

# Canadian Society of Soil Science (CSSS)

## Annual General Meeting Minutes



President:	Régis Simard
President Elect:	Gary Kachanoski
Past President:	Darwin Anderson
Secretary:	Craig Drury
Treasurer:	Gary Patterson
Eastern Councillor:	Martin Carter
Western Councillor:	Barbara Kishchuk
Student rep:	Alain Plante

**July 18, 2000**

**Minutes of the Canadian Society of Soil Science  
2000 Annual General Meeting**

**Location:** Winnipeg Convention Center, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Dates:** Wednesday July 18, 2000

**Time:** 12:45 B 1:40

64 Attendees

1. Call to Order and Welcome  
President Régis Simard called the meeting to order at 12:45 pm
2. Additions to the Agenda  
No additions to the agenda were requested
3. Approval of Agenda  
Motion: Moved that the agenda be approved.  
Moved by C. Topp, seconded by U. Gupta CARRIED
4. Changes to the 1999 AGM minutes  
Gary Kachanoski - The 1999 minutes should reflect that Darwin Anderson called the meeting to order
5. Treasurers Report  
Motion: It is moved that the treasurers report be accepted:  
Moved By G. Patterson, seconded by R. Karamanos CARRIED  
  
New Budget for 2001  
Amendment: The cost of abstracts should be removed from the 2001 budget (Revenues and Expenditures) as the abstracts are no longer published in CJSS.  
  
Motion: Moved that the 2001 budget be accepted:  
Moved by G. Patterson, seconded T. Mahendrappa CARRIED  
  
Motion: Moved to thank Gary Patterson for the service (treasurer) he has provided to CSSS during his term of office.  
Moved T. Mahendrappa, seconded R. Simard CARRIED
6. President's Report
  - Concerns were raised with AIC concerning the registration costs as this was a problem for students and new younger CSSS members
  - As a Liason member with the NSERC committee there is a request that more funding should go into soils= research
  - CARC & Agriculture Canada research priorities: Régis Simard attended a meeting of CARC in St-Hyacinthe, Qc as CSSS representative and was involved in setting up the priorities of this

committee which provide advice to Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada.

- Letters were sent to the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia governments requesting that these governments should reconsider cuts to Soil Science programs and the letters also emphasized the importance of protecting our resources. New Brunswick Government replied to the CSSS letter and Nova Scotia has not yet replied.

Motion: Moved to accept the Presidents report.

Moved by T. Mahendrappa, seconded by U. Gupta.

CARRIED

#### 7. Student Representative Report

Increase communication with Society and Soil Science Departments could be accomplished by including articles in the CSSS Newsletter, by printing a list of completed thesis and by having a meeting to examine ways in which student involvement could be enhanced (awards, etc).

Motion: Moved to accept the student representative report.

Moved by D. Burton, seconded by J. Schoenau

CARRIED

#### IUSS Report

There were no comments from the CSSS members about the structure of IUSS

It was clarified that you must be a member of CSSS to be a member of IUSS (i.e. no individual memberships only society memberships).

Motion: Moved to accept the report:

Moved by R. Eiler, seconded by R, Karamanos

#### 9. Canadian Society of Soil Science Editors Report

As of January, 2000 Dr. R. Simard replaced Dr. A. Mermut as editor of CJSS

Impact factor for the Journal has moved from 0.65 to 0.85 and is now better than it has ever been.

It is becoming more difficult to find people to review papers. It should be noted that 3 people review every paper that is submitted. Hence if you publish 4 papers per year, for example, then you should review at least 12 papers.

Motion: Moved that the CJSS report be accepted.

Moved by C. Arshad, seconded by R. Karamanos

CARRIED

#### 10. Annual Conference Report

##### D. Burton - 2000 Conference

The 2000 conference was held with 4 other societies. Attendance for CSSS society members is down compared to previous years. There are over 70 members registered. Further, there were 34 oral (11 student) and 19 posters (4 student) presented by CSSS members at the 2000 meetings.

There were 2 pre-conference workshops at this years meetings and the Manitoba soils graduate students hosted a Barbeque. There were 60 people registered for the Soils Tour. Members also indicated that the registration fee was too expensive and that the single bundled fee was a problem.

Motion: Moved to accept the 2000 conference report

Moved by D. Burton, seconded by R. Karamanos

CARRIED

#### G. Parkin 2001 Conference

The 2001 conference will be held form August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> at Guelph. There will be a plenary session and the meetings will be run concurrently with the Humic Substances Society. The conference organizers will try to keep costs as low as possible. The committee will also focus on ways to enhance student attendance and participation in the conference. Congratulations are extended to D. Burton and the 2000 conference committee for organizing the 2000 conference.

Motion: To accept the 2001 conference report

Moved by R. Karamanos, seconded by C. Monreal

CARRIED

12. C. Drury presented the election report. M. Carter was acclaimed as President -elect and B. Kirshuck was acclaimed as Western Councillor.

Motion: Moved to accept the election report.

Moved by U. Gupta, seconded by D. Burton

CARRIED

13. Business Office Report & Web Page Report

There is a new CSSS web page. Members are invited to submit pictures to be displayed on the web page. The web page is still in development.

The new CSSS web address is [WWW.csss.ca](http://WWW.csss.ca)

E-mail addresses can be provided to members. It is thought that this would be especially useful to students as the e-mail address can move with the student and is not affiliated with any one institution.

Motion: Moved to accept the Business office report.

Moved by A. Plante, seconded by C. Drury

CARRIED

14. Resolution Committee ( D. Anderson, N. Juma and C. Arshad)

Be it resolved that the CSSS recognize the success of the international twinning projects, through acknowledgement of the considerable efforts and dedication of the CSSS members involved with the projects, and through increased publicity and communication of the project achievements, both in publications and on the CSSS website. Moved by M. Boegm, seconded by T. Huffman

Whereas the annual meeting of the CSSS, despite limitations imposed by the overall conference

program, has been successful, mainly due to the local program committee, and including special events such as the "All About Wetlands: and Environmental Indicators" Workshops, the field tour planned for Thursday, and the CSSS Awards banquet later today: be it resolved that the members of the CSSS express their appreciation to the local organizing committee chaired by David Burton for a job well done.

Whereas the student members of the CSSS and more specifically the Friends of the Pedon of the U. of Alberta and the graduate student and faculty of the Department of Soils, University of Manitoba have organized an excellent barbeque and tour of the department and for promoting good communication and fellowship among the members of the society: be it resolved that the CSSS acknowledge the efforts and success with thanks.

15. Installation of new president

The gavel was past from R. Simard to Gary Kachanoski, the new CSSS president

New Business: Moved that Herb Rees and Sherif Fahmy be re-appointed as auditors for the Canadian Society of Soil Science.

Moved by R. Simard, seconded by C. Drury CARRIED

Adjournment: 1:40 pm