

SCL Business Meeting, 05 January, 2018
Turner Valley Room, Westin Edmonton

Attendance

Helen Baulch (SCL Vice-President Anglophone), Lisa Boyer, Emily Cavaliere, Nick Dylla, Kerri Finlay, Michael Kehoe, Wynona Klemt, John Lark, Mark Poesch, Michael Rennie (SCL Communications), Bryanna Sherbo, Joshua Thienpont (SCL Secretary-Treasurer), Joey Tonin; 13 attendees including 6 students and 1 postdoctoral member.

Helen Baulch (SCL VP Anglophone) presides the meeting. Joshua Thienpont (SCL Secretary-Treasurer) records the minutes of the meeting. Commenced 17:00.

1. Minutes

Acceptance of minutes of the 2016 SCL business meeting. Moved by Michael Rennie, seconded by Joshua Thienpont; unanimously carried.

2. Agenda

There was no motion to amend the meeting agenda; proposed agenda was carried.

3. SCL President / Vice-President's remarks

Helen Baulch addressed the meeting on behalf of Jérôme Marty. Helen thanked all attendees of the meeting, noting there were many interesting talks and posters across both the SCL and CCFFR groups. Helen noted especially the high-quality of the plenary lectures, highlighting plenary speakers across all career stages from Nigel Hussey (Stevenson Memorial), Anthony Ricciardi (Rigler Memorial), and Matthew Guzzo (Peters Award).

Helen thanked the organizers of the meeting including Pete Cott (CCFFR President), Mark Poesch and his local organizing team, Peter Aku and Andrew Paul (Programs Committee), as well as the many sponsors of the meeting.

4. Peters and Rigler Awards *(Helen Baulch)*

Helen (on behalf of herself and VP-Francophone Alain Patoine) thanked this year's Rigler Award committee, who included Shelley Arnott (Queen's), Alexandre Poulain (SCL), Alain Patoine (SCL), and past Rigler Award winners Yves Prairie (UQAM) and Jules Blais (uOttawa). The committee received three nominations and Anthony Ricciardi (McGill) is the recipient for 2018. For the Robert Peters Award, 3 papers were assessed by the Peters Award committee, who included Helen Baulch (SCL), Joshua Thienpont (SCL), and Scott Higgins (IISD-ELA). All papers were published in high-impact journals, and the committee selected Matthew Guzzo for this year's award.

The SCL Executive suggests that members begin to think about who they may nominate for the 2019 Rigler and Peters awards. Nominations for both will be due in late August (deadline to be announced), and a reminder will appear in the spring issue of the Current. These awards are a great way to continue to promote and celebrate Canadian limnology.

5. Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund and Early Career Award (*Joshua Thienpont*)

- a) This year the CRTF received about half the normal number of applicants. \$18,400 was allotted this year, and \$3000 more was available as carry over from 2017, but was not used. 42 recipients of the award were supported, with awards ranging from \$325 to \$500. Any funds not used this year will be available as carry-over for next year's meeting in London.
- b) The Early Career travel award supported 4 awardees this year, though 1 cancelled meeting attendance at the last minute. \$1800 was provided to the remaining 3 awardees, ranging from \$400 to \$700. This is quite a decrease in applications / awardees from the first year of the program in 2017 Montreal, when 24 applicants were supported with \$7000 in total. SCL should be encouraging early-career members to apply for this award in 2019.
- c) John Lark (Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund) mentioned the ongoing need to get donors for this award. He suggested SCL members could approach regular suppliers of their lab / equipment, etc., and recommend they consider donating to the CRTF/ECA. These suppliers are a great opportunity to increase major donors.

6. Financial Report from Treasurer (*Joshua Thienpont*)

- a) Josh Thienpont thanked previous Secretary-Treasurer Roberto Quinlan for his continued assistance with the transition of the SCL finances. Because of difficulties transferring the previous SCL non-profit, small business account from Roberto to Josh, the old CIBC account was closed, and a new account opened with TD Canada Trust. The new account has two signing authorities (Josh Thienpont, Secretary-Treasurer) and Jérôme Marty (President), as was the recommended practice by TD Canada Trust. Banking fees are approximately the same between the two institutions. The new account includes the added features of online banking, including the possibility to send e-transfers.
- b) Josh reviewed annual incomes and expenses over the past fiscal year (commencing 01 October each year). Details are included as Appendix 1 to these minutes.
- c) Total membership in 2017 (01 Oct 2016 to 30 Sept 2017) decreased to 121, down from 131 in 2015/16. The 2015/16 number of 131 was the highest membership since SCL ceased playing a role in organizing CCFR/SCL, when membership conferred a registration discount. The 2016/17 membership is in line with the 5-year and 10-year averages. In 2017 31% of the membership were students / postdocs, which is down from 36% in 2016, and slightly below the 5-year average of 32%. This decrease may be attributed to the "western" location of the meeting. Regular members should continue to encourage their students to join the membership.
- d) There was an increase in revenues from membership dues, with 2016/17 corresponding to the year many members who follow the 2-year membership due cycle renewed. Expenditures were also higher, related to the awarding of 2 Peters Awards in 2017, as well as related to costs associated with incorporation.
- e) Following best practice accounting practices for non-profit organizations, where 2.5x annual operating costs should remain in reserve, SCL's current account balance is substantially above the recommended reserve. The trend of positive increases in funds balance over the last several years continue to suggest the society can explore new and expanded endeavours. Helen and Mike suggested increasing the contribution to the Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund and/or supporting the Early Career Award as one option. Mark Poesch and John Lark described the current exploratory work by the CRTF committee to

establish a Clemens-Rigler Foundation, in order to fund the award long-term, and then transfer such money to CCFFR for awards. A substantial balance would be required for such a foundation, to handle contingencies. It was suggested SCL could consider contributing to this foundation, if established. The Executive plans to discuss potential uses of the surplus over the coming year.

7. SCL Website and Communications Update (*Michael Rennie*)

Mike commented on the continued successful traffic generation of the website, as well as the Twitter account, which now has more than 3000 followers. Mike indicated an ongoing priority is French language translation for static content on the website, and pointed out the website was designed to facilitate such content, but that translation was needed. He suggested anyone willing to assist with this process would be greatly appreciated. Mike also indicated the potential to incorporate an SCL Store into the website. This store could be used for members to order merchandise (currently available include t-shirts, stickers, temporary tattoos, potential ideas include mugs, beer glasses, or Frisbees) that would be brought for them to the meeting for payment and pickup. This would limit the requirement to move a great deal of supply unnecessarily.

Helen Baulch presented a reminder on behalf of Alex Poulain that volunteers are needed for the online Limnoseminar program. The program cannot run without the members, and all levels (from junior to very senior) are most welcome. For those unfamiliar with the program, Limnoseminars is a monthly, live online, broadcast to share research. The format is open, accessible and freely available on Google Hangouts, and archived on YouTube. Content in either French or English is welcome.

8. SCL Incorporation (*Helen Baulch for Jérôme Marty*)

Jérôme has gathered the by-laws of similar non-profit organizations, including IAGLR, and Watershed Canada, to help us re-write the SCL by-laws in more legal terms. Jérôme will circulate incorporation forms for signature by executive members this week and submit them to Revenue Canada. Once these are submitted, SCL will need to update our forms with Revenue Canada with the composition of the newly elected executive, review the by-laws and submit them within one year. The SCL membership will need to approve the new by-laws, either electronically or at the 2019 Business Meeting in London.

9. Upcoming Meetings (*Helen Baulch*)

2019: CCFFR London (central)

CCFFR President: Margaret Docker (Manitoba)

Local Arrangements: Brian Neff

Program Chair: Yolanda Morbey (Western)

Nomination Chair: Heidi Swanson

Director of Development: Steven Cooke

2020: CCFFR Halifax (east)

CCFFR President: Rick Cunjak (UNB Fredericton)

Local Arrangements: Trevor Avery (Acadia)

Program chair: Laura Weir (SMU)

Director of Development: Steven Cooke

2021: Undecided as of the Business Meeting, to be determined at Edmonton 2018

10. Acknowledgements of 2017 Executive Committee (*Helen Baulch*)

Helen acknowledged and thanked the members of the Executive Committee, including those whose terms were coming to an end. Helen thanked Jérôme Marty (President), Jules Blais (Past President), Alain Patoine (VP Francophone), Michael Rennie and Alexandre Poulain (Communications), Joshua Thienpont (Secretary-Treasurer), Roberto Quinlan (previous Sec-Tres), Daniel Gregoire and Nicholas Fortin St. Gelias (student executive).

Josh added a thank you to Helen Baulch (VP Anglophone) for her contributions to the committee, and for chairing the meeting.

11. Nominations to the SCL Board (*Michael Rennie*)

a) Mike outlined the positions up for election (president, VP Anglophone, VP Francophone, Anglophone student representative, Francophone student representative), and opened the floor to nominations for all positions.

b) As no new nominations for the position of President were received, Mike indicated current President Jérôme Marty was willing to remain in the position for one further year, during which time he would oversee the completion of the incorporation process. A vote was taken, and Jérôme Marty was acclaimed to the position for one further year.

c) For the position of VP Francophone, Jerome Comte (INRS) volunteered to stand for nomination. In his absence Mike read a statement from Jerome. A vote was taken, and Jerome Comte was acclaimed to the position.

d) For the position of Anglophone Student Representative, Kristen Coleman (PhD student, York) volunteered to stand for the nomination. In her absence Josh read a statement from Kristen. A vote was taken, and Kristen was acclaimed to the position.

e) For the position of Francophone Student Representative, no volunteers for nomination were received. The SCL Executive will fill this position during the year.

f) For the position of VP Anglophone, 3 members (Kerri Finaly, Scott Higgins, & Andrea Kirkwood) volunteered to stand for nomination. Kerri addressed the business meeting in support of her nomination. In their absence, Mike read statements from both Scott and Andrea. A vote by ballot was taken, and Kerri Finlay was elected to the position.

g) The establishment of executive committee positions of members at large was discussed. These positions would be open to volunteers, including the unsuccessful volunteers for the VP Anglophone position (with whom the opportunity was discussed in advance). The members present, with the recommendation of the SCL Executive Committee agreed these positions would be highly beneficial. Volunteers for these positions were sought from those present. Emily Cavaliere (Regina), and outgoing SCL VP Anglophone Helen Baulch indicated interest in volunteering for nomination. Michael Rennie moved that "Emily Cavaliere, Helen Baulch, Scott Higgins, and Andrea Kirkwood, as well as past executive committee members be elected as SCL members-at-large." Josh seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously.

12. Other business (*Michael Rennie*)

a) Helen Baulch outlined the potential for SCL to join the Consortium of Aquatic Science Societies (CASS). Shelley Arnott is involved with this group through ASLO, and has recommended SCL might be interested in joining. Helen briefly outlined the mandate of

CASS to provide a unified voice to represent scientific interests in aquatic ecosystems. More information on CASS is available at <http://aquaticsocieties.org>. The 2018 Executive will consider this opportunity and report back to the membership.

b) Mike Rennie was unable to provide the yearly update on CJFAS, as the editorial meeting was not scheduled until the evening of the SCL business meeting. He commented that CJFAS remains a good journal, and that an update would be forthcoming.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Michael Rennie, seconded by Joshua Thienpont. Meeting adjourned at 17:55.

Thank you for attending the SCL Business Meeting!

Appendix 1 - 2016/17 Financial Report

INCOME

SCL dues	\$ 7,580.00
SIL dues	\$ 122.50
Ad revenue	\$ 270.00
Peter's Award Donations	\$ 300.00
Rigler Award Donation (CSP)	\$ 1,000.00
Subtotal	\$ 9,272.50

EXPENDITURES

Bank charges	\$ 64.50
PayPal charges	\$ 251.97
Clemens Rigler Travel Fund	\$ 2,500.00
PAGSE membership contribution	\$ 510.75
Rigler lecturer Registration	\$ 317.10
Rigler award & small plaque	\$ 97.18
Peter's Award	\$ 1,000.00
SIL Student Travel Award	\$ -
SIL dues - transfer	\$ 122.50

Webhosting Fees \$ 633.14

Legal Fees (Incorporation process) \$ 1,356.00

Subtotal \$ 6,853.14

Account Balance \$ 41,725.72 As of 01 Oct 2017

Change in Account Balance \$ 2,419.36