

**Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution (CSEE)
Société Canadienne d'Écologie et d'Évolution (SCEE)**

2019 Annual General Meeting, Fredericton, NB
Assemblée générale annuelle 2019, Fredericton, NB

Meeting Schedule / Horaire

Wedn. August 21, 2019 / *Mercredi, 21 août, 2019*

Point St. Anne C, Fredericton Convention Centre , 4-6 pm
Pointe St. Anne C, Palais des congrès de Fredericton, 16h00-18h00

Minutes

Quorum met - 42

1. Adoption of Agenda
Adoption de l'ordre du jour

Isabelle Côté

Vote to accept the Agenda

Moved by Ken Thompson
Seconded by Alex Smith
Unanimous

2. Minutes of AGM May 2018
Procès-verbal de l'AGA de juillet 2018

Albrecht Schulte-Hostedde

Vote to accept the minutes

Moved by Phillippe Hernandez-Fournier
Seconded by Brett Favaro
Unanimous

3. President's Report
Rapport de la présidente

Isabelle Côté

Thanks Co-Chairs of LOC of the conference, particularly Steve Heard

Thanks the Official “tweeters”

NSERC has a new President (Alejandro Adem).

Jeannette WHitton is taking over as chair of EG1503.

Jeremy Kerr is now chair of NSERC Council Standing committee on Discovery Research.

Funding climate is good for E&E

- \$400 million \$ in Discovery grant pot, 12K supplement to ERC
- \$114 million for 500 more MSc scholarships and 500 PhD scholarships
- Climate change, resilience of arctic ecosystems, initiatives being supported
- 4 CREATE grants funded directly related to CSEE
- Discovery Development grants has been made permanent

EDI - Dimensions program has been launched (May) 17 universities in pilot program.

Nearly half of new and renewed CRCs are women, quarter visible minorities.

Doubling of parental leave.

EDI in HQP training plans still causing issues - CSEE community still needs more guidance from NSERC.

CSEE Council activities included commenting on partnership program changes that would have negatively affected CSEE members. A letter from Council pushed back on some aspects. NSERC listened and moved some changes back.

Letter from CSEE council will be going out tomorrow to NSERC about the NSERC RTI program based on comments made by members at the poster session.

CCAC (Canadian Council on Animal Care) - it has been difficult to find a replacement representative - Laura Weir has volunteered to take on this responsibility. Need more involvement from membership on this.

Website - website almost done - will be done before next AGM.

Biodiversity and Conservation committee - Dan Krauss is the chair and will be recruiting members from membership. Used to be an active committee that is now being revived.

4. Vice-President's Report

Stephen Heard

Rapport du vice-président

Election results and Nominations / Résultats des élections et candidatures

CSEE had a great field of candidates - Yolanda Morbey was acclaimed as Treasurer
11 candidates for three positions

Elected to the following positions:

Student/Post-doc Representative - Sharon Wang

Councillors- Dan Krauss, Julia Mlynarek

Call for nominations from 2020 elections will come in early winter of 2020.

5. Treasurer's report

Yolanda Morbey

Rapport de la trésorière

CSEE is in good financial shape with a strong surplus

An MOU for next 5 years has been signed with the CIEE (\$8 000/year)

New costs associated with Director's insurance

Discussion below re: the surplus, and what to do with it. One suggestion was to develop an endowment for the CSEE.

Question re: establishment of endowment (charitable arm). Why lawyer and not accountant?
Need lawyer to navigate tax law etc.

Question re: why are we saving/spending money. Council discussing this.

Miriam Richards - why are we not running out of money? If we don't get the conference surpluses then this will affect the budget.

There is no plan to increase membership fees.

Judy Myers - money should be spent on regional conferences.

Arne Mooers - Suggest the next LOC reduce cost of conference for members to reduce surplus

Jason Fisher - reversing flow of funds should uphold principles behind CSEE (ie. improving accessibility of the conference)

Andrew Macdougall - Local LOC would like more guidance from CSEE on costs/expenses. May want to hire conference services to organize the annual conference.

Jeannette Whitton- we're low-balling the conference revenue,, anticipating a different budget than what we are planning. Keep the money and giving money back to students by reducing registration. Surplus should be spent on getting people to the meeting that might otherwise not be able to afford it.

Andrew Hendry - had the same conversation since the beginning of council. Survey of membership to ask about what should happen to the surplus.

Motion: that a survey to the membership be sent on how to spend the surplus funds or an endowment

Moved by Andrew Hendry, Seconded, Diane Srivastava
Unanimous

Motion: waive the requirement to appoint a public accountant

Moved by: Carissa Brown
Seconded by: Andrew Simons
Unanimous

Motion: approve the 2019 budget

Moved by Ken Thompson
Seconded by Julie Sircom
Unanimous

6. Secretary's report

Albrecht Schulte-Hostedde

Rapport du secrétaire

SurveyMonkey was used again to organize the vote for two regular (6 candidates) counselors and a student/post-doc (5 candidates) counselor. The Treasurer position was won by acclamation.

208 members voted this year, compared to 168 last year (an 23.8% increase).

2. Membee/Mailchimp

We are experiencing fewer problems with members interfacing with Membee, but because bulk emails from MailChimp still get caught up in some members' spam filters, and perhaps because of inattention, the automated email reminders for membership renewals are sometimes ignored.

3. Membership numbers as of Aug. 17, 2019

Early Career Award - 7
Lifetime - 74
Post-doc - 91
Regular - 254
Student - 336
Total - 762

7. Reports / *Rapports*

a. Next AGM in Edmonton

Dave Coltman/ Heather Proctor

Date - 28-31 May 2020, Theme - "know the past...."

Looking to bring paleontology colleagues to meeting.

Logo - inspired by looking to future/past, Janus the two faced god.

Venue - not confirmed yet but expected to be on the University of Alberta campus.

Banquet at University Club on campus where 250-300 can be accommodated.

All buildings will be in walking distance.

Schedule: workshops on Thursday 28th, student mixer, public speaker, banquet (last day)

Andrew Hendry - call it a party not a banquet

Field trips including Elk Island National Park, new museum, Devonian Botanical Gardens,

Dinosaur bone bed

b. AGM 2021

Stephen Heard

2021 - can't announce yet. Two possibilities in Ontario or the West.

2022 - feedback ESA is meeting in Montreal - should we meet jointly or subsequently. Or not at all.

c. Bulletin

Chris Eckert

Replaced pdf Bulletin with Newsletter emails with links to website. Future communication will be in this manner. Members should send stories to Eckert and/or his replacement. We need more photos for this.

Andrew Hendry asks members for photos for an archive of photos of various study systems. He is willing to promote it.

Miriam Richards - no archive on the website. Chris Eckert - financial report etc will be on the website. News from the past will not be available. The newsletter will be PDFed and put on the website.

Rodrigo Solis - Instagram account would be a worthwhile effort.

d. CIEE report / *Rapport de l'ICEE*

Diane Srivastava

23 working groups with >300 researchers to date including new Brazil cooperation agreement.

Student training including Living Data Project.

10 university members (up from 7) and CSEE

Andrew Hendry - Diane has accomplished so much for CIEE, more than anyone could expect.

8. Other business / *Questions diverses*

a. Motion #1 - To change the Standing Rules such that elections with contested positions be conducted using a ranked ballot.

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Ken Thompson provided a PowerPoint slide deck with rationale

Moved by Ken Thompson

Seconded by Arne Mooers

All but 1 voted in favour

b. Motion #2 - To include a Retiree membership category in the Standing Rules.

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Moved by Carissa Brown

Seconded by Miriam

Unanimous

c. Motion #3 - (1) to change the name and description of the President's Award to "President's award for research excellence in ecology and evolution", given in odd-numbered years to a

Canadian scientist or scientist in Canada in recognition of outstanding contributions to ecology and (or) evolutionary biology, and (2) to create a new award “President’s award for excellence in societal engagement” to be given in even years to an individual in recognition of outstanding contributions to public and/or policy engagement in ecology and evolutionary biology in Canada.

c. Motion #3 - (1) Changer le nom et la description du Prix du président pour «le Prix du président pour l'excellence en recherche en écologie ou en évolution», décerné toutes les années impaires à un/e scientifique canadien/ne ou à un/e scientifique au Canada en reconnaissance de sa contribution exceptionnelle à l'écologie et/ou à la biologie évolutive, et (2) créer un nouveau prix «le Prix du président pour l'excellence en engagement sociétal» à décerner toutes les années paires à une personne en reconnaissance de sa contribution exceptionnelle à l'engagement public et / ou politique en matière d'écologie ou de biologie évolutive au Canada.

Moved by Steve Heard

Seconded by Kathy Martin

To begin 2020.

Arne Mooers - how many awards does CSEE give out? Award alternates with each other.

Question re: slippery slope for too many awards.

Brett Favaro - Does conservation fit under this mandate? Yes

Judy Myers - ecologists were criticized for not having enough awards by NSERC. Presidents award every year. Can never have too many awards

Jeannette Whitton - many early and mid career researchers are suitable for these awards.

Emilie Champagne - it's a good idea, to have a role model who is engaging with society.

Sharon Wang - same suggestion as EC.

Diane Srivastava - important as a statement of what our society values

Judy Myers - publication in the Royal Society. Does the engagement award qualify for this?

Arne Mooers - FACETS might be a good venue

From the floor - do other societies have an engagement award? Not sure

Arne Mooers abstains. Otherwise unanimous

d. Motion #4 - To modify the Standing Rules to include the longest-serving student/PDF on Council as a member of the Executive.

d. Motion #4 - Modifier les règles permanentes pour inclure le conseiller étudiant/post-doctoral ayant siégé au conseil le plus longtemps en tant que membre de l'exécutif.

Moved by Chris Eckert

Seconded by Peter Sourroye

Heather Proctor - what is the name of the role as member of the Executive - Chair of student awards and activities.

Mooers - extra costs? No.

Unanimous

e. Motion #5 - To confer Honorary Lifetime Membership on Dr. Anne Innis Dagg, PhD

e. Motion #5 – D'accorder à Anne Innis Dagg, PhD, le titre de membre honoraire à vie

Moved by Yolanda Morbey

Seconded by Sharon Wang

Alex Smith - will she be invited to Edmonton? Hope to present the film at the meeting. Hoping she will come.

Unanimous

f. Thanks to outgoing Council Members / Remerciements aux membres sortant du conseil

Welcome new council members. Thanks to Alison Derry, Chris Eckert, Ken Thompson

9. Vote to adjourn meeting/ *Vote pour lever la séance*

Adjourned