

Minutes
CSSS Annual General Meeting
21 June 2010

Meeting location: University of Saskatoon

In attendance: approximately 40 members

1. The meeting was opened at 16:45 by Cindy Grant.
2. Approval of agenda: Moved by David Lobb, seconded by Kent Watson; carried.
3. Minutes from 2009 AGM entered. Maja Krzic moved to approve, Paul Sanborn seconded; carried.
4. Business from 2009 minutes:
 - By-law amendment: Craig Drury discussed proposed changes (see handouts file for proposed amendments); Copies of proposed changes also available from Craig
5. Report of Secretary: included with President's report
6. a) Report of Treasurer (Paul Bullock):
 - We have a hard time running a deficit. Details in separate financial report (handout in handouts file)
 - Comment from Les Henry: Remember where trust fund came from – from 1978 International Soil Science Meeting (Bentley); please be conservative and protect principal.
 - 2011 budget: there will be income from the current conference, which is not yet included but will be added.
 - Angela Bedard-Haughn moved to accept report; Craig Drury seconded; passed.b) Auditors: auditors suggested naming a third to be sure to always have two auditors available. David Whetter, Geza Racz current auditors; Brian Weibe will be added as third auditor. Dan Pennock moved to accept; Barbara C-M seconded; carried.
- c) Question from Paul: Would membership like to see financial subcommittee continue to work for CSSS, or just occasionally? Dan Pennock: it is a standing committee, so need to keep. Don Flaten will continue and will contact Mel Webber about continuing, or may need to find someone else.
- d) Vote to approve treasurer's report: Dan Pennock moved, Denis Angers seconded; carried.
7. Report of Past President (Gordon Price): Gordon not present; report will be included in President's report.
8. President's Report (Cindy Grant): See handout in separate file;
 - a) Cindy reported on election results, membership, President's activities, proposed by-law changes, and letter of support for Dr. Mermut.
 - b) Cindy noted that we had an inquiry from the Toronto Convention Centre as to whether we were interested in applying to host the 2018 IUSS Congress. Apparently Montreal Convention Centre also asked Quebec soil science society who declined. There was general discussion about it within the group. No firm commitment, some interest, but some concerns (e.g. small number of soil scientists spread over wide area). Denis Angers noted that if Canada hosts IUSS Congress, it does not have to be in Toronto or Montreal
 - c) Twinning letters; Student activities at AGM were given \$500 in support
 - d) Angela Bedard-Haughn moved to accept President's Report; Richard Heck seconded; carried.
9. Report of Committees:
 - a) Awards committee (David Lobb reporting):
 - Need more direction for filling out and submitting application packages (both for students and fellow applicants) – many problems

- No honorary awards or Soil Science in Society awards
 - N. Juma suggested that we structure fellowship nominations as per the SSSA, which are more structured.
 - Student commented that the website lets you submit electronically, but you don't get an email indicating that you need to print it out and get signatures
 - Suggestion: set up a travel award (e.g. \$1000) to send a student to IUSS Congress.
- b) Pedology subcommittee (Dan Pennock and Scott Smith) www.soilsofcanada.ca There will be a meeting the following day.
- c) Revitalization committee (Maja Krzic): website updated. Website receiving lots of hits, comments and suggestions; Applied for funding (5 universities jointly) from NSERC to promote soil science in high schools; aim is to promote science and engineering to Canadian youth; targets Grade 12.
10. CJSSS Editor's Report (Craig Drury): See separate handout in file.
11. Student Representative's Report (Aimé Messiga): Over 25% of presentations are by students. Soil judging contest – should it become more permanent? Need to get more students to attend from Quebec.
12. Denis Angers and Martin Chantigny presented a proposal for a joint CSSS and AQSS meeting in Quebec City in 2010. No date as yet, but likely in June.
13. Barbara Cade-Menun: brief mention of next year's meeting in San Antonio, joint with SSSA
14. Cindy: Resolution of appreciation for current meeting; Moved by Kent Watson; seconded by Richard Heck; carried. Comment by Annemieke Farenhorst: A retiree wanted to attend, but couldn't afford without a discount. Need to ensure in future meetings that there are discounts for retirees.

Meeting adjourned at 18:05, 21 June 2010.

Submitted by Barbara Cade-Menun, CSSS Secretary