

**SCL Business Meeting, 04 January, 2019
London Convention Centre, London, ON**

Attendance

Lauren Banks, Cecilia Barouillet (SCL Student Rep Francophone), Jules Blais, Kristen Coleman (SCL Student Rep Anglophone), Jerome Comte (SCL Vice-President Francophone), Brian Cumming, Brie Edwards, David Eickmeyer, Kerry Finlay (SCL Vice-President Anglophone), Adam Jeziorski, John Lark, Jerome Marty (SCL President), Carsten Meyer-Jacob, Lewis Molot, Claire Nelligan, Alain Patoine, Francis Pick, Bernadette Pinel-Alloul, Yves Prairie, Roberto Quinlan, Mike Rennie (SCL Communications), Josh Thienpont (SCL Secretary-Treasurer), Katie Thomas

Jerome Marty (SCL President) presides the meeting. Joshua Thienpont (SCL Secretary-Treasurer) records the minutes of the meeting. Commenced 17:21.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Approved by Alain Patoine, seconded by Jerome Comte. Carried unanimously.

2. Approval of the Minutes of January 5, 2018 (Edmonton) (posted on website).

Approved by Jerome Comte, seconded by Josh Thienpont. Carried unanimously.

3. SCL President / Vice-President's remarks

The SCL is grateful to the local organizing committee (Brian Neff, Yolanda Morbey, Carlie Muir and Shawn Garner) at Western University for putting together a successful conference. The conference benefited from the support of several sponsors which contributions supported travel awards. The sponsors supporting the 2019 conference are the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, the University of Western Ontario, the Great Lakes Fisheries Commission, the Pacific Salmon Foundation, the Canadian Aquatic Resources Section of the American Fisheries Society, the Ontario Student Subsection of the American Fisheries Society, the Great Lakes Institute for Environmental Research, Vemco-Amirix, Lotek, Halltech, Milne and Canada Science Publishers.

As previous years, the SCL contributed \$2,500 (total raised \$15,000). This funding was used to support the early career award (\$4,000) and the Clemens Rigler Travel Award (\$11,000). In total, 83 students and early professionals received funding to attend the conference.

The 2019 conference program has about 180 oral talks and 50 posters. The Stevenson Memorial Lecture was given by Sean Anderson. Bernadette Pinel-Alloul received the Rigler Award and Marie-Ève Monchamp was awarded the Peters Award.

The SCL thanks both the Rigler (J Comte, T Ricciardi, F. Pick, K. Finlay and A. Poulain) and Peters Award (K. Finlay, D. Orihel, J. Thienpont) Award Committees.

The most recent update on the SCL activities were shared in the December Newsletter, available online.

4. Incorporation of the SCL (Jerome Marty)

The SCL is now incorporated as a Non-For-Profit Corporation under the NFP Act. A draft of the By-Laws is distributed during the meeting. This Draft will be available online after the meeting for comments from the membership. This document is pending final review from our lawyer.

The SCL is structured as follow:

1. Its address is at the University of Ottawa (Biology)
2. The Board of directors of the SCL is composed of up to 10 members. At the time of incorporation, the Board is composed of the following position:
 - President (3 Y)
 - Past President (3 Y)
 - Treasurer (3 Y)
 - 2 VPs (Franco/Anglo) (3 Y)
 - 2 Com officers (3 Y)
 - 2 Students Reps (Franco/Anglo) (2 Y)

The Directors of the Board are the same members of the officers of the society. Directors serve without remuneration for their work. These term lengths will start after the current mandate of each position ends.

3. There are **3 types of memberships (actually 4 with ECR)**. The cost for each membership is to be described in a resolution.
 - Regular Member: 1 Year: \$70 \$; 2 Years: \$120
 - Early-Career Member: 1 Year: \$40; 2 Years: \$70
 - Students and Young Professionals: 1 Year: \$20; 2 Years: \$35
 - Lifetime Membership
 - o The cost of a lifetime membership was left as undetermined, and will continue to be used to provide honorary lifetime membership to select individuals.
4. Resolutions are passed with 50% +1 of the votes of attendees attending meeting of members (in person or electronically).
5. The By-Laws need to be submitted to Industry Canada before February 16, 2019.

Discussion on by-laws:

There was discussion regarding the length of tenure of executive positions. John Lark mentioned staggering the first appointment, and then having 3 year terms afterwards, so as not to have complete turnover of executive every 3 years. The current remaining terms for the Treasurer (1 year), VPs (2 years), and Pres (3 years) result in this occurring naturally.

Mike Rennie reminded everyone that IAGLR has 1 year executive terms, and John Lark mentioned CCFR also has a 1 year President position.

It was mentioned a shorter term for student reps would allow more students to be involved. Jules Blais suggested he found a 3 year term was a good deal of time, in which to get a lot of work done, without too rapid turnover. Cecilia agreed there is stability on slightly longer positions. It was decided that 3 year terms for the executive positions, except for the student reps (2 years) were a good balance.

There was discussion as to the cost of dues for membership. It was agreed upon by all that the current regular dues should remain the same. It was unanimous that the student / postdoc fees should be lowered to a fairly nominal fee of \$20 for 1 year, or \$35 for 2 years. The old student rates were suggested as suitable for a new Early-Career category, applying to those within 10 years of completing their terminal degree (the same as is used to distinguish ECR individuals by a number of organizations). These fees are \$40 for 1 year, \$70 for 2 years. The need for a lifetime membership category, and potential dues was discussed. No consensus was arrived at. The dues were left undetermined for the time being.

5. Peters and Rigler Awards (Kerri Finlay, Jerome Comte)

Kerri and Jerome again thanked the selection committees for their assistance with the award adjudication process. This year there were four nominations for the Peters Award, and two nominations for the Rigler Award.

6. Financial Report from Treasurer (Josh Thienpont)

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.

Total membership in 2018 (01 Oct 2017 to 30 Sept 2018) decreased to 119. The 2018 membership is in line with the 5- year average (124). In 2018 29% of the membership was students / postdocs, which is slightly below the 5-year average of 33%. It is hoped the new, lower student membership rate will encourage students to join. Regular members should continue to encourage their students to join the membership.

For the first time in a number of years, SCL had a small deficit of \$74.53. 2018 Corresponded to a decrease in revenue from membership dues (the “off” year in the 2-year membership cycle). Expenditures were higher than normal, primarily related to legal fees associated with incorporation, and web development fees, associated with improvements in the website architecture. Josh expects next year the return to a small surplus will return.

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. This continues to suggest the society can explore new and expanded endeavours, such as supporting the student panel. Yves Prairie mentioned the potential to contribute travel funds for student(s) to travel to the SIL meeting, as has been done in the past. The Executive plans to discuss potential uses of the surplus over the coming year.

7. Relationships between the SCL and other organizations (Jerome Marty)

The SCL, as a corporation, can create formal links with other societies and groups. As such, it can share both responsibilities and profits when organizing joint activities.

Jerome proposes the SCL executive conduct a survey of the membership on critical points such as:

- What relationship are the most valuable for the SCL members (CCFFR, CARS, CSEE) ?
- Is the membership in favour of keeping the meeting early January or consider moving it to spring?
- Currently, no location proposed for 2021 (East): Should SCL approach IAGLR for a joined Freshwater Canadian Conference?

In his statement of interest in the president position, Bjoern Wissel indicated interest in conducting a general membership survey, which could incorporate these ideas.

8. Student Workshop Update (Jan 3rd) (Cecilia and Kristen)

More than 60 people attended the panel discussion / workshop that preceded the conference. The panel included a mix of backgrounds, including academia, government, consulting, and NGOs. Cecilia and Kristen will summarize the points discussed, for publication on the SCL website. They will also survey SCL students to see if there is interest in conducting a workshop next year, as well as thoughts of how the format worked, and what improvements could be suggested.

9. Upcoming CCFFR Meetings (Jerome Marty)

- a) Venue 2020 – Halifax (East)
 - President: Rick Cunjak (UNB Fredericton)
 - Local arrangements: Trevor Avery (Acadia)
 - Program chair: Laura Weir (SMU)
 - Nomination Chair: To Be Determined
 - Director of Development: Steven Cooke

- b) Venue 2021 – Undecided – (Central)
 - President: To Be Determined
 - Local arrangements: To Be Determined
 - (in 2018 M Fox and N Mandrak discussed options for 2021)
 - Program chair: To Be Determined
 - Nomination Chair: To Be Determined
 - Director of Development: Steven Cooke

- c) Venue 2022 – Vancouver – (West)
 - President: To Be Determined
 - Local arrangements: Scott Hinch
 - Program chair: To Be Determined
 - Nomination Chair: To Be Determined

- Director of Development: Steven Cooke

10. CJFAS Report (Mike Rennie)

The Journal (Canadian Science Publishing) is covering travel and registration costs for both the Stevenson and Rigler Plenary presentations. The impact factor of CJFAS increased this year, with a 2-yr IF of 2.631, and a 5-yr IF of 2.798. The average time to decision is 72 days. For the next 2 years the journal will be printing more pages due to a backlog.

11. Election of New President

A statement of interest was circulated with the agenda, for the position of President of SCL, from Bjoern Wissel. Nominations were solicited from the floor (none received). Brian Cumming moved that Bjoern Wissel be elected the new President of SCL. Yves Prairie seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Other Business

No other business was brought forward.

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Jules Blais, seconded by Brian Cumming. Meeting adjourned at 18:30.

Thank you for attending the SCL Business Meeting!