



Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists
Soci t  Canadienne de Physiologie V g tale

Minutes of the ABM 2006

Meeting: CSPP/SCPV Annual Business Meeting
Date: 9 August 2006
Time: 12h30 to 13h40 pm
Location: Room 313, Hynes Convention Centre, Boston, MA

ABM 2006
Meeting no: 08

Members present:	Uday Divi	Oleksandr Boyko	Zhongda Liu	Allison
Harold Weger	Sateesh Kagale	Agnes Kwok	Barry Shelp	McDonald
Greg Vanlerberghe	Hannah Buschhaus	Gale Bozzo	Stewart Rood	Line Lapointe
Barbara Moffatt	Christopher	Michael Bush	Matt Smith	Gordon Gray
Shauna McCabe	Buschhaus	Jeremy Duguay	Robert Hill	Robert Guy
Anja Geitmann	Dejun Cui	Edward Harrison	Chris Todd	
Alexandra Reid	Jinyue Sun	Fengshan Ma	Andrea Todd	
Rima Menassa	Roy Smith	Tzann-Wei Wang	Peter Pauls	

08.00 Agenda

1. Quorum
2. Accept agenda
3. Receive minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting
4. Report of Officers:
 - a. President- Guy
 - b. Treasurer- Weger
 - c. Communications- Gray
 - d. Eastern Regional- Vanlerberghe
 - e. Education- Moorhead
 - f. Science Policy- Moffatt
5. Election of officers
 - a. Nominations
 - b. Additional nominations
 - c. Appointment of the officers as directors of the corporation
6. Report from the director of the Canadian Journal of Botany
7. Ragai Ibrahim Award for best student paper
 - a. Criteria
 - b. Award committee
8. Awards
 - a. Winners of the Presidents' Award for best student posters
 - b. Congratulations to award winners
9. Thanks to outgoing executive
10. Business arising
11. Adjournment

08.01 Quorum



A notice of the meeting was sent to all members via the electronic Bulletin in April, 2006. There was a quorum present of 16 full members. There were 34 members in total attending the meeting (see list above).

08.02 Accept agenda

A motion by **Geitmann** seconded by **Moffatt** to accept the agenda was carried.

08.03 Receive minutes of the Executive Meeting in December 2005

A motion by **Geitmann** seconded by **Shelp** to accept the minutes of the 2005 Annual General Meeting was carried. The minutes were distributed at the meeting.

08.04 Reports of Officers

A. President – Guy

Guy presented a written report (Appendix A). Our Society is in good financial position and our relation with Plant Canada continues to grow. He reported that there are ~140 Canadians at Plant Biology 2006, 75 to 80 of them being members of the CSPP. In total there are 1550 participants here in Boston. In particular, he would like to thank Jean Rosenberg from the ASPB for her help during the Plant Biology 2006 meeting. He reminded the audience that a CD Nelson Award was awarded this year to Greg Moorhead. He encouraged members to nominate candidates for the different awards.

He had a meeting this morning with the ASPB Program Committee where the topic of the next joint meeting came up. It should be in 2010 in Eastern Canada. Toronto, Montr al and Qu bec City have been mentioned as potential sites for this meeting. Other international plant physiology societies might be invited. In 2008, it will be the 50th anniversary of CSPP. The annual meeting will take place in Ottawa and there are already 5 volunteers in the local organizing committee. He mentioned that a Gold Medal address would be important and that the person needs to be nominated in 2007 in order for him or her to give an address at the 2008 meeting.

Continuing with the list of future meetings, he mentioned Halifax as the site for the 2009 Plant Canada meeting.

Planning for the 2007 Plant Canada meeting is well under way. Gordon Gray has been involved extensively in the preparation of this meeting that will be held in Saskatoon next June. There are current discussions about the student awards that will be given out during that meeting. There will be a Plant Canada award for the best student poster, the judging of which will need to be arranged in harmony with our Presidents' Awards.

CFBS has discussed with Plant Canada the possibility to join them but Plant Canada is already a federation itself. They will keep in touch with each other but continues as separate federations.



Barbara **Moffatt**, the Science Policy Director for CSPP is part of the Science Policy committee of Plant Canada.

Guy highlighted the fact that we lost our two life members this year, Ann Oaks and Martin Gibbs. Therefore, we do not have any life-time members at this point. He reminded the audience that life-time members have to be nominated at the ABM and asked the audience to think about new life-time members for nomination next year.

He thanked Andrew **McCartney**, the first student /PDF officer for his involvement in the Society as well as Pierre **Bilodeau** who left his position as Secretary of CSPP in September 2005 for employment reasons. He welcomed Line **Lapointe** as the new Secretary. Finally, he also pinpointed that we had our two first corporate members this year, LI-COR and Agrisera.

B. Treasurer

CSPP Corporation

Function of the Corporation

CSPP/SCPV Inc. was originally established in order to facilitate lobbying efforts on behalf of science in Canada (federal government regulations forbid charities, e.g. CSPP/SCPV, to lobby). These efforts were to be carried out in conjunction with the Canadian Federation of Biological Societies (CFBS). With the termination of the Society's association with CFBS a few years ago, the lobbying efforts of the Society have ceased. The bookkeeping system was therefore changed, such that CSPP/SCPV (i.e. the charity) collected membership dues and charitable donations. CSPP/SCPV Inc. is now relatively inactive, and does not currently play a major financial role in the Society. However, it is not costly to maintain year after year while it was quite costly and complicated to set it up initially. Therefore, **Weger** suggests to keep it alive in case we need to do lobbying in the future.

CSPP Charity

CSPP-Sponsored Meetings

One role of the CSPP Charity is to sponsor meetings. CSPP has sponsored two meetings in 2005: Plant Canada 2005 and the Eastern Regional Meeting of 2005. The Society also sponsored the 'Carbon Concentrating Mechanism' satellite meeting of the Photosynthesis Congress in August 2004.

George Duff Student Travel Fund

There was \$5800 allocated as travel funds last year to allow students to attend the 2005 Plant Canada meeting. This fund is popular amongst members since many of them donate directly to this fund.

Dr. Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund



There is actually around \$415 000.00 in the Dr. Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund but the final amount is not known at this time since it includes stocks of unknown value and composition. The Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund committee now needs to define the mechanisms to hand out the scholarship. Ann Oaks wanted this scholarship to be as prestigious as an NSERC scholarship. At this moment, we are not ready to hand out a first scholarship since we do not have all the money in hand. Once everything is settled, the Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund Committee will meet with BMO Nesbitt Burns to discuss the best way to invest this money so that it sustains itself. The Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund Committee will also contact the Executive with a detailed proposition of the criteria and mechanisms for this scholarship. This proposition once adopted by the Executive will be forwarded to the ABM as a motion to be included in the Constitution.

Dr. Ragai Ibrahim Award

The money donated by Ragai Ibrahim, \$10 000.00, is currently invested by BMO Nesbitt Burns while the Executive is working on the mechanism to hand out the award.

Big Picture of the Society's Finances

The Society includes both CSPP/SCPV Inc. and the CSPP/SCPV. As well, both Society entities have several different bank accounts and investments, and money is sometimes transferred between entities and between accounts. Therefore, it can be difficult to understand the financial status of the Society as a whole when looking only at individual entities.

In order to understand the overall Society finances, the written financial report combined CSPP/SCPV Inc. and the CSPP/SCPV into one analysis, and also removed the Oaks Fund and the Ibrahim monies from the analysis. The rationale for removing these two funds is that both are meant to be endowments and are not part of the operating revenue of the Society (unlike the Duff Travel Fund, which both collects and awards money). The "big picture" is summarized in Appendix B. The Society financial situation is very good due mainly to the profit from the last Annual Meetings but there is also an artificial increase in the revenue this year due to the two and three year subscriptions that were put in place last year. **Weger** expects lower revenues from membership next year. This extra money is useful as it allows us to offer more student travel funds.

CSPP/SCPV Membership

Annual membership trends are shown in an attached table in Appendix B.

Auditing

Finally, **Weger** thanked the Society's auditors, Drs. Ken Wilson and Peta Bonham-Smith. Their report is presented in Appendix C.

C. Communication Director

Gray presented a written report (Appendix D). The 2005 Membership Directory was distributed in August 2005. The next one should be available in August 2007. There were two bulletins



published in 2005, one in the spring and one in late fall. With regards to the website, there have been 967 hits per day on average, with each session lasting about 6 minutes indicating that the website is useful and used on a regular basis. There were also 60 jobs advertised and posting of meetings. **Gray** recognized the need to update the information on the website. He will try to work on this in collaboration with our webmaster in the next few months. He would like to set up a Members Only section which would simplify subscription renewal and potentially registration to the different congresses. However, a Members Only section is complex to set up and may not be worth the effort for a small organization like the CSPP.

Gray is the CSPP/SCPV representative on the organizing committee of Plant Canada 2007. He reported that the organization of the meeting is going well. He thanked the Communication Committee for their involvement in the last year.

D. Eastern Regional Director

Vanlerberghe presented a written report as Eastern Regional Director (Appendix E). He thanked the local organizers Frédérique C. Guinel and Matthew D. Smith for what was a very well organized and enjoyable event. The next Eastern Regional Meeting will be held on December 2nd as a one-day meeting at McMaster University. The local organizers are Elizabeth Weretilnyk and Robin Cameron. The meeting is earlier than usual due to the fact that the ERM will be a joint meeting with Plant Developmental Biology Workshop organized by Carol Peterson.

E. Education Director

Moorhead presented a written report as new Education Director (Appendix F) but was not present at the ABM to present it. The report is available as a hand out.

F. Science Policy

Moffat provided the Executive with a written report that is presented in Appendix G. A committee of Science Policy Advisors was formed last year from member societies of Plant Canada. Bruce Gossen fo Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada is the Chair. **Moffatt** is CSPP representative in this committee as the Society Science Policy Director. One topic of interest to this committee is the impact of the demise of the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council (CARC) on communication about issues that affect agriculture and crop research. Apparently this demise has not been confirmed yet.

An international symposium on Plant Health Networks, bringing together speakers from Australia, Europe, the USA and Canada, is planned for the Plant Canada meeting in June 2007 at Saskatoon. The Science Policy Advisors Committee is working with CFIA to ensure that issues that are important to our members are considered as the Canadian initiative is developed. As well, specialists in Ontario and the prairies are participating in the soybean rust surveillance program.



The USDA developed and implemented this program as a model for their response to an invasive crop pest.

Moffatt has had discussions with Dr. Marc Fortin, a past CSPP Policy Advisor and now the Assistant Deputy Minister, Research for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. M. Fortin is interested in soliciting ideas for how Agriculture Canada researchers can more effectively support and collaborate with academic researchers. He said in May that we should expect a policy paper on this issue and he was hopeful that CSPP members would be active in providing input. **Moffatt** was not able to get additional information for this report from Fortin.

A motion by **Smith**, seconded by **Shelp** was carried to adopt all Director's reports.

08.05 Election of officers

A. Nominations

The following are nominated by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Executive and Committees of the Society. All have expressed strong interest in serving. The new list of CSPP committees is presented on Appendix I.

Executive Committee:

Secretary: Line Lapointe
Treasurer: Harold Weger
Eastern Director: Malcolm Campbell
Science Policy Director: Barbara Moffatt
Student/postdoc representative: Alexandra Reid

Committees:

Nominating Committee: Doug Muench
Meeting Site Committee: Peta Bonham Smith
Meeting Site Committee: Aine Plant
Education Committee: Anja Geitmann
Education Committee: Ewa Cholewa
CD Nelson Award Committee: David Reid
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: Normand Brisson
Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Deep Saini
Tree Physiology Award Committee: Shawn Mansfield
Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Elizabeth Weretilnyk
Auditors : Ken Wilson
Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith



B. Additional nominations

Guy asked for nominations from the floor. There were none.

A motion by **Hill** seconded by **Rood** to accept all nominees was carried. The motion was adopted unanimously.

C. Appointment of the officers as directors of the corporation

A motion by **Smith** seconded by **Shelp** to appoint the new officers as directors of the corporation was carried. The motion was adopted unanimously.

08.06 Report from the director of the Canadian Journal of Botany

Shelp, the co-editor of the CJB provided the ABM with a written report that is presented in Appendix H. There has been two special issues published this year, one on the CO₂ Concentrating Mechanisms in phototrophic microorganisms edited by Brian Coleman and George Espie and the second one on Plant Cell Biology edited by Robert Mullen and Jaideep Mathur. He thanked these guest editors for their involvement in CJB. There are special issues coming this year, one on poplar research and one that will include papers from the ethnobotany symposium of the Canadian Botanical Association. There were also two theme papers in progress, one from a *Vitis* symposium held at the International Botanical Congress in 2005 and one from a Plant Canada symposium on shoot meristems also held in 2005. Finally, there are invited reviews from the winners of major awards from the Canadian Botanical Association and from the CSPP (CD Nelson Award, Gold Medal Award).

On the second page of the written report, there are statistics concerning manuscripts submitted and published. In 2005, they handled more manuscripts than ever with a total of 423 manuscripts submitted to CJB. This has increased the rejection rate from 45 to 67% because there are not more pages published per year. The impact factor is now just above 1.0. In Table 2, the number of manuscripts published per category is presented. Papers in molecular biology represented 2 to 12% while papers in plant physiology represented between 8.5 and 21%, the highest level being due to special issues. **Shelp** thanked CSPP members for submitting papers but he appealed them to increase the number of pages published in CJB in plant physiology, biochemistry and molecular biology as they still represent a small fraction of all papers published in CJB.

He discussed the problems of changing the name of the journal. It was difficult to get a consensus. According to him, it would require more submissions by CSPP members before it will be possible to force the journal to change the name to a title more inclusive of our activities.

08.07 Ragai Ibrahim Award for best student paper

A. Criteria

The mechanism by which the Ibrahim Award will be awarded needs to be presented as a motion in the Spring Bulletin in order to be voted at the following ABM. It would then be included in the



By-laws in 2007. **Guy** explained that the Executive thus suggested to do a trial run for 2006 in order to be able to handle a first award for the year 2006.

The Executive then discussed the modalities for this award using the description put forward by the Education committee as a starting point (see Education Director's report on Appendix F). It was decided to present a certificate rather than a plaque, to be consistent with most other awards given out by the CSPP. This certificate will be accompanied by a cheque for \$350. It was also suggested to put a link on the website to the winning paper once it has been awarded. The notice to apply for this award should be included in the Fall Bulletin. An e-mail would also be sent to all members in late fall to remind them that they can nominate papers for this award.

A discussion was initiated with regards to the format of the paper at the time of applying for this award. Since it is common practice now in many journals to make papers available on their website many weeks before they are published as hardcopies, it was suggested to accept papers at the stage of e-publications. Some members suggested that we should specify that the paper has to be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal, although the quality of the journal is already one of the criteria for selecting the Award winner. Another point of discussion was the time allowed between graduation and publication of the paper since the Ibrahim Award is a student award. Some suggested to extend it to two years after graduation to take into account the time required to publish a paper. Therefore, the sentence '... have completed their graduate/undergraduate program during the calendar year of the award' should be replaced by '... have completed their graduate/undergraduate program within the last two years of the nomination of the paper'. The executive will discuss this issue again at the Incoming Executive meeting to come up with a revised version of the criteria for the Ibrahim Award ready for next fall.

B. Award Committee

The Executive suggested that since the Education Committee came up with a first description of the rules for this award, they could be the Ibrahim Award Committee for this year only. Next year, the By-laws will include a description of the committee and the Nominating Committee will make nominations for consideration at the ABM.

A motion to adopt the proposition of the Executive to have a trial run of the Ibrahim Award in 2006 and to mandate the Education Committee to review the applications for 2006 was proposed by **Geitmann** and seconded by **Smith**. The motion was adopted unanimously.

08.08 Awards

A. Winners of the Presidents' Award for best student posters

Rob Hill, past president of CSPP, announced the winners of the Presidents' Award for best student posters. There were two winners, Donna Yee from the University of Toronto for her poster entitled 'Two Arabidopsis plant U-box (AtPUB) E3 ubiquitin ligases may function as potential regulators of plant signalling pathways during abiotic stress' and Chantal Beauchemin from INRS-Institut Armand-Frappier for her paper intitled 'Interaction of potyvirus VPg with the translation eukaryotic initiation factor (iso)4E: differential cellular interaction site depending on the precursor form of VPg'.



B. Congratulations to award winners

Guy congratulated the two students as well as Greg Moorhead who received the CD Nelson Award earlier during this meeting in Boston. He also thanked the CD Nelson Award Committee as well as the judges of the posters competition: Peter Pauls, president of the Committee, Chris Todd, Barry Shelp, Line Lapointe, Anja Geitmann, Barry Micallef and David Law.

08.09 Thanks to outgoing executive

Guy thanked outgoing members Pierre **Bilodeau**, Greg **Vanlerberghe** and Andrew **McCartney** for their contribution to the Society and the Executive Committee in particular.

08.10 Business arising

Geitmann brought up the point that the new federal government is bringing subtle changes that could affect the money available for research in a near future. She noted some programs that have apparently been cancelled. She strongly suggested that we should say something to the politicians and the granting agencies. **Rood** mentioned that the Biocap Fluxnet program might be in jeopardy and that we need to lobby Agriculture Canada. The Strategic grant for plant production has also been cut. **Moffatt** wondered how can we lobby? We might be able to lobby through Plant Canada since CSPP Charity is not allowed to lobby. Is Plant Canada also a charity? It might also be possible to lobby through CSPP corporation.

08.11 Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn by **Pauls** and seconded by **Geitmann** was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 13h40.

Rob Guy
President

Line Lapointe
Secretary

Date

Date

President's Report
Boston, MA, USA
August, 2006

This past year saw relatively few changes for the CSPP-SCPV, but I believe that we are at a watershed of sorts. Our relationship with Plant Canada continues to develop while the legacy of past members and associations presents a strong foundation for us to build on.

Passings:

We recently lost two lifetime members of our Society; Ann Oaks and Martin Gibbs, both very proud to be recognized in such a way by the Society. Ann bequeathed the Society a very large sum of money as described in the Treasurers report. Her assistance will benefit generations of future plant biologists that will no doubt go on to contribute to the Society in many ways. Though more typically associated with the ASPB, Martin had a long-term relationship with the CSPP-SCPV going back to our earliest days. Both individuals exemplified our close scientific cooperation with our American colleagues.

Plant Biology 2006 and future meetings:

Most of my effort this past year has focused on getting the joint meeting with the ASPB back on track and representing our Society in the organization of this meeting. To that end, I attended three meetings of the Program Committee in Seattle, Boston, and Chicago to ensure that our interests were being met. This also involved organizing the CSPP-SCPV symposium on Tree Physiology and Genomics and establishing fair representation of Canadians within the mini-symposia. My sincere thanks to the Executive and staff of the ASPB who made this a pleasant and relatively easy task. We look forward to future joint meetings, tentatively planned for locations in Canada in 2010 and 2014.

As with most of our meetings, it is very gratifying to see an award bestowed on one of our members (in this case the C.D. Nelson Award). I strongly encourage the general membership to nominate candidates for this and other awards in future years. It is very important that we highlight and celebrate the accomplishments of our members. It would be especially grand to have a good slate of award winners at our 50th Anniversary meeting in Ottawa in 2008 and at next years' Plant Canada meeting in Saskatoon. The organization of the Plant Canada meeting is well advanced but we are only just beginning to prepare for the Ottawa meeting. Several volunteers have been identified for the local Organizing Committee. I encourage members to contribute ideas or volunteer time to help mark this important occasion.

In 2009 we will again meet with Plant Canada. This meeting will be held in Halifax and will be co-hosted by the Canadian Society of Agronomy and the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science.

Plant Canada:

Plant Canada continues to grow and flourish just as the universal ties between the biological disciplines become more apparent in these times. The Canadian Federation of Biological

Appendix A. President's report

Sciences (CFBS) recently approached Plant Canada to become a federation member. This group plays an important role in helping to determine science and research policy at governmental levels in Canada. However, membership was rejected by Plant Canada because it is after all a federation of societies itself. Also, most member groups of Plant Canada recall poor experiences with the CFBS in the past. None the less, it was agreed that we will work together to the extent possible and keep each other informed of our activities related to science policy. Related to this, the Plant Canada board of directors established a Science Policy Committee consisting of science policy directors from the various member societies (Barb Moffatt is our current representative). Also new on the Plant Canada front was an agreement reached by the member societies to contribute limited funds from Plant Canada meeting profits to the operations of the board of directors. Finally, Plant Canada is establishing an overall best student poster award for our biennial meetings.

Of note:

A very exciting development was a contribution by Ragai Ibrahim to establish a new annual award for the best paper published by a student member of our Society. We are working to get this established. The CSPP-SCPV prides itself on its efforts to promote its students. This year we welcomed Andrew McCartney as the first student/PDF officer to the Executive. I am grateful for Andrew's keen contributions to the Executive.

Also this year, we welcomed our first two corporate members, AgriSera and Licor. We will approach additional companies to become corporate members in the coming year. So far this appears to be win-win situation in that we provide advertising and member benefits in exchange for a much larger membership fee.

Thanks to the Executive:

I wish to thank the outgoing Executive for their hard work and dedication in 2005-06. Most will be staying on, but some will be leaving. I would also like to thank Pierre Bilodeau, who left the Executive for employment reasons in September, for three and a half years of excellent service as Secretary. I am very grateful to Line Lapointe for stepping into this position partway through the year.

Respectfully submitted by

Robert D. Guy
President, CSPP-SCPV
Dept. of Forest Sciences
University of British Columbia
Vancouver, BC

**Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists Inc.
Société Canadienne de Physiologie Végétale Inc.**

**Treasurer's Report
Boston, MA, USA
August, 2006.**

Function of the Corporation

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With the termination of the Society's association with CFBS a few years ago, the lobbying efforts of the Society have ceased. The bookkeeping system was therefore changed, such that CSPP-SCPV (i.e. the charity) collected membership dues and charitable donations. CSPP-SCPV Inc. is now relatively inactive and does not currently play a major financial role in the Society. This change in Society bookkeeping was enacted for September 2002, in time for the collection of 2003 membership dues.

Assets and Financial Activity

Assets of CSPP-SCPV Inc. consist solely of a chequing account containing approximately \$4,100 (see attached table). CSPP-SCPV Inc. had minimal financial activity in fiscal 2006; details are shown in the "Statement of Operations" (attached).

Respectfully submitted by

Harold G. Weger
Treasurer, CSPP-SCPV Inc.
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University of Regina
Regina, SK

Assets and Investments
CSPP/SCPV Inc.

	Apr. 30/00	Apr. 30/01	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06
CSPP/SCPV Inc.							
Corporate Chequing Account	\$505.86	\$6,569.09	\$14,021.91	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06
GIC (CIBC)	\$5,402.00	\$3,524.00	--	\$2,124.00	--	--	
Total Cash and Securities	\$5,907.86	\$10,093.09	\$14,021.91	\$6,609.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06
Segregated Funds							
CSPMB Legacy Account	\$5,095.00	\$3,524.00	\$2,238.53	\$2,124.00	--	--	--
Total Encumbered Funds	\$5,095.00	\$3,524.00	\$2,238.53	\$2,124.00	--	--	--
Total Non-Encumbered Funds	\$812.86	\$6,569.09	\$11,783.38	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06

Statement of Operations
CSPP/SCPV Inc.

For the year ended April 30, 2006.

REVENUE	
None	
Total Revenue	\$0.00
EXPENSES	
Bank Fees	\$72.00
Corporation Registration	\$30.00
Total Expenses	
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$102.00)

Proposed Operating Budget
CSPP/SCPV Inc.
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2007.

REVENUE	Zero
EXPENSES	
Corporation Registration	\$30.00
Banking Fees	\$72.00
Total Expenses	\$102.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$102.00)

**Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists
Société Canadienne de Physiologie Végétale**

**Treasurer's Report
Boston, MA, USA
August, 2006.**

CSPP-Sponsored Meetings

The Society sponsored two scientific meetings in fiscal year 2006: Plant Canada 2005 (held at the University of Alberta in June 2005) and the Eastern Regional Meeting (held at Wilfrid Laurier University in December 2005).

The Society's share of the profit from Plant Canada 2005 was approximately \$13,000. The Eastern Regional Meeting a profit of approximately \$40, which will be counted in fiscal year 2007 (final accounting was not yet available by the end of fiscal year 2006). The profits from the 2004 Eastern Regional Meeting (held during the 2005 fiscal year) were counted as part of fiscal year 2006, as the cheque arrived just a few days too late to count for fiscal 2005.

As well, the Society sponsored the "Carbon Concentrating Mechanism" satellite meeting of the World Photosynthesis Congress in August 2004. In fiscal 2005 the CCM meeting organizers repaid the seed money (\$2,000) provided by CSPP-SCPV. However, final accounting for the meeting is still not yet quite complete, therefore final numbers are not yet available.

George Duff Student Travel Fund

Approximately \$1100 was donated by Society members to the Student Travel Fund in fiscal year 2005. A total of \$5800 was awarded in support of student travel to Plant Canada 2005; the difference in funding was supplied by general Society revenues.

Dr. Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund

Approximately \$1500 was donated by Society members to the Oaks Scholarship Fund in fiscal year 2006. The Oaks Scholarship Fund was established by a donation from long-time CSPP-SCPV member Dr. Ann Oaks; Dr. Oaks has also made subsequent donations to the Fund. As well, CSPP-SCPV had been named as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy by Dr. Oaks; the proceeds of the policy were earmarked to be added to the Oaks Scholarship Fund. The Fund will be used to support one or more PhD students in plant biology at a level comparable to an NSERC PGS Doctoral scholarship.

Unfortunately Dr. Oaks passed away in January 2006. The CSPP-SCPV received \$200,000 from her life insurance policy, and also (unexpectedly) received an additional

\$66,000 from her investments. These funds have been placed under the direction of BMO Nesbitt Burns.

The CSPP-SCPV has also been informed that the Society is a beneficiary named in Dr. Oaks' will. We have been told that Dr. Oaks bequeathed some stocks to the Society, but at the end of the 2006 fiscal year we did not yet know the composition or value of the stocks.

At the end of fiscal 2006 the Oaks Fund contained approximately \$310,000. This money is almost entirely under the management of BMO Nesbitt Burns (\$1500 of the Oaks Fund was in the CSPP-SCPV bank account as of April 30, 2006). The intent is to manage the money very conservatively (majority is in treasury bills) until the final amount is known. At that point a long-term investment strategy will be formulated. As well, the Oaks Fund Board of Trustees will recommend to the CSPP Executive a mechanism for awarding the Oaks Scholarship. If the Executive approves the suggested mechanism, then the proposal will be presented to the Society for approval at the ABM.

Dr. Ragai Ibrahim Award

Emeritus member Dr. Ragai Ibrahim has graciously donated \$10,000 for the establishment of an endowed annual award for best student research paper. This money is currently invested with BMO Nesbitt Burns and the Executive is working on a proposed mechanism for handing out the award.

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	Apr. 30/00	Apr. 30/01	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06
CSPP/SCPV							
Chequing Account	\$689.76	\$3,078.52	\$4,497.65	\$14,468.67	\$7,984.31	\$37,682.86	\$55,037.39
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$16,958.67	\$15,770.99	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	16,760.23	\$16,905.54	\$17,270.14
GICs (CIBC)	--	--	--	--	--		
GIC (BMO Nesbitt Burns)	\$14,052.00	--	--	--	--		
Cash Account (BMO Nesbitt Burns)	\$104.74	--	--	--	--		
BCE Inc. (100 shares)	\$17,150.00	--	--	--	--		
Canada Life Financial (400 shares)	\$10,640.00	--	--	--	--		
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP/SCPV)		\$39,818.61	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78	\$47,518.26	\$60,499.67
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund)		\$71,365.31	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	--	--	\$570.62	\$151.91	\$104.15	
Total Cash & Securities	\$104,595.17	\$130,033.43	\$115,894.81	\$114,450.73	\$114,771.51		
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,278.76
Total CSPP/SCPV Assets	\$105,645.17	\$131,083.43	\$116,944.81	\$114,450.73	\$119,858.02	\$151,698.75	\$453,652.95
Segregated Funds							
Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund	\$41,946.74	\$71,365.31	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95
Duff Student Travel Fund	\$3,847.00	\$1,737.00	\$4,198.00	\$1,396.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,593.57	\$1,117.30
Oaks Donations in Chequing Account				\$1,367.00	\$1,250.44	\$1,255.00	\$1,506.00
Gold Medals (estimate)					\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76
Ibrahim Award Fund							\$10,000.00
Total Encumbered Funds	\$45,793.74	\$73,102.31	\$58,430.98	\$42,539.94	\$50,916.23	\$52,336.51	\$332,494.01
Total Non-Encumbered Funds	\$59,851.43	\$57,981.12	\$58,513.83	\$71,910.79	\$68,941.52	\$99,362.24	\$120,311.19

Statement of Operations - CSPP/SCPV

For the year ended April 30, 2006.

REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$13,104.51
Corporate Membership Dues	\$1,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,117.30
Oaks Fund Donations	\$1,506.00
Plant Canada 2005 (Annual Meeting) - Revenue ¹	\$70,519.38
2004 Eastern Regional Meeting - Revenue ²	\$7,099.58
Ann Oaks Insurance and RIF	\$266,585.16
Ragai Ibrahim Donation	\$10,000.00
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP/SCPV) - Investment Income	\$2,981.41
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund) - Investment Income	\$3,333.54
Money Market Fund (CIBC) - Investment Income	\$305.59
Donation by Ann Oaks for Insurance Premium	\$3,184.00
Total Revenue	\$380,736.47

EXPENSES

Duff Student Travel Bursaries	\$5,800
Society Awards	\$1,000.00
Bank Fees	\$93.55
Credit Card Fees	\$476.69
Plant Canada 2005 (Annual Meeting) - Expenses ¹	\$56,780.79
2004 Eastern Regional Meeting - Expenses ²	\$5,113.17
Plant Canada 2003 (Annual Meeting) - Expenses	\$36,530.96
Accounting	\$364.80
CSPP-SCPV Membership Directory	\$1,437.91
President's Expenses (travel for 2006 joint conference planning)	\$894.92
Secretary's Expenses	\$1,064.21
Treasurer's Expenses	\$212.19
Student Representative Expenses	\$761.05
Society Insurance	\$707.40
Postage	\$427.47
Printing and Duplicating	\$40.10
Oaks Life Insurance Premium	\$3,184.00
Web Hosting	\$427.47
Total Expenses	\$78,782.27

Surplus/(Deficit)	\$301,954.20
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¹ Pro-rated CSPP-SCPV share of revenue.

² Accounting for the 2004 ERM was received too late for inclusion in the 2005 fiscal year. Similarly, the 2005 ERM accounting will be included in the 2007 fiscal year.

Proposed Operating Budget
 CSPP-SCPV
 Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2007.

REVENUE

Membership dues ¹	\$9,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,000.00
Oaks Scholarship Donations	\$1,000.00
Plant Biology 2006 (joint meeting with ASPB)	\$65,000.00
2006 Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Revenue from CSPP/SCPV Investments	\$2,000.00
Revenue from Oaks Investments	\$2,000.00
Total Revenue	\$87,000.00

EXPENSES

Duff Student Travel Bursary	\$6,000.00
Awards	\$2,500.00
Plant Biology 2006 (joint meeting with ASPB)	\$65,000.00
2006 Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Website	\$400.00
Postage	\$450.00
Banking and Credit Card Fees	\$600.00
Society Insurance	\$725.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$250.00
Printing	\$100.00
Gold Medal	\$847.75
Total Expenses	\$83,872.75

Surplus/Deficit	\$3,127.25
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¹Membership dues are projected to be lower than in 2006 because of the number of people who took advantage of the offer to renew for two to three years in 2006.

Assets and Investments
Society "Big Picture"

	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06
CSPP/SCPV Inc.					
Chequing Account	\$14,021.91	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06
GIC (CIBC)	--	\$2,124.00	--		
CSPP/SCPV					
Chequing Account (non-Oaks)	\$4,497.65	\$13,101.67	\$6,733.86	\$36,427.86	\$53,531.39
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	\$16,760.23	\$16,905.54	\$17,270.14
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP/SCPV) ¹	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78	\$47,518.26	\$50,599.67
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	\$570.62	\$151.91	104.15	\$127.29
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76
Society Assets	\$76,733.74	\$79,916.41	\$79,423.75	\$110,285.38	\$129,908.31

¹ Does not include the \$10,000 Ibrahim donation, which is part of the "encumbered" funds.

Society Membership

Year	Total Members	Full Members	Annual Meeting Site
1997	252	102	Vancouver, BC
1998	343	132	Montréal, QC
1999	491	237	Saskatoon, SK
2000	464	216	London, ON
2001	380	199	Providence, RI
2002	439	213	Calgary, AB
2003	348	181	Antigonish, NS
2004	413	180	Guelph, ON
2005	368	171	Edmonton, AB
2006 (incomplete)	346	163	Boston, MA

Appendix C. Treasurer's report



**The Canadian Society of Plant
Physiologists**

**La Société Canadienne de Physiologie
Végétale**

Founded in 1958 Constituée en 1958

June 21, 2006

**CSPP/SCPV Inc – The Corporation
Auditors' Report**

We have audited the Assets and Investments statement, and the statement of operations of CSPP/SCPV Inc (The Corporation) for the fiscal year May 1, 2005 to April 30, 2006. The financial statements are the responsibility of the CSPP/SCPV Board of Directors, our responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on our audit.

We conducted an audit to obtain reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from materials of misstatements. We examined, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

We are satisfied that these financial statements present fairly the financial position of CSPP/SCPV Inc, as of April 30, 2006, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

We wish to commend treasurer Harold Weger for his excellent work in the maintenance and record keeping of the society's finances.

Respectfully submitted,

Petra Borham-Smith
Department of Biology
University of Saskatchewan

Kennetha Wilson
Department of Biology
University of Saskatchewan

<http://www.cspp-scpv.ca>



**The Canadian Society of Plant
Physiologists**

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Report of the Communications Director
(for the period July 1, 2005 - July 31, 2006)
Annual General Meeting – Boston, August 2006

The Communications Director chairs the Communications Committee which consists of a chair, the CSPP secretary and the Website Coordinator.

Communications Director

- Responsible for facilitating interaction with the members of the Communications committee and the general membership
- Publication of the Membership Directory
- Ensures items of importance are disseminated to the membership via the website or e-mail

Secretary (Line Lapointe)

- Responsible for publishing the BULLETIN in two issues, one in the fall and one in the spring
- Organizes and records correspondence for the Society as well as maintaining working files for Society documents

Website Coordinator (Michael Stasiak)

- Designs, maintains and manages the Society website
- Maintains Society list server and oversees e-mail communications to members
- Administers publications and postings via the website

Comments:

Secretary

Our former Secretary, Pierre Bilodeau, who served as CSPP/SCPV Secretary from July 2002 took up a new position at NSERC in October of 2005. I would like to thank Pierre for his contributions to the Communications Committee. In addition, I welcome Line Lapointe as the new acting Secretary.

<http://www.cspp-scpv.ca>

Appendix D. Communication Director's report

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Website

The website was well maintained and significant activity was observed over the course of the year. Current statistics indicate an average of 967 hits per day with an average session time of about 6 minutes. Last year there were approximately 50 job advertisements posted as well as numerous meeting postings from all scientific disciplines.

The revised Society web site was unveiled in June 2004 and is in need of some updating and cleaning up. We have approached this in an ad hoc manner to date as the site has evolved. However, I feel that an overhaul is in order to keep things current. This has tentatively been planned for the fall of 2006. Plans have been discussed for a "Members Only" area which can be used for membership renewals, membership directory information, meeting abstract booklets and the sharing of teaching resources. This is somewhat of a complicated procedure and the Communications Committee will attempt to tackle this in the upcoming year.

Membership Directory

The 2005 Membership Directory was distributed in August 2005 in a "new" format. This was up to date as of the Plant Canada 2005 meeting in Edmonton. Look for the next distribution in August 2007.

BULLETIN

Issues #7 and #8 of the BULLETIN were published in October and May respectively and posted on the website. Thanks to all the contributors.

Plant Canada 2007

Plans are well underway for Plant Canada 2007 to be held June 10-14 in Saskatoon. I am the CSPP/SCPV representative on the organizing committee. The Society will host two mini-symposia and will actively participate in a plenary session.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Communications Committee for all of their hard work. It is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Communications Committee,

Gordon R. Gray
July 30, 2006

Appendix E. Eastern Regional Director's report

July 14, 2006

Report of the Eastern Regional Director

1. 2006 Eastern Regional Meeting

The 2006 CSPP ERM is being hosted by Elizabeth Weretilnyk and Robin Cameron and will take place at McMaster University. The tentative date for this meeting is Sat. December 2nd, 2006.

Please note that the meeting will also be a joint meeting of the CSPP and the Plant Developmental Biology Workshop. This workshop is being organized by Carol Peterson.

2. 2005 Eastern Regional Meeting

The 2005 Eastern Regional Meeting was held in December at the Paul Martin Centre on the campus of Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada. Events began with an enjoyable Friday night mixer and continued with poster and oral sessions throughout a full Saturday schedule. The day began with a special plenary session on "Organelle Biogenesis and Dynamics" and included three excellent and well received presentations given by Dr. Federica Brandizzi (University of Saskatchewan), Dr. Robert T. Mullen (University of Guelph) and Dr. John E. Froehlich (Michigan State University).

The meeting included graduate student awards for best oral and best poster presentations. Best oral presentation was awarded to Jeffrey Waller (Queen's University), for his talk on *Arabidopsis* NAD⁺ kinases. Best poster presentation was awarded to Allison McDonald (University of Toronto at Scarborough) for her poster on evolutionary aspects of branched respiratory and photosynthetic electron transport chains. Honorable mentions went to Shawn Clark (University of Guelph; oral) and Sarah Schoor (University of Waterloo; poster). On behalf of CSPP, I congratulate all the winners, as well as everyone who participated so effectively in the competition.

The CSPP would particularly like to thank the organizing committee, Dr. Frédérique C. Guinel and Dr. Matthew D. Smith (both at WLU), for what was an extremely well organized, productive, and enjoyable event.

Appendix E. Eastern Regional Director's report

3. George H. Duff Student Travel Bursary

In coordination with the Western Regional Director (Elizabeth Schultz) , travel bursaries were awarded to all 34 applicants who asked for assistance to attend Plant Biology 2006, Boston.

Given the large number of applicants, more than 6,000 dollars in bursary monies were awarded. Award amounts were based solely on travel distance and average travel costs. The table below indicates the province by province allocation:

Province	Number of Applicants	Average Cost	Bursary awarded	Total
QC	3	~138	3 x 100	300
ON	19	~390	19 x 130	2470
MB	1	~740	1 x 250	250
SK	2	~740	2 x 250	500
AB	1	~740	2 x 250	500
BC	8	~740	8 x 250	2000
			Total Bursary:	6020

4. Potential Site for the 2007 Eastern Regional Meeting

Univ. of Western Ontario (Mark Bernards) has expressed an interest to host the 2007 ERM, and this would coincide with the opening of the new UWO Biotron.

Greg Vanlerberghe

Appendix F. Education Director's report

Education Director Report (G. Moorhead)

Plant Science Teaching Network

The previous director initiated a "Plant Science Teaching Network". An important tool of this network was supposed to be an online database that lists courses related to plant science that are given by CSPP members. Information is available on a web page that is accessible through the Education page of the CSPP web site (<http://cspp-scpv.ca/education/edu-teaching.shtml>).

This year I will make an active effort to one get feedback on the value of the site and get more individuals to contribute to it.

Joint meeting with the CBA 2007.

Christine Maxwell of the Canadian Botanical Society has contacted me about doing a joint session on education at next years meeting in Saskatoon. She writes: "I hear that you are the chair of the Education section of the CSPP. I am the current chair of the teaching section of the CBA/ABC. We are hoping to have a joint session with the CSPP in Saskatoon next year. We met in Montreal and came up with some suggestions, but I see the CSPP meets in August, so I was wondering whether the Education section might also have some ideas. The only thing we have done so far is ask Art Davis to save us some time on the program, which he has agreed to do.

Let me know if you think the CSPP would be interested in a joint session.

Best wishes

Christine

I'd like to propose we have this joint session next year and perhaps use the theme of careers in plant science with advice on getting a post-doctoral position, jobs in academia and industry. Being Saskatoon should allow us to find a selection of good speakers.

The Ragai Ibrahim Prize for best student paper.

Perhaps this can be discussed at the meeting. After several email discussions, this was the final version of criteria we settled on. I propose we vote on this.

Criteria: The paper will be nominated by the supervisor of the student, and will be evaluated on the impact or potential impact that work will have on plant science. The nominated student will be the first or primary author of the work, and the paper must be based on work that the nominee performed as a student (graduate student or undergraduate). The nominee must a be a member of the CSPP.

The award is based on the calendar year (January 1 to December 31). Nominations are due by January 31 of the following year. The nominee must be a student, or alternatively, have completed their graduate/undergraduate program during the calendar year of the award.

Appendix F. Education Director's report

Each year there will be one winner and an honorable mention.

Nomination: Send a PDF copy of the paper to the CSPP Secretary (secretary@cspp_scpv.ca) by January 31. Please include a brief summary of why the paper merits consideration for the award (100 words maximum), and indicate whether the nominee is still a student or whether they have graduated (please indicate date of graduation).

The winner of the prize will be decided by March 1, and the winner will be notified.

The award will be presented at the CSPP annual conference.

Value of Prize: The winner will receive a plaque and a cheque for 350 dollars.

Greg Moorhead

Appendix G. Science Policy Director's report

Report of the Science Policy Advisor, 2006

A few issues have arisen this year that will continue to be of interest for the new future. A committee was formed last year of all the Science Policy Advisors from the member societies of Plant Canada. Bruce Gossen of Agriculture Agri-Food Canada is the Chair. Although the committee has not had a lot of discussion so far, I believe the issues coming up will be dealt with more effectively with this group in place. The following summary was prepared as a report to Plant Canada by Bruce Gossen.

“One issue that we are watching with interest is the impact of the demise of the Canadian Agri-Food Research Council (CARC) on communication about issues that affect agriculture and crop research. Another issue that could be addressed but has not yet even been considered is the comprehensive review and re-alignment of programs that is occurring right now in science-based departments across the federal government. This could ultimately influence the priorities and funding of groups like NSERC, and so may have an important impact on many members of Plant Canada. We need to contribute to these reviews, but require active volunteers who will take the lead on particular issues.

An international symposium on Plant Health Networks, bringing together speakers from Australia, Europe, the USA and Canada, is planned for the Plant Canada meeting in June 2007 at Saskatoon. We are working with CFIA to ensure that issues that are important to our members are considered as the Canadian initiative is developed. As well, specialists in Ontario and the prairies are participating in the soybean rust surveillance program. The USDA developed and implemented this program (<http://www.usda.gov/soybeanrust/>) as a model for their response to an invasive crop pest.

A symposium on a Plant Health Network for Canada was held on November 8, 2005 at the annual meeting of the Western Forum on Pest Management. Dr. K. Cardwell (Director, Plant Diagnostic Network, USDA) described the network that has been developed in the USA for the rapid identification and containment of invasive pest species, and Dr. E. Foster (Director, Plant Health & Biotechnology Laboratory Services, CFIA) presented an outline for a Canadian Plant Health Network initiative called ‘PlantProNet.’ Dr. Foster’s presentation is available on the WFPM website (<http://www.westernforum.org/>), and copies of Dr. Cardwell’s presentation are available on CD from B.D. Gossen.”

In addition to these issues I have had discussions with Dr. Marc Fortin, a past CSPP Policy Advisor and now the Assistant Deputy Minister, Research for Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada. Marc is interested in soliciting ideas for how Agriculture Canada researchers can more effectively support and collaborate with academic researchers. He said in May that we should expect a policy paper on this issue and he was hopeful that CSPP members would be active in providing input. I was not able to get additional information for this report from Marc.

As well, CSPP members may be interested in a recent assessment of the new federal government’s attitude towards science and research and the progress of the government-wide

Appendix G. Science Policy Director's report

science review by CFBS. This is available from their website www.cfbs.org/ under the heading "Advocacy".

Submitted by B. Moffatt

Appendix H. CJB Editor's report

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Appendix I. Nominating Committee's report

Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee, 2006

Nominations

The following are nominated by the Nominations Committee to serve on the Executive and Committees of the Society. All have expressed interest in serving or agreed to serve for another term.

Executive Committee:

Secretary: Line Lapointe
Treasurer: Harold Weger
Eastern Director: Malcolm Campbell
Science Policy Director: Barbara Moffatt
Student/postdoc representative: Alexandra Reid

Committees:

Nominating Committee: Doug Muench
Meeting Site Committee: Peta Bonham Smith
Meeting Site Committee: Aine Plant
Education Committee: Anja Geitman
Education Committee: Ewa Cholewa
CD Nelson Award Committee: David Reid
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: Normand Brisson
Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Deep Saini
Tree Physiology Award Committee: Shawn Mansfield
Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Elizabeth Weretilnyk
Auditors : Ken Wilson
Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith

Actual Executive Committee (elected for two years):

President: Rob Guy (British Columbia) 2007
Past President: Deep Saini (Montreal) 2007
Vice-President: Peter Pauls (Guelph) 2007
Senior Director: Priti Krishna (Western Ontario), 2007
Secretary: Line Lapointe (Laval, QB) 2006 (to be appointed to 2008)
Treasurer: Harold Weger (Regina) 2006 (to be appointed to 2008)
Eastern Director : Greg Vanlerberghe (Toronto) 2006 (Malcolm Campbell nominated)
Western Director: Elizabeth Schultz (Lethbridge) 2007
Science Policy Director: Barbara Moffatt (Waterloo) 2006 (to be appointed to 2008)
Education Director: Greg Moorhead (Calgary) 2007
Communications Director: Gordon Gray (Saskatchewan) 2007
Student/postdoc representative: Andrew McCartney (Guelph, resigned) 2006 (Alexandra Reid nominated)

Appendix I. Nominating Committee's report

Actual Committee Membership (elected for three years; Ann Oaks Committee, four years)

Nominating Committee

Priti Krishna Senior Director (chair) 2007
Ljerke Kunst (UBC) 2006 (Doug Muench nominated)
John Greenwood, 2007

Meeting Site Committee

Peter Pauls (Guelph) chair 2007
Allen Good (Alberta) 2006 (Peta Bonham Smith nominated)
Aine Plant (SFU) 2006 (to be appointed to 2009)
Santosh Misra, 2007

Communications Committee

Line Lapointe (Secretary)
Mike Stasiak (Webmaster, Guelph)
Gordon Gray (Communications Director)

Education Committee

Greg Moorehead. Ed. Director (Chair) 2007
Barry Micallef (Guelph) 2006 (Anja Geitman nominated)
Doug Ormrod (Victoria) 2006 (Ewa Cholewa nominated)

CD Nelson Award Committee

Vipen Sawhney (Sask) 2006 (David Reid nominated)
Daphne Goring (Toronto) 2007
Peter Fachini (Calgary) 2007

Gleb Krotkov Award Committee

Normand Brisson (Montreal) 2006 (to be appointed to 2009)
Larry Fowke (Sask) 2007
Dave Layzell 2007

Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee

Rob Ireland 2007
John Coleman (Toronto) 2006 (Deep Saini nominated)
Ed Yeung (Calgary) 2007

Tree Physiology Award Committee

Rob Mullen (Guelph) 2007
Mike Dixon (Guelph) 2006 (Shawn Mansfield nominated)
Jocelyn Ozga (Alberta) 2007

Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee

Harold Weger (Regina) Chair (Treasurer)
E. Weretilnyk (McMaster) Co-Chair (to be appointed to 2010)

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Frederique Guinel (Laurier) 2008
Shiela Macfie (Western Ontario) 2009
Doug Campbell (MtAllison) 2007
George Espie (UT Mississauga) Advisor

Auditors

Ken Wilson (Sask) (to be appointed for 2006-2007)
Peta Bonham Smith (Sask) (to be appointed for 2006-2007)

Report submitted by Priti Krishna
Chair of the Nominating Committee