

Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution (CSEE)
Société Canadienne d'Écologie et d'Évolution (SCEE)
2018 Annual General Meeting, Guelph, ON

General Business Meeting: Sat. July 21, 2018
Rozanski Hall, 4:45-5:45

Minutes

Approximately 87 people present - quorum (40) met

1. Adoption of Agenda - Jeremy Kerr

Preamble - Jeremy Kerr welcomes Isabelle Côté as upcoming President

Vote to accept the Agenda

Stephen Heard moves, Ken Thompson seconded

Unanimous

2. Minutes of AGM May 2017 - Albrecht Schulte-Hostedde

Vote to accept the minutes

Isabelle Cote moves, Andrew Simons seconded

Unanimous

3. President's Report Jeremy Kerr (JK)

Thanks Andrew MacDougall and Guelph LOC for "stylish" meeting.

CSEE engagement - Gender summit in Montreal, many CSEE members attended, including JK. NSERC action-oriented policies coming forward based on Summit.

Successes of CSEE - Discovery Frontiers - Biodiversity and Adaptation of Biosystems winners, and E.W.R. Steacie Memorial Fellowship winner - Julia Baum,

Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) is the new lense for all science programs and funding - researchers will need to account for EDI.

Budget 2018 positive for science in Canada, mostly for discovery research. CSEE was involved in the leadup to Budget 2018 including JK and Julia Baum.

Environmental policy - Target 1 initiative involves rapid expansion of protected areas. Final report has been issued. By 2020, federal government plans on expanding protection from 11 to 17% of Canada's land and freshwater. There are opportunities for CSEE researchers to engage. Many CSEE community members were involved in the development of the initiative..

CSEE started in 2005, in response to a disastrous reallocation exercise for Ecology and Evolution. Over the last 12-13 years, CSEE has built up from the early focus on NSERC funding to other important issues to us as a society. Selective engagement in some years - e.g. Science March etc.

Embracing EDI as a society - SWEET symposium, using these principals for our practices - Diversity Statement, Code of Conduct for our meetings

4. Vice-President's Report - Isabelle Côté

Election results and Nominations

Elections were held in May - Thanking committee for help. Thanks to those that voted.

Stephen Heard - new VP

New Regular councilors - Eric Lamb, Julie Sircom

New Grad student/Post-doc - Peter Soroye

(en francais) - CSEE is not doing a great job of francophone representation on the council - asking francophones to please present themselves as candidates.

5. Treasurer's report Yolanda Morbey (YM)

YM presented financial statements, 2018 budget (Accountant D. Richards reviewed the financial statement)

Not required to do an audit because non profit under 1 million \$

Vote to accept the Treasurer's report

Stephen Heard moves, Jalene Montagne seconded - unanimous

Two motions –

1. Approve the 2018 budget

Moved by John Fryxell, Seconded Andre Lachance

Andrew McAdam - why are meeting surpluses being rolled into the society, and do meeting fees accurately reflect cost of running a meeting? Costs of society being borne by various types of memberships (students vs others). YM - Student rate should be cost-recovery, will discuss at December

Judith Myers - can't predict that the financial success of meeting

YM- maybe we should build in a contingency rather than a surplus

From the floor - \$80 000 in GIC - what happened to interest? Reinvested by TD automatically.

From the floor - CIEE - has CSEE approached NSERC re: the funding model of CIEE.

JK - Budget is not the appropriate place to discuss the financial model for CIEE

Chris Eckert - Outreach and Regional conference funds - making the membership aware of these funds. Send proposals to CE.

Vote: Unanimous

2. Waive the appointment of a public accountant and a financial audit.

Moved by Mark Vellend, Seconded by Judy Myer

Vote: unanimous

6. Secretary's report Albrecht Schulte-Hostedde (ASH)

As of July 17, there were 927 members in CSEE (including 455 student members, and 286 regular members.

There continues to be some struggles with the membership management system Membee, but most issues have been resolved. ASH reminds the membership not to ignore the automated emails that solicit membership renewal in Dec/Jan. Also, the CSEE Secretary's emails go out with MailChimp - please check your spam filters for CSEE correspondence.

7. Reports

a. Next AGM in Fredericton Stephen Heard

Next year in Fredericton NB, in late August with Entomological Society of Canada and the Acadian Entomological Society

b. AGM 2020 Isabelle Côté

The location of CSEE 2020 will be in Edmonton at University of Alberta May 28-31 2019
Heather Proctor, Dave Coltman, Mike Caldwell LOC

c. Bulletin Chris Eckert

Bulletin is to keep members informed with CSEE business.
Plan to keep the bulletin, but will be communicating with more frequent emails - better way to keep members informed, and for members to contribute material

d. CIEE report Diane Srivastava (DS)

See ppt from DS, almost 600 individuals have benefitted from CIEE activities.

Ken Thompson - Should CIEE have a policy on which journals they publish in. re: open access policy, costs of subscriptions etc.

JK - can put pre-prints on line

8. Other business

a. Motion #1 re: the requirement of an auditor to evaluate the financial statements of the CSEE (as outlined on CSEE website and emailed to membership July 1, 2018)

That the following change be made to Article 9

FROM:

ARTICLE 9: Auditor

Each calendar year, an auditor will be appointed to audit the financial accounts of the Society. The auditor's report will be presented each year at the General Business meeting. Any modification in the choice of the accountant firm must be approved by Council and subsequently, by the membership at the General Business Meeting.

TO:

ARTICLE 9: Financial Statements

Each calendar year, the CSEE Treasurer and an arms-length accountant will each prepare a financial report in lieu of an audit. The Treasurer will present the report each year at the General Business meeting.

Moved by Stephen Heard, seconded by Jalene Lamontagne

Vote: unanimous

b. Motion #2 re: the establishment of Sections (as outlined on CSEE website and emailed to membership July 1, 2018)

That an additional Article be added to the Standing Rules on the formation of Sections, as below.

Article 14. Sections.

A Section may be organized by Members to promote the various special interests of the Membership. Activities should encourage research, the exchange of ideas, and facilitate communication among members with similar disciplinary interests. Any group of members may propose the establishment of a Section to the Council. Any proposal must include a general scope for the Section and its organizational plan and structure. Any Section that is organized and approved will be responsible to a) designate a Chair, b) uphold the values of the CSEE, including inclusivity, diversity, and equity, c) maintain a reasonable and functional number of members d) charge a fee to fund the activities of the Section that will be collected by the CSEE, and administrated in coordination with the CSEE Treasurer, and e) be accountable to the CSEE membership by the provision of an annual report summarizing the Section's activities to the CSEE council and the CSEE membership at the Annual General Meeting by the Section Chair at the annual CSEE conference. CSEE council reserves the right to fold a Section with 6 months notice if there is no activity within the Section for a period of time.

Moved by John Fryxell , Seconded by Diane Srivistava

Daniel Fisher - Friendly amendment by John Fryxell - notice if there is no activity within the Section for a reasonable period of time. Comma before d)

9. New Business

CSEE Code of Conduct update – Julia Kilgour

Statement to require a CoC to ensure future meetings will hav CoC and to reflect best practices, and coordinate with LOC

Moved by Eckert, Seconded by Carissa Brown

Vote to accept - unanimous

Website - Laura Weir presented the prototype of the new CSEE website
Architecture will not be WordPress

10. Thanks to outgoing Council Members

JK - thanking outgoing council - Jeannette Whitton, Mark Vellend, Julie-Lee Yaw

IC thanks JK for leading the CSEE in an incomparable way. Lots of changes having been made.

Andrew MacDougall - banquet tickets available.

Budget - U of G have 20K to the LOC. 700 people attended.

Future financial resources allocated to child care -

10. Vote to adjourn meeting

Unanimous - done