

Minutes
CSSS Annual General Meeting
Wednesday, July 24, 2013
16:30-17:30

Assiniboine Ballroom
The Fort Garry Hotel
Winnipeg, MB

- 1) The meeting was called to order by the President F. Larney at 16:30. There were 44 members in attendance.
- 2) The agenda was approved as circulated (A. Bedard-Haughn/D. Flaten).
- 3) Minutes from previous AGM (June 5, 2012, Lac Beauport, QC) were approved as circulated (D. Flaten/B. Helgason).
- 4) Secretary's Report (S. Adl)
 - a. Teleconferences, motions: there were 13 motions discussed and approved since January, with 3 prior to that in the Fall, for a total of 16. These were summarised and were available for perusal. There were three teleconferences held (September 25th 2012, January 18th and June 25th in 2013).
 - b. Elections Report: one correction was noted in the report, that David Burton (not F. Larney) was elected president.
- 5) Treasurer's Report (K. Watson): the report was presented and discussed. The acquisition of the new Sage accounting software was a great help. The report was approved (K. Fuller/P. Sanborn).
- 6) President's Report: The report from F. Larney was already distributed to members, and it was briefly summarised. F. Larney remarked that areas of strength for the society were the journal and international accreditation. A representative would be needed both for AIC and for CSGS as C. Grant and D. Lobb were stepping down, respectively. The meeting entertained a discussion on the World Soil Congress meeting in 2022. It was decided not to propose a bid for Vancouver, but to support the British Society of Soil Science bid for Glasgow instead. The report was approved (A. Bedard-Haughn/A. Naeth).
- 7) Reports from Committees
 - a. Awards Committee: D. Burton thanked 42 judges who worked throughout the meeting to keep –up with the judging, and the subsequent deliberations, on time for the presentations at banquet (K. Watson/J. Whalen). Pedology Sub-committee: A. Bedard-Haughn moved a **motion** on behalf of the committee that "The Canadian Society of Soil Science commissions a study on the State of pedology in Canada"(A. Bedard-Haughn/P. Sanborn) carried. CSSS Council will set the terms of reference for the report.
 - a. Rules Committee: F. Larney moved a **motion** "To hold an electronic vote on the approval of the new bylaws" (Larney/Bedard-Haughn) carried. The report was approved as circulated (Naeth/Brian??) carried.
- 8) CJSS Editor-In-Chief's Report: J. Whalen submitted a report in advance, thanked the outgoing editor C. Drury, and entertained questions on the report. The report was approved (A. Bedard-Haughn/C. Drury).
- 9) Graduate Student Representative's Report: A. Murata summarised there are 94 student members and 94 were registered; there were 52 orals and 55 posters presented by

students; she reported on the quiz-night student event organized for the meeting; there were 12 travel awards and 12 book awards made to students. (T. Yates/S. Choy)

10) CSSS Annual Meetings (F. Larney)

- a. D. Flaten summarised statistics about the meeting, notably there were 272 registrations, 90 poster presentations and 140 oral presentations. He noted the meeting regretted the absence of about 50 AAFC members who did not receive travel permission.
- b. The 2014 meeting will be in Banff, May 4–8th 2014, jointly with CGU. There was agreement the joint meetings with CGU were a good idea and beneficial, but that meeting dates later in May should be chosen (Bedard-Haughn/A M??).
- c. For 2015 – A proposal was presented by J. Whalen for a joint meeting with the International Symposium on Interactions of Soil Minerals with Organic Components and Microorganisms (ISMOM-7) and the 4th Inter-Congress of Commission 2.5, IUSS, on the theme “Importance of soil interfaces for sustainable development”, in Montreal, July 5–10, 2015. The dates are now fixed. The proposal was approved (Adl/Drury).
- d. For 2016 – Proposals are welcome, as this year is still open for suggestions.

11) Resolutions of appreciation: F. Larney moved a resolution of appreciation to the other societies at the meeting, the tour organisers, the judges and awards committee, the hotel staff, the local organizers, the many volunteers, and to S. Sheppard and Barb at EcoMatters for running the business office so well (Helgason/Bedard-Haughn).

12) New business

- a. Appointment of financial reviewers: K. Watson proposed that a third auditor be approved to replace M. Dyck, and Jennifer west was nominated.
- b. **Motion:** “CSSS to provide travel funds to attend the pedology conference as written in the year end document”, (E. Gregorich/H. Janzen), carried.

13) New business from the floor: there was none.

14) F. Larney passed the gavel to D. Burton. The annual meeting adjourned on motion (Adl) at 18:00.