

**SOCIETY OF CANADIAN LIMNOLOGISTS/SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LIMNOLOGIE
BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 5, 2007
DELTA HOTEL, MONTREAL**

ATTENDANCE:

Cyr, H  l  ne
Del Giorgio, Paul
Leavitt, Peter
Legendre, Pierre
Marty, Jerome
Peres-Neto, Pedro
Prairie, Yves
Sprules, Gary
Vinebrooke, Rolf
Xenopoulos, Maggie

H  l  ne Cyr presides the meeting. Rolf Vinebrooke records the minutes of the meeting.

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the SCL'06 annual meeting as posted on www.limnology.org/canada
2. SCL thanks its VP (Roxane Maranger) and CCFR for organizing this year's joint meeting.
3. CCFR has conveyed concern regarding potential legal liability during meetings.
 - a. Yves Prairie expressed awareness of liability issues when organizing SIL'07.
 - b. ASLO mentioned as a potential source of information regarding liability issues.
4. SCL Treasury Report (delivered by Rolf Vinebrooke)
 - a. A trade-off identified concerning CCFR assuming sole responsibility of conference registration.
 - i. Greater potential stability of the annual SCL budget owing to release from payment of conference overexpenditures.
 - ii. Potential decline in membership renewals due to individuals only registering with CCFR for conferences.
 - iii. Future direct involvement of SCL exec at CCFR registration desk is essential.
 - b. Progressive decline in regular memberships threatens future financial stability of SCL. Student memberships appear relatively stable across years.
 - i. Potential solution: Active emailing and writing of individual letters asking for non-conference members to renew their annual memberships.

- c. Annual revenue and expenditures closely track each other, resulting in a operating annual balance of ~\$12K.
- 5. Rigler'07 Award
 - a. Peter Leavitt nominated and awarded this year.
 - b. Executive lunch with awardee deferred to next year.
- 6. Peters Award
 - a. Issue of funding discussed
 - i. Joop Kalff approached McGill University for continued support
 - ii. McGill would only support if awardee was one of their students
 - iii. Dr Cattaneo and SCL will provide \$300 and \$200 (unanimously voted), respectively.
 - iv. SCL membership form could be updated with option for donation to Peters award to help insure continued funding.
 - v. SCL funds are available to support the Peters award given its contribution to DIALOG on hold until confirmation of next workshop.
 - vi. Legendre suggested that SCL might consider fully supporting the Peters award.
 - vii. Del Giorgio inquired why there was a difficulty with presenting the Peters award during the opening ceremonies of the joint CCFR-SCL meeting.
 - 1. Sprules pointed out that CCFR was not adequately informed about the change in the schedule of presentations.
 - 2. Peters award could instead be awarded during the banquet.
- 7. SCL Student Representatives
 - a. "Thank you" expressed to both Alison and Jerome for their outstanding contributions to SCL over the past few years.
 - b. Marty conveyed that no francophone replacement for his position has yet been identified.
 - c. The next Anglophone student representative is being elected.
 - d. Student Reps serve for two years with the potential for renewal for a third year.
- 8. SCL Website (Pedro Peres-Neto)
 - a. Use of University of Regina internet services is being continued.
 - b. Proposed increased marketing of SCL via its website.
 - i. SCL booth proposed for SIL'07.
 - ii. Special CJFAS issue of highly cited Canadian classic papers was also proposed.
- 9. CJFAS Update (Gary Sprules)
 - a. Current terms of senior editors end June'07.
 - b. NRC is conducting a major restructuring of the editorial board.
 - c. Current lack of non-fisheries content in the journal.

- d. Statistics
 - i. 12th ranked freshwater biology journal, 61% rejection rate, average manuscript turnaround time = ~357 days from submission to publication.

10. SIL Update (Yves Prairie)

- a. Registration for SIL'07 meeting has begun.
- b. To date, only 55 individuals have registered.
- c. \$1.1 million operating budget
- d. \$200K still required from sponsors
- e. Leavitt – ASLO'06 had similar trend in bulk of registration taking place relatively late.
- f. Complete turnover of SIL executive expected to take place at Montreal meeting.
- g. SCL booth at SIL'07 should encourage membership renewals

11. CSEE'07

- a. First annual meeting taking place in Toronto (May '07)
- b. On-going interest to integrate with and make the two societies more complementary.
- c. Graham Bell will present the CSEE mandate as the invited speaker at the banquet.

12. Future Meetings

- a. The three SCL VP format is working well given the planning of the upcoming meetings.
 - i. Halifax – organizer is Norman Yan
 - ii. Ottawa – organizer is Martha Guy
- b. CCFR asks SCL to help with finding sponsors for these future meetings.
 - i. Prairie identifies Hydro sponsors are good prospects for sponsoring these and other aquatics meetings.
- c. SCL to co-organize ASLO'08 in St.John's Nfld.

13. Clemens-Rigler Award

- a. \$23K total awarded this year with about a third going to SCL students at a ratio of ~\$300/student.

14. Other Business

- a. None.

15. Meeting adjourned