francophone and anglophone vice-presidents, respectively.
 - e. At Norman Yan’s request, he will function as a VP “with portfolio to be determined” to help Maranger and Guy with upcoming events (ASLO-SCL meeting, SIL-SCL meeting).
 - f. Alain Patoine steps down as postdoctoral fellow representative.
6. Report from CJFAS – presented by Gary Sprules
- a. Over the past year, CJFAS has rejected 65% of ~600 received submissions of which 20% were from Canadian researchers.
 - b. The limnology contribution to the journal is strong. The fisheries : aquatic sciences ratio of published papers is continually approaching one.
 - c. Future changes to the editorial board will include increased involvement of associate editors to help offset the workload (~150 manuscripts/yr) of the editors.
7. Future Meetings
- a. Peter Leavitt: Encouraged input concerning the implementation of a SCL exhibition booth at the upcoming ASLO meeting in Victoria. Also, informed membership of the general program for the meeting is now available both on-line and regular mail. Student would be paid an hourly wage for working at the booth.
 - b. Yves Prairie: SIL website now contains the announcement of the SCL/SIL meeting in Montreal’07. A request for special session will be circulated in February’06.
8. Saluting the past president
- a. Yves Prairie: Asks everyone to acknowledge Peter Leavitt for his great efforts as president over the past three years – followed by loud general applause.
9. Meeting adjourned at 18h45