

SOCIETY OF CANADIAN LIMNOLOGISTS/SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DE LIMNOLOGIE
BUSINESS MEETING, JANUARY 4, 2008
MARRIOTT HOTEL HARBOURFRONT, HALIFAX

ATTENDANCE:

Blais, Jules
Cyr, H  l  ne
Finlay, Kerri
Graham, Mark
Guy, Martha
Keller, Bill
Paterson, Andrew
Quinlan, Roberto
Ramcharan, Charles
Smol, John
Taylor, William
Vermaire, Jesse
Vinebrooke, Rolf

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

1. Acceptance of the minutes of the SCL'07 annual meeting as posted on www.limnology.org/canada
2. SCL thanks its VP (Norman Yan) and CCFFR organizers (Mark Ridgway, Paul Bentzen) for arranging this year's joint meeting.
 - a. Ideas are welcomed concerning how to increase SCL's contribution to our joint meetings with CCFFR.
3. Update on the Society of International Limnologists (SIL)
 - a. SCL members reminded to continue their support of SIL - our mother society promoting limnology in developing countries.
 - i. Three Canadian representatives are included as part of the SIL executive.
 - b. SIL is currently in a transitional stage with many changes among the executive and their policies.
 - c. Thank to Yves Prairie and others for organizing the past SIL'07 in Montreal.
 - d. Many changes were passed at the SIL Business meeting in August.
 - i. A new name for the society - "International Society of Limnology"
 - ii. Old Latin-based acronym was retained.
 - iii. A new regularly published SIL journal will replace their published proceedings from each meeting.

- iv. Membership renewal fees can now be directly paid to the SIL secretary treasurer, bypassing the previous payment to the national representative, namely the secretary treasurer for SCL.
 - e. A profit was realized at the last SIL meeting in Montreal.
 - i. As a result, \$20K has been forwarded to SCL for support of student travel.
 - ii. \$4K of the funds are being forwarded to CCFFR to support the Clemens Rigler Travel Award program.
 - iii. Future decisions are pending in terms of the remaining \$15K (e.g., potential financial support for SCL student members to attend the next SIL in South Africa).
- 4. Update on the Rigler and Peters' awards.
 - a. Congratulations to Bill Keller for being awarded this year's Rigler award.
 - b. Past winners of the Rigler award are being rotated through the selection committee for future awards.
 - c. Congratulations to Mark Graham for being awarded the Peters' award for his co-authored *L&O* paper entitled "Coupling of boreal forests and lakes: effects of pollen on littoral communities."
 - d. Dr Cattaneo donated \$300 towards the Peters' award, and we are receiving supporting donations from other SCL members.
 - e. Future competitions for the Peters' award will also be open to CCFFR students.
- 5. Update on the Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund
 - a. The fund maintains a relatively stable annual balance of approximately \$18K based on support from DFO, SCL, CARS, and AFS.
 - b. Dr Cyr and two others form the selection committee.
 - c. A total of 55 student awards were distributed this year.
 - i. Approximately 20 – 30% were SCL members, which exceeds SCL's 10% contribution to the fund. However, we are supplementing our contribution with travel funds from SIL.
 - d. SCL members reminded to have their students fill out the forms correctly with applying for the C-R travel funds.
 - e. Peter Amiro is providing cheques to all awardee at the registration desk located in the lobby.
- 6. SCL Treasury Report (delivered by Rolf Vinebrooke)
 - a. Our operating annual balance (~\$15K) has increased steadily over the past three years as a result of increased membership fees and reduced expenditures (e.g., no support of a temporarily inactive ASLO DIALOG program).
 - b. However, membership has declined substantially since CCFFR assumed full responsibility of the annual conference registration duties back in 2006.
 - c. Approximately 25% of our current membership consists of student members.

- d. Small meeting venues (e.g., Halifax) provide a poor indication of the health of our membership because of relatively low attendance.
 - i. So, we look forward to the next meeting in Ottawa, which is consistently well-attended (> 100 SCLers), as a more reliable indicator of our membership.
- 7. Election of the next Secretary-Treasurer for SCL.
 - a. A brief summary of the duties is provided before nominations are accepted from the floor.
 - b. Dr Andrew Paterson nominated and unanimously voted the new secretary-treasurer.
 - c. Members are reminded that a new president and two new vice presidents will be voted in at our next meeting in Ottawa.
- 8. CJFAS Update (Rolf Vinebrooke)
 - a. Editorial board was restructured in June'07 following the retirement of the senior editors.
 - i. Don Jackson is the new Head Editor and Rolf Vinebrooke is the Vice Editor.
 - ii. A number of new associate editors have also been added in an effort to distribute duties and responsibilities more evenly across the entire editorial board.
 - iii. AEs will be more involved then before with handling of the manuscripts.
 - b. The impact factor of CJFAS is currently around 1.9, which has remained relatively stable over the past few years, except for it rising to 2.4 in 2003 as a result of heavy citation of papers that appeared in the anniversary issue.
 - i. CJFAS ranked 5th of 42 fisheries journals by ISI.
 - ii. CJFAS ranked 19th of 80 marine and freshwater journals.
 - c. Proposals for special issues (SI), reviews, and Perspectives are being strongly encouraged by the editors.
 - i. A SI focusing on research conducted at Dorset ON will appear in 2008.
 - ii. A SI containing papers from ELA ON will also be published in late 2008 or early 2009.
 - d. Space in half of the CJFAS issues for 2008 is already filled.
- 9. Change in NRC Research Press agreement
 - a. NRC and its editors are being notified that they should be aware of publication of scientific findings that could potentially pose a threat to homeland security.
- 10. NSERC Reviews

- a. Review of the GSC structure and review process for research grants is due this summer.
- b. The review of the International committee to be submitted by March 2008.

11. Future Meetings

- a. SCL is co-sponsoring ASLO'08 in June in St.John's Nfld.
- b. Next SCL meeting January 9-11, 2009 in Ottawa. (Program chairs: Martha Guy, Marco Rodriguez)
 - i. Special session proposals are invited.
 - ii. SCL'10 scheduled for Winnipeg.
 - iii. SCL'11 in Toronto (UTM)

12. Other Business

- a. None.

13. Meeting adjourned