

## Canadian Society of Soil Science – 2008 Annual General Meeting Minutes

Location: University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, British Columbia

Attendance: Approx. 45

1. **Call to Order and Welcome** (Dan Pennock).
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Move to accept: Jim Robertson, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Barbara Cade-Menun. Carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** Move to accept: Craig Drury, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Anne Naeth. Carried.
4. **Business Arising from 2006 AGM Minutes**
  - Museum of Nature (Dan Pennock): The project has been put on hold, waiting for program review.
5. **Communications** (Dan Pennock). Newsletter will continue to be sent as hard copy.
6. **Report of the Secretary and Election Results** (Newton Lupwayi).
  - New CSSS Council members for 2008:-
    - CSSS President-Elect: Gordon Price acclaimed - he was the only candidate.
    - Eastern Councillor: two candidates ran, Noura Ziadi elected.
    - Graduate Student Representative: Maxime Pare acclaimed - no candidate from eastern Canada.
7. **Report of the Treasurer** (Don Flaten).
  - Financial reports for 2007:
    - Operating funds: Income \$17,000 higher than in 2006 due to income from three successful conferences. However, membership income was \$800 lower than in 2006. Expenses were \$4,500 lower than in 2006.
    - Trust funds: Grew from a net value of \$273,516 in 2006 to \$283,856 in 2007.
  - Budget proposed for 2009:
    - Scenario with no fee increase: deficit of \$7,400 in 2009.
    - Scenario with fee increase (from \$68 to \$80 regular membership, \$0 to \$25 graduate student membership): net income of \$3,400 in 2009.
  - Financial Committee: Need volunteers to update (simplify) the financial policy manual (guidelines).
  - Financial Reviewers: Propose that Geza Racz and Robert Eilers continue.
  - Move to accept the financial report: Paul Sanborn, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Kent Watson. Carried.
8. **Report of the Past President** (Gerry Neilsen).
  - Revitalization of CSSS: Ideas and volunteers are welcome.
  - Passing the gable: gable passed to the current President, Dan Pennock.
9. **Report of the President** (Dan Pennock).
  - Trust fund: Thanks to the late Dr Fred Bentley for the fund
  - Membership: 338 members at end of June – decline from 2007. Need strategy for renewal of CSSS to increase membership.
  - Annual Meetings:

- 2007, Station Touristique Duchesnay, Quebec (Denis Angers): Largest attendance (200), good feedback, successful symposia, \$15,000 total income, split between the two societies.
- 2008, University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC.(Paul Sanborn): ~180 registered delegates.

## **10. Report of Committees**

- a. **Awards Committee** (Dan Pennock).
  - 2008 CSSS Fellows: Dr Denis Angers and Dr Caroline Preston.
  - Soil Science for Society award: Dr Jim Robertson, Univ. of Alberta.
  - Student travel awards: 12 grants awarded – 3 each from Univ. of BC and Univ. of Sask., 2 from Laval Univ., and 1 each from Univ. of AB, Manitoba, Guelph and McGill.
  - Book awards: 4 given.
- b. **Pedology Sub-Committee** (Dan Pennock).
  - Angela Bedard-Haughn and Dan Pennock have received funding to develop a CSSS-sponsored website, currently under development. The website will provide a visual content of Canadian soils and will include review articles to be published in CJSS
  - The subcommittee is sponsoring a special session at the Annual Meeting entitled “Dynamic Disciplines, Static Taxonomies” to discuss revision of the Canadian System of Soil Classification.

## **11. CJSS Editor’s Report and Publishing Arrangements Committee** (Frank Larney).

- Third year as CJSS Editor. A special issue on N<sub>2</sub>O emissions published in April 2008, another one on greenhouse gas emissions/removals to be published in November 2008, and one on forest soil disturbance to be published in 2009.
- Ideas for other special issues or topics are welcome.
- CJSSS statistics: 116 manuscripts were submitted (5-yr average = 101). 33% of submitted manuscripts came from outside Canada (5-yr average = 33%), but rejection rate of these papers continues to be very high. Impact factor in 2006 was 0.761 (5-yr average = 0.819).
- CJSS Publishing Arrangements: Frank Larney, Martin Carter and Ed Gregorich initiated discussions with other publishers after concern was expressed that AIC did not promote the journal enough and that the journal’s internet presence was lacking some features. After discussions with Taylor & Francis, Wiley-Blackwell and Elsevier, AIC was informed. This spurred AIC into planning to enhance the electronic platform of its journals, including CJSS. Discussions with alternative publishers were discontinued to give AIC a chance, and the “new look” journal website is scheduled to be launched in January 2009.

## **12. Resolutions.**

- Vote of thanks to the Thanks to the organizing committee of this year’s meeting University of Northern British Columbia, Prince George, BC. Moved by Don Flaten, 2<sup>nd</sup> : Gerry Neilsen

## **13. New Business.**

- a. **Appointment of Financial Reviewers**
  - Move to re-appoint Geza Racz and Robert Eilers: Barbara Cade-Menun, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Craig Drury.
- b. **Motion to increase CSSS Membership Fees**
  - Motion: It is moved that the fee for regular members be increased to \$80 per year, post-docs to \$40 per year, and a fee of \$25 per year be established for student members.
  - Voting results: 0 for, 44 against. Not carried.
  - Alternative motion: It is moved that the fee for regular members be increased to \$90 per year, post-docs to \$45 per year, and a fee of \$10 per year be established for student members.
  - Voting results: 44 for, 0 against. Carried.
  - Move to approve new budget: Anne Naeth, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Denis Angers. Carried.
- c. **CSSS Website Renewal**
  - Contact Jim Miller for input.
  - Extra money from membership fee increase to go to Soils of Canada website.
- d. **Venues for Upcoming Meetings**
  - 2009: University of Guelph, August 5-7. To meet with Canadian Society of Agronomy and Canadian Society of Agricultural and Forest Meteorology.
  - 2010: University of Saskatchewan has offered to host it, but other options are welcome.
  - 2011: Possibility of meeting with CGU in Banff again.

**14. Adjournment:** 1 h 15 min.