

**Minutes, CSSS Annual General Meeting  
17 October 2011**

Meeting location: Room 217A, San Antonio Convention Centre

In attendance: Barbara Cade-Menun, David Lobb, Denis Angers, Cindy Grand, Mervin St-Luce, Paul Bullock, Bert VandenBygaart, Craig Drury and approximately 50 members

1. The meeting was opened at 18:15 by David Lobb.
2. Approval of agenda: Moved by Denis Angers, seconded by Rigas Karamanos; carried.
3. Minutes from 2010 AGM entered. Craig Drury moved to approve, Angela Bedard-Haughn seconded; carried.
4. a) Report of Treasurer (Paul Bullock):
  - Financially we are healthy. See details in attached handout.
  - Came very close to budgeted amounts this year. We have enough money to cover more than one year's worth of expenses in our operating account
  - 2011 will not have a profit from the conference, as in past years.
  - Trust fund earned 4.6%
  - Statement of financial reviewers indicates our accounts are in good orderb) New Business: Need to appoint a new auditor to replace Geza Racz. David Whetter, Brian Weibe current auditors; will be decided on when new treasurer appointed (for geographical proximity)  
c) Will need a new treasurer beginning in January (Paul's term is ending). Note: Kent Watson stepped forward to volunteer  
d) Vote to approve treasurer's report: Paul Bullock moved to accept report; Don Flaten seconded; carried.
5. Report of Secretary: included with President's report
6. Report of Past President (Cindy Grant): included with President's report
7. President's Report (David Lobb): See attached handout;
  - a) Thanked everyone currently on council; thanked Maja Krzic, Gordon Price and Aimé Messiga, whose terms on council ended since the last AGM
  - b) Society membership: 16 Emeritus, 9 Fellows, 16 Fellows Emeritus, 0 Honorary, 15 Postdoctoral Fellows, 97 Students and 178 Regular Members (total 331). This is about the same as past years.
  - c) Council business: met in person once, 5 telephone conferences, voted by email on 7 motions. The CSSS business office continues to be operated by Steve Sheppard, who was thanked and acknowledged.
  - d) The meeting next year will be in Quebec with AQSS, with more information to follow. There is a proposal to meet in 2013 in Manitoba with MSSS, with more details to be presented under new business. We are currently soliciting suggestions for 2014 meeting, which should be in BC or AB (or Atlantic).
  - e) Society affiliations: our Past-President, Cindy Grant, is serving as CSSS rep in AIC restructuring, and will do so until the end of the year. CSSS has been asked to nominate a member to the advisory council. We would like input on how to proceed. One suggestion is to appoint a member on an ad-hoc basis. Richard Heck was nominated by CSSS and appointed to the AIC board, but this is independent of our member on the advisory council. CSSS continues to support the CJSS with AIC (see CJSS editor's report for more details). CSSS continues to support AIC's international projects. SRICANSOL received an award from the Sri Lankan government (full report in upcoming newsletter). We pay membership in IUSS, and Steve Sheppard sends out IUSS information to members. Upcoming world congresses of IUSS will be in Korea in 2014 and Brazil in 2018. We participate in the Canadian Societies of



- Geophysical Sciences, which is undergoing expansion of membership and developing its functions. David and Denis Angers represent CSSS in these discussions
- f) Committees: Awards Committee (Denis Angers, Craig Drury and Dan Pennock): two fellows plus student travel and book awards this year. Will be presented at the reception to follow AGM. Student presentation awards will be presented after the conference. Maja Krzic suggested that student winners be asked to send photos for newsletter. Rules Committee (Cindy Grant, David Lobb, Craig Drury): reviewed rules and by-laws; took suggested changes and circulated by email about 1 week ago. Contains clarification about positions, voting, etc. We would like feedback. Will need final version by November, to send out by mail to members to vote on changes. Elections committee: need to form to count ballots for changes to Rules and By-Laws. Chaired by secretary (Barbara), Angela Bedard-Haughn and Xiyang Hao volunteers to assist.
  - g) Special projects: CSSS will provide financial support (\$1000 per year for 5 years) to Annemieke Farenhorst as an NSERC Chair for Women in Science and Engineering, with the purpose to promote women in science and engineering, including soil science. Farenhorst will work with CSSS on related issues. CSSS Council also approved providing \$4300 to AIC to cover the differential costs of having images in the CJSS Special Issue on Soils of Canada published in colour.
  - h) David Lobb moved to accept President's Report; Denis Angers seconded; carried.
8. CJSSS Editor's Report (Craig Drury): See separate handout in file. Craig moved to accept the CJSS Editor's Report; Bert VandenBygaart seconded; carried.
  9. Student Representative's Report (Mervin St-Luce): Fewer students are attending the meeting in San Antonio than past meetings, likely because it is in the US. Travel awards were increased for this year, and may be increased in subsequent years. Students will be contacted to find out if they would prefer fewer awards of higher amounts or the current (more) number of awards at a lower amount. The meetings next year will be in Quebec, and planning has started for student activities there. The student representative term will be done in a year, and students are encouraged to participate in council and run for the position. Offers best wishes to students for their oral and poster presentations, and would like students to gather for photos at the banquet.
  10. Resolution from David to thank Barbara Cade-Menun and Gordon Price for helping to organize the 2011 meetings. Barbara acknowledged the assistance of the A-C-S business office, and noted that we were given division status at the meetings, which is more than has happened at previous joint meetings with SSSA. Seconded by Bert VandenBygaart; carried.
  11. Martin Chantigny presented information on the meeting to be held in Quebec in 2012. The venue will be about 35 km from Quebec City. Meeting will be held June 3-8. There will be a pre-meeting (technical session) for CLRN, on using tools for digital soil mapping, that will be open to all CSSS members. There will be 2-3 days of scientific presentations. Topic: "Soils in a Changing Climate: Friend or Foe?" Will bring in plenary speakers, followed by 2-3 days of regular sessions and field trip (St. Lawrence lowlands to tundra). First announcement will be in mid-November, with calls for titles/abstracts in January. There will be bilingual sessions.
  12. It was proposed that the 2013 meeting be a joint CSSS and MSSS meeting in Manitoba. No date as yet, but likely in mid-summer. Francis Zvoyuma moved to hold it in Winnipeg, Bert VandenBygaart seconded; carried.
  13. Scott Smith explained CLRN meetings; want to co-located with CSSS, as we compliment each other.
  14. No Business from floor.

Meeting adjourned at 19:20, 17 October 2011.

Submitted by Barbara Cade-Menun, CSSS Secretary