

Canadian Society of Soil Science (CSSS)

Annual General Meeting Minutes



President:	Gary Kachanoski
President Elect:	Martin Carter
Past President:	Régis Simard
Secretary:	Craig Drury
Treasurer:	Marie-Josée Garand
Eastern Councillor:	Denis Angers
Western Councillor:	Barbara Kirshchuk
Graduate Student Representative:	Vimy Glass

August 3, 2001

**Minutes of the Canadian Society of Soil Science
2001 Annual General Meeting**

Location: University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

Dates: August 3, 2001

Time: 12:25 B 1:40pm

62 Attendees

1. Call to Order and Welcome

President Gary Kachanoski called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm

2. Approval of Agenda

Gary Kachanoski added Plant Canada to follow item 12 on the agenda

Motion 2001-AGM-01

It is moved that the agenda be approved. Moved by Murray Miller, seconded by Martin Carter.

Motion CARRIED

3. 2001 AGM minutes

Motion 2001-AGM-02

It is moved to accept the minutes from the 2000 AGM meeting. Moved by Régis Simard, seconded by Shawna McMahon. Motion CARRIED

4. Business Arising from 2000 Minutes

The report on International Projects is summarized in the CSSS newsletter and linkages are also provided on our CSSS web site.

5. President's Report

- There should be a formal mechanism to interact with other Science Disciplines which are involved with Soil Science.
 - CSSS should capitalize on joint initiatives such as the 2002 Canadian Geophysical Meeting (CGU).
 - There should be regular meetings with the executives of other Agricultural Science Societies on a more formal basis.
 - There should be a National Committee of Agricultural Societies. This would provide a mechanism for all of the executives to meet once per year to plan workshops/conferences and joint publications. This committee would not replace AIC. This would enable our society to start a dialogue with other societies which are working in similar areas. There would be synergy and we would be capitalizing on opportunities.
- S** In 2002, CSSS will be meeting with the Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU) in Banff, Alberta.
- S** In 2003, the International Conference on Mycorrhiza (ICOM) will be holding a conference

in Montreal. There will be about 650 Scientists and they would like to meet with CSSS. There is also a strong interest to meet with both the Canadian Society of Horticulture and the Canadian Society of Agronomy as well.

Motion 2001-AGM-03

It is moved that the President's report be accepted. Moved by Martin Carter, seconded by Denis Angers. Motion CARRIED.

Discussion:

Guy Mehuys - how many people would be going to CGU? Gary Kachanoski - indicated that CGU is a similar size to CSSS and they expect about 150 people.

6. Treasurers Report

- The trust fund has increased by about \$10K and is at \$241 K as of Dec. 31, 2000.
- There is about 50% invested in Mutual funds whereas 50% is invested in Fixed Income.
- The total Income was \$20K which included about \$15K from membership.
- In 2000, there was a net profit of \$5256.00.
- The budget for 2002 would involve about \$18K for income and \$18K for expenses.
- The Bentley and President's awards have been increased to a total of \$1K each.

Motion 2001-AGM-04:

It is moved to accept the Treasurers report. Moved by Régis Simard, Seconded by Mel Webber. Motion CARRIED.

It is moved to accept the budget for 2002. Moved by Guy Mehuys, seconded by Annemieke Farenhorst. Motion CARRIED.

Discussion:

Tom Bates suggests that Index funds should be compared with the returns for Mutual Funds.

7. Graduate Student Representative Report

Alain Plante was unable to attend this years meeting. The written report is attached.

Motion 2001-AGM-05

It is moved that the graduate student report be accepted. Moved by Régis Simard, seconded by Vimy Glass. Motion CARRIED.

8. IUSS Report

The IUSS is a new union with Science Societies as members. No one individual can be a member in IUSS. The CSSS council passed a motion in favor of joining IUSS. The membership cost (\$5.00 US) is based on the number of members. CSSS will have to raise its membership fees by \$5.00 US.

Motion 2001-AGM-06

It is moved that CSSS become a member of the International Union of Soil Science (IUSS). Moved by Craig Drury, seconded by Martin Carter. Motion CARRIED.

Discussion:

Phil Warman: What contact will we have with the IUSS?

- CSSS will still have members that are part of the conference organizers, division chairs, etc.
- IUSS management will be through an election process

Mel Webber: Will we continue to receive mailings from IUSS?

S Dr. Blum replied that there will be a bulletin published every year and all of the information will also be available on the web site.

S Individuals can subscribe to the Bulletin for \$25.00/yr.

Further information will be sent to members through e-mail as it arrives.

In the USA, SSSA is linked to IUSS through the National Academy of Science (NAS is paying the dues).

Motion 2001-AGM-07

It is moved that CSSS increase membership fees in 2002 by \$5.00 US to cover the costs of joining IUSS. Moved by Craig Drury, seconded by Martin Carter. Motion CARRIED.

Discussion:

Mel Webber indicated that in comparison, the ISSS fees are \$12.00/yr.

Motion 2001-AGM-08

It is moved that CSSS pay the costs for each student member in IUSS out of our operating account. Moved by Phil Warman, seconded by Craig Drury. Motion CARRIED.

9. Canadian Society of Soil Science Editors Report

This is the second year that Régis Simard is the Editor of CJSS. He would like to thank Dr. Mermut for handling some of the manuscripts.

There is a special issue on Humic Substances in Soil and Related Environments that will be published in CJSS in June. Dr. P.M. Huang is the Guest Editor.

Appreciation is extended to M.A. Arshad, Henri Diné and John Richards for their help as Associate Editors for CJSS.

The new Associate Editors for CJSS are Craig Drury, Cynthia Grant and Caroline Preston.

In 2000, the CJSS published 699 pages. For 2001, so far there were 54 papers submitted which is an increase from last year.

CJSS has the best ISI Impact Factors of the Canadian Agricultural Journals.

Régis Simard expressed the need for more of our members to assist as reviewers.

CJSS will require an associate editor who specializes in metals.

Motion 2001-AGM-09

It is moved that the CJSS report be accepted. Moved by Phil Warman, seconded by Tom Bruulsema.

Discussion:

Gary Kachanoski reminded people that 3-4 people review our own research papers and if we publish 3 papers per year, we should review at least 12 papers.

10. Annual Conference Reports

2000 Conference

The written conference report was attached.

2001 Conference

Gary Parkin indicated that there are 160 registrants and 50% of the presentations (talks/posters) will be given by graduate students.

2002 Conference

Gary Kachanoski discussed the joint meeting between CSSS and the Canadian Geophysical Union (CGU) in Banff. He invites suggestions for joint sessions. Gary Kachanoski, Barbara Kirschuck and David Chanasyk are on the conference organizing committee.

Accommodation will be in the residence at the Banff Conference Center. The costs for attending the conference will be slightly greater than University Residence but these will not be out of line. Gary indicated that there are several benefits with linking with CGU and using the conference facilities. There will be more regularity in the web page, etc. Information will be circulated by e-mail notices. There will be linkages on the CGU web page.

There will also be both joint and open sessions at the conference. Fertility and agronomy will be a strong part of the conference. It will be a full/complete Scientific Meeting. Please send Gary Kachanoski an e-mail if you have any further ideas about the conference.

2003 Conference

The Council voted to pursue a joint meeting with International Conference on Mycorrhiza (ICOM) in August, 2003. This conference will focus on the dynamics between plant/soil and

roots. CSA and CHS, CSAM have also expressed interest in this conference. This meeting would also be independent of AIC.

Murray Miller expressed a mixed feelings and concern about meeting 3 years in a row outside of the AIC conference. It was pointed out that in 2002, CSAS, ASEC and CSHS will also not be meeting with AIC. There was concern about the viability of AIC when societies do not hold joint meetings.

Gary Kachanoski indicated that the primary reason for separate meetings is that CSSS members wants to meet with other societies with similar interests. The Presidents of the Canadian agricultural societies will meet and discuss this issue further. The National Science Societies want to know how we can interact and continue to interact effectively. We need an overall mechanism to capitalize on opportunities where Science Societies want to meet. This item has been high on the agenda in discussions between CSSS and CSAS. The annual meetings should focus on students and have them present at the conferences.

Phil Warman asked when and where AIC will be meeting in 2003. One possibility location is the East coast of Newfoundland. However, AIC has not decided on the location yet. ICOM has their own organizing body and Chantal Hamel and Yolande Dalp are active ICOM members. The ICOM conference will be using the conference centre in downtown Montreal.

Tom Bates suggested that we approach AIC and see if they wished to join us in Montreal in 2003.

Motion 2001-AGM-10

It is moved to accept the conference reports. Moved by Eric Beauchamp, seconded by Martin Carter. Motion CARRIED.

11. Business Office Report

Members are invited to send notices (such as job postings, fellowships, etc.) to Steve Sheppard to be included in the monthly e-mail notices.

Mel Webber wanted to give a vote of thanks to Steve Sheppard and the business office has they have done an excellent job.

Motion 2001-AGM-11

It is moved that the business office report be accepted. Moved by Martin Carter, seconded by David Elrick. Motion CARRIED.

12. Plant Canada

Plant Canada is a federation of plant science societies and plant physiology. The only cost to the society is the time council members got to the meetings and talk about joint initiatives. The intent to is to establish linkages with other Societies with similar interests.

Motion 2001-AGM-12

It is moved to join Plant Canada. Moved by Régis Simard, seconded by Martin Carter. Motion CARRIED.

12. Resolutions Committee

The resolution committee was composed of Régis Simard, Clarke Topp and Ahmet Mermut.

The first resolution was a private members resolution. The motion would provide retired members over 70 years of age with 25 years of service with CSSS and who have published papers in the CJSS have their membership fees waved. Currently retired members have their membership fees reduced by 50%. Tom Bates felt that if there is enough interest in the society the membership fees are not a problem.

Motion 2001-AGM-13

It is moved to eliminate membership fees for retired CSSS members. Motion Unanimously DEFEATED.

It is moved by Ahmet Mermut and seconded by John Lafond wished to thank the organizing committee for the tremendous work they have done in organizing the 2001 conference.

The Gavel was passed from Gary Kachanoski to Martin Carter. Gary Kachanoski has had the pleasure of working with Martin Carter for the last 2 years on council with the society. The society will be in good hands as Martin cares passionately about Soil Science.

Martin asked the members for support and help to address the needs of Soil Science.

13. New Business

There is a concern that when it comes to the President there has only been one name put forward and as a result no vote has ensued. We are proposing to remove the East/West restriction on nominations for President. Please e-mail the council if you have any ideas/concerns about this issue.

14. Auditors

John MacLeod and Delmar Holmstrom were auditors for 2000 and they have expressed interest in continuing as auditors for 2001.

Motion 2001-AGM-14

It is moved to have John MacLeod and Delmar Holmstrom appointed as auditors for 2001. Moved by Gary Kachanoski and seconded by Craig Drury. Motion CARRIED.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. Moved by Gary Kachanoski, seconded by Mel Webber. Motion CARRIED.

Adjournment at 1:40 pm

