



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

Minutes of the ABM 2007

**Meeting:** CSPP/SCPV Annual Business Meeting  
**Date:** 13 June 2007  
**Time:** 12h00 to 14h30 pm  
**Location:** Gallery B, TCU Place, Saskatoon

**ABM 2007**  
Meeting no: 15

<b>Members present:</b>	Lynn Richardson	Neil Harris	Nitya Khanal	Anthony Glass
Anupam Sinha	Greg Perry	Barry Shelp	Nirmala Sharma	Mel Tyree
Pankaj K. Bhowmik	Chris Meyer	Gregory Taylor	Ken Wilson	Ragai Ibrahim
Neil Emery	Kyle Bender	Vincenzo De Luca	Norm Huner	Jian-Min Zhou
Jocelyn Ozga	Deep Saini	Aine Plant	Hank Bestman	John King
Andrea Todd	Zeina Nasr	Sylvie Renault	Mark Bernards	Peter Pauls
Larry Fowke	Inder Sheoran	Rafael Otfinowski	Jon Page	Greg Moorhead
Chris Todd	Pawel Brzezowski	Raju	J. Kevin Vessey	Harold Weger
Elizabeth Schultz	Shawn Clark	Soolanayakanahally	Virginie Pointeau	Robert Guy
Carol Peterson	Amanda Rochon	S. Dhaubhadel	Dheeraj R.	
Ewa Cholewa	Line Lapointe	Robin Cameron	Chillakuru	
Matthew Smith	Dylan Silver	Marc Champigny	Sheila Macfie	

15.00 Agenda

1. Quorum
2. Accept agenda
3. Receive minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting
4. Report of Officers:
  - a. President- Guy
  - b. Treasurer- Weger
  - c. Eastern Regional- Campbell
  - d. Western Regional - Schultz
  - e. Education- Moorhead
  - f. Communications- Gray
5. Election of officers
  - a. Nominations
  - b. Additional nominations
  - c. Appointment of the officers as directors of the corporation
6. Amendments to the Constitution
  - a. Minor changes
  - b. New By-Law of the Ragai Ibrahim Award
7. Report from the director of the Canadian Journal of Botany
8. Thanks to outgoing executive
9. Business arising
10. Adjournment



15.01 Quorum

A notice of the meeting was sent to all members via the electronic Bulletin in May, 2007. There was a quorum present of 26 full members. There were 54 members in total attending the meeting (see list above).

15.02 Accept agenda

A motion by **Moorhead** seconded by **Cameron** to accept the agenda was carried.

15.03 Receive minutes of the 2006 Annual Business Meeting

A motion by **Saini** seconded by **Weger** to accept the minutes of the 2006 Annual General Meeting was carried. The minutes were distributed at the meeting and have been posted on the web site – as a draft – in May 2007.

15.04 Reports of Officers

A. **President – Guy**

**Guy** presented a written report (Appendix A). There was a financial loss for the Annual Meeting in Boston last year but ASPB will cover this lost. The next joint meeting with ASPB will take place in Montreal in 2010. There were two regional meetings this year, one in Hamilton and one in Kelowna (UBC Okanagan). Both were well attended and **Guy** acknowledged the local organizers of these meetings. He also thanked Gordon **Gray** and the organizer of Plant Canada 2007 for this well organized meeting. The next CSPP annual meeting will take place in Ottawa. It will be a special one since 2008 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CSPP. Some special activities are planned for the next annual meeting to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and **Guy** encouraged everybody to attend. He also thanked the different award committees for their work and welcomed our third corporate member, Conviron.

B. **Treasurer**

**CSPP Corporation**

**Weger** briefly reminded the audience that the corporation was needed when CSPP was affiliated with CFBS. We might need it again in the future for lobbying purposes, so the corporation is maintained for the moment. It is suggested to invest the \$4000 present in the account to cover the annual renewing cost of the corporation.

**CSPP Charity**

**Weger** presented a detailed report (Appendix B). There was an overall deficit of \$13000 at the Boston meeting. However, as mentioned by the president, ASPB did not ask us to pay our share of this deficit. We did however, make a profit from the CCM satellite meeting of 2004 and the last



ERM in Hamilton. The profit from the last ERM will be split 50:50 between CSPP and the Plant Development Workshop. We distributed \$5770 as Duff Student Travel Funds to attend the 2007 Plant Canada meeting. Finally, there has been no increase in the number of full CSPP members this year despite Plant Canada being in Saskatoon where there are many plant biology research facilities. **Weger** thanks Ken Wilson and Peta Bonham Smith that audited the Treasurer's report this year (Appendix C).

#### **Proposal for Awarding the Ann Oaks Doctoral Scholarship**

Ann Oaks wanted her Doctoral Scholarship to be as prestigious as an NSERC PGS. After a lot of discussion amongst the Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee members, and discussions with NSERC, the committee came up with the following proposal. The scholarship will be worth \$21 000 and one scholarship will be offered in 2008 with a possibility of renewal for two more years. Thus a second scholarship could be offered in 2011.

A long discussion started about the sustainability of the fund (**Taylor**). It was suggested to wait one or two years between scholarships to build up the fund. It was also suggested to reduce the value but **Weger** responded that it is against Ann Oaks' will. **Peterson** asked about the percent return used to estimate the value of the scholarship. Apparently, universities are using 4.5% to maintain sustainability of funds. In the present case, there would not be enough money at the moment to give out a scholarship based on this 4.5%. **Saini** explained that the executive committee does not want to wait any longer because they think it is important to give a first scholarship while Ann Oaks' memory is still alive. The executive committee will discuss this issue again at their next meeting, taking into account the opinion expressed during the ABM.

#### **C. Eastern Regional Director**

**Campbell** was not present but sent a written report (Appendix D). The last ERM held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2006, in Hamilton was a great success with 150 registrants. This meeting was a joint meeting with the Plant Development Workshop. The organization of the 2007 ERM is well underway. The meeting will be held at UWO and is organized by Mark Bernards, Norm Huner and Denis Maxwell.

#### **D. Western Regional Director**

**Schultz** presented a written report (Appendix E). The 2007 WRM who took place at UBC Okanagan campus on February 22 to 24 went well with 50 participants. Soheil **Mahmoud** did a very good at organizing this meeting. No decision was made with regards to the next meeting. Shultz also reported that 19 students received a Duff Student Travel Funds to attend the 2007 Plant Canada meeting.

#### **E. Education Director**

**Moorhead** presented a written report (Appendix F). The first Ibrahim Award was given out this



year, and Moorhead reminded the audience that one prize will be given out each year. He and Christine Maxwell from the CBA organized the Teaching session that took place yesterday during the Plant Canada meeting. Three speakers were invited and the session was well attended.

**F. Communication Director**

**Gray** could not attend the meeting but produced a written report that is presented in Appendix G. The website is heavily used and many meetings and jobs are advertised. **Gray** would like to develop a strategy over the next year for regular updates of the website and to develop a virtual web-based membership management. The next Membership Directory will be produced in the spring 2008 rather than this summer as previously planned. Issues no. 9 and 10 of the Bulletin were published in October 2006 and May 2007 respectively.

A motion by **Saini**, seconded by **Peterson** was carried to adopt all Directors' reports.

**15.05 Election of officers**

**A. Nominations**

The following are nominated by the Nominating 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 H.

**Executive Committee:**

President: Peter Pauls

Vice-president: Carl Douglas

Communications Director: Gordon Gray

Western Regional Director: Soheil Mahmoud

Education Director: Greg Moorhead

Past-President: Rob Guy

**Committees:**

CD Nelson Award Committee: Daniel Matton

Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: Andr  Laroche

Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Daphne Goring

David J Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee: Chris Todd

Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Douglas Campbell

Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Jean Rivoal

Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Rob Hill

Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Vince De Luca



Auditors : Ken Wilson  
Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith

**B. Additional nominations**

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

A motion by **Taylor** seconded by **Huner** to accept all nominees was carried. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**C. Appointment of the officers as directors of the corporation**

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

**15.06 Amendments to the Constitution**

**A. Minor changes**

A series of minor changes to the Constitution were proposed to take into account the various motions that have been adopted by the Executive committee and during the annual business meetings over the last five years (Appendix I).

**B. New By-Law of the Ragai Ibrahim Award**

A new By-Law was written to describe the Ragai Ibrahim Award, the Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee, the nomination procedure and the selection criteria (Appendix I).

A motion by **Huner** seconded by **Shelp** to adopt all proposed amendments to the Constitution was carried. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**15.07 Report from the director of the Canadian Journal of Botany**

A report from the editors of the Canadian Journal of Botany, Larry Peterson and Barry **Shelp**, was presented (Appendix J). There have been theme papers published from a Shoot Meristem symposium held at Plant Canada in 2005 and two more theme papers that are still in progress, a series from the *Vitis* symposium held at the International Botanical Congress in 2005 and a series from the Ethnobotany symposium of the CBA meeting in 2006. There are also two special issues in progress, one on *Populus* research and one on systematics research in Canada. Starting next year the journal will have a new design. There will be one photograph from modern botany research on the front cover. The name will be changed to Botany/ Botanique with the byline 'An International Journal of Plant Biology'. There will be a first prize for the most cited paper in 2007. **Shelp** also reported some statistics for the journal: 60% rejection, 173 days from submission to



press. There are still a low number of papers in physiology and the editors would like more CSPP members to publish in the Canadian Journal of Botany. **Moorhead** asked if mini-reviews would be eligible as the most cited paper or only regular papers. They have not decided yet but are willing to consider only regular papers for this prize.

#### 15.08 Thanks to outgoing executive

**Guy** thanked outgoing executive members, Elizabeth **Schultz**, and especially Deep **Saini** who has been on the Executive for the last 13 years. Then Peter **Pauls** took the podium and thanked Rob **Guy** for the Boston meeting, for bringing more students to CSPP, and for the completion of the process that lead to the first Ann Oak Scholarship that will be given out next year.

#### 15.09 Business arising

**Guy** brought forward the topic of the next Plant Canada meetings. There is still a plan to organize a Plant Canada meeting in 2009. At the Plant Canada Business Meeting they have discussed the possibility to set up either a two- or a four-year cycle for future Plant Canada meetings. Some society members would like to meet on their own more often. **Guy** would like to get some feeling about this issue from the members. **Saini** who is the president of Plant Canada explained that annual meetings of the individual societies often attract more members. Furthermore, the 'regular' annual meetings are often more profitable than Plant Canada meetings. **Taylor** agreed with **Saini** that health of the individual societies is important for the health of Plant Canada. As a possible reason for the lower than expected number of participants to Plant Canada 2007, **Guy** mentioned that the choice of the city is important to attract people. Another reason might be the fact that the new Canadian Society for Ecology and Evolution attracts many CBA members to its meeting who otherwise might have come to Plant Canada. Four societies are ready to participate in a Plant Canada meeting in 2009. **Guy**, supported by Carol **Peterson**, suggested holding a Plant Canada meeting in 2009 with subsequent meeting occurring on a four-year cycle. A student member raised some concerns about the four-year cycle that is too long for a Ph.D. student. **Guy** requested an unofficial vote. Five members voted in favor of a two-year cycle but the majority present favored a four-year cycle.

#### 15.10 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn by **Pauls** and seconded by **Weger** was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 14h50.

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Rob Guy  
President

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Line Lapointe  
Secretary

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Date

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Date

**President's Report**  
**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**  
**June, 2007**

The past year was less work for me than the year before, what with the Boston meeting behind us. That meeting, though very successful, did not quite break even financially. In December the ASPB kindly offered to forgo our small share of the loss and we politely responded that if they're sure about it, then fine. We separately covered our expenses associated with executive board meetings and the membership luncheon at the CSPP-SCPV business meeting. I'm pleased to announce that Montreal is the confirmed site of our next joint meeting with the ASPB at Plant Biology 2010.

During the year we witnessed two very engaging regional meetings. In both cases the local organizing committees did their absolute utmost to ensure success. The Regional Directors will no doubt report on these meetings but I would like to add my sincere thanks for the wonderful efforts of Elizabeth Wertilnyk, Robin Cameron, Peter Summers and Soheil Mahmoud. While I'm at it I would also like to thank the National Organizing Committee for the Plant Canada 2007 meeting in Saskatoon, chaired by Karen Bailey of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. The CSPP's very capable representative was Gordon Gray who did a terrific job looking out for our interests. Thanks Gordon!

Plans for the CSPP's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting in Ottawa next year are progressing very well – the dates have been set, symposia topics chosen and a draft agenda is now in place. This will be a very important milestone for our Society and so I again strongly encourage members to contribute ideas or volunteer their time to the local organizing committee. Most importantly, because we will be meeting on our own for this special occasion we must all work within our various institutions to encourage attendance by any and all plant “functionologists”.

Last year we strongly encouraged the membership to nominate candidates for the various CSPP-SCPV awards. This seems to have paid off as we have a strong slate of awardees this year. With a Society Medal winner to be announced this year we are of course also on track for a Gold Medal Address in Ottawa next year. I understand there were several nominations for most of the awards and that the various selection committees had their work cut out for them this year. In this regard I would especially like to thank Greg Moorhead for overseeing the implementation of the Ragai Ibrahim Award for the Best Student Paper. The first winner of this new award will be announced at the annual business meeting in Saskatoon. It's our intention to place a link to the award winning paper on the CSPP website. This is a great way to promote Canadian plant science and our students at the same time.

This year we welcomed our third corporate member, Conviron. We have been approaching these corporate memberships cautiously (read slowly). Conviron was one of only two companies I solicited last year while at the joint ASPB-CSPP meeting in Boston. Personal contact at the meeting was followed up by letter resulting in a 50% success rate! There will be a few more potential members at the Plant Canada meeting in Saskatoon that I will approach, letter in hand.

## Appendix A. President's report

I wish to thank the outgoing Executive, the auditors and members of our various committees for their hard work and dedication in 2006-07. Many are staying on to complete their terms whilst others have succumbed to gentle persuasion to serve again. I've been honored to serve as President these past two years and only regret that I did not accomplish more. I look forward to providing any "sage advice" that a Past President might.

Respectfully submitted by

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

**Treasurer's Report  
Saskatoon, SK  
June, 2007.**

**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). Once established, CSPP-SCPV Inc. collected membership dues from Society members (dues had previously been collected by CSPP-SCPV), and forwarded a portion of the dues to CFBS. The remainder of the dues were transferred to CSPP-SCPV. Charitable donations to the Duff Student Travel Bursaries and/or the Oaks Scholarship Fund were also transferred to CSPP-SCPV. This system was relatively cumbersome, but was necessary in order to carry out lobbying efforts.

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 \$4,000 (see attached table). CSPP-SCPV Inc. had minimal financial activity in fiscal 2007; details are shown in the "Statement of Operations" (attached).

Respectfully submitted by

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Appendix B. Treasurer's report

**Assets and Investments**

CSPP-SCPV Inc.

	Apr. 30/01	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06	Apr. 30/07
<b>CSPP-SCPV Inc.</b>							
Corporate Chequing Account	\$6,569.09	\$14,021.91	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06	\$4009.06
GIC (CIBC)	\$3,524.00	--	\$2,124.00	--	--		
<b>Total Cash and Securities</b>	<b>\$10,093.09</b>	<b>\$14,021.91</b>	<b>\$6,609.62</b>	<b>\$4,345.06</b>	<b>\$4,243.06</b>	<b>\$4141.06</b>	<b>\$4009.06</b>
<b>Segregated Funds</b>							
CSPMB Legacy Account	\$3,524.00	\$2,238.53	\$2,124.00	--	--	--	
<b>Total Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$3,524.00</b>	<b>\$2,238.53</b>	<b>\$2,124.00</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	
<b>Total Non-Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$6,569.09</b>	<b>\$11,783.38</b>	<b>\$4,485.62</b>	<b>\$4,345.06</b>	<b>\$4,243.06</b>	<b>\$4141.06</b>	<b>\$4006.06</b>

Appendix B. Treasurer's report

**Statement of Operations**  
CSPP-SCPV Inc.

For the year ended April 30, 2007.

**REVENUE**

None

**Total Revenue** \$0.00

**EXPENSES**

Bank Fees \$72.00

Corporation Registration \$60.00

**Total Expenses**

**Surplus/(Deficit)** (\$132.00)

**Proposed Operating Budget**  
CSPP-SCPV Inc.

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2008.

**REVENUE** \$0.00

**EXPENSES**

Corporation Registration \$0.00<sup>1</sup>

Banking Fees \$72.00

**Total Expenses** \$72.00

**Surplus/(Deficit)** (\$72.00)

<sup>1</sup> Corporation fee for fiscal 2008 was paid at the end of fiscal 2007.

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

**Treasurer's Report  
Saskatoon, SK  
June, 2007.**

**CSPP-Sponsored Meetings**

The Society sponsored three scientific meetings in fiscal year 2007: Plant Biology 2007 (co-sponsored with the American Society of Plant Biologists, and held in Boston, MA, in August 2006), the Eastern Regional Meeting (held at McMaster University in December 2006) and the Western Regional Meeting (held at UBC-Okanagan in February 2007).

The Society suffered a small loss on Plant Biology 2007. We send a money order to the ASPB for \$1947.47 to cover part of the loss. As well, combined with \$620.21 in Plant Biology 2006 planning expenses incurred by Robert Guy (CSPP President), the Society lost approximately \$2500 on Plant Biology 2006 in fiscal 2007. Additionally, there were planning expenses of \$894.92 in fiscal 2006, which further increases the loss. However, it should be noted that the ASPB graciously covered a greater proportion of the loss than called for in the original agreement.

The Society's share of the profit from the CCM satellite conference of 2004 was \$791.46. There were long delays in finalizing the accounting for that meeting, some of which were related making the arrangements for a special issue of the Canadian Journal of Botany. However, the accounting for that conference is now complete, and the seed money provided by the Society was long ago repaid.

The 2005 Eastern Regional Meeting, held at Wilfrid Laurier University, generated a profit of \$34.60. The accounting for the 2006 Eastern Regional Meeting and the 2007 Western Regional Meeting are not yet complete, and will be reported in the 2008 fiscal year.

**George Duff Student Travel Fund**

\$700 was donated by Society members to the Student Travel Fund in fiscal year 2006. A total of \$5770 was awarded in support of student travel to Plant Biology 2006; the difference in funding was supplied by general Society revenues.

**Dr. Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund**

The Oaks Scholarship Fund was established by a donation from long-time CSPP-SCPV member the late Dr. Ann Oaks; Dr. Oaks also made subsequent donations to the Fund. As well, CSPP-SCPV was the beneficiary of a life insurance policy by Dr. Oaks and was also included in Dr. Oaks' will. The Fund will be used to provide for the financial

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support of a PhD student in plant biology at a level comparable to an NSERC PGS Doctoral scholarship.

Approximately \$1000 was donated by Society members to the Oaks Scholarship Fund in fiscal year 2006. Additional money in fiscal 2007 came from the estate of Dr. Oaks.

At the end of fiscal 2007 the Oaks Fund contained approximately \$430,000. This money is almost entirely under the management of BMO Nesbitt Burns (\$1000 of the Oaks Fund was in the CSPP-SCPV bank account as of April 30, 2007). The goal is to name the first scholarship holder in spring 2008.

### **Dr. Ragai Ibrahim Award**

Emeritus member Dr. Ragai Ibrahim had 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 first award holder will be identified in 2007. The value of the award is \$350.

### **CSPP-SCPV Membership**

Annual membership trends are shown in an attached table.

### **Auditing**

Finally, a note of thanks to the Society's auditor, Dr. Ken Wilson of the University of Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted by

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**Assets and Investments**  
CSPP-SCPV

	Apr. 30/01	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06	Apr. 30/07
<b>CSPP-SCPV</b>							
Chequing Account	\$3,078.52	\$4,497.65	\$14,468.67	\$7,984.31	\$37,682.86	\$55,037.39	\$18,041.34
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$15,770.99	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	16,760.23	\$16,905.54	\$17,270.14	--
GIC (CIBC)	--	--	--	--	--	--	\$48,250.00
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP-SCPV)	\$39,818.61	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78	\$47,518.26	\$60,499.67	\$61,648.55
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund)	\$71,365.31	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95	\$432,487.20
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	--	\$570.62	\$151.91	\$104.15	\$127.29	\$692.03
<b>Total Cash &amp; Securities</b>	<b>\$130,033.43</b>	<b>\$115,894.81</b>	<b>\$114,450.73</b>	<b>\$114,771.51</b>	<b>\$146,612.24</b>	<b>\$448,566.44</b>	<b>\$552,119.12</b>
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76
<b>Total CSPP-SCPV Assets</b>	<b>\$131,083.43</b>	<b>\$116,944.81</b>	<b>\$114,450.73</b>	<b>\$119,858.02</b>	<b>\$151,698.75</b>	<b>\$452,805.20</b>	<b>\$565,357.88</b>
<b>Segregated Funds</b>							
Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund	\$71,365.31	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95	\$423,487.20
Duff Student Travel Fund	\$1,737.00	\$4,198.00	\$1,396.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,593.57	\$1,117.30	\$700.00
Oaks Donations in Chequing Account			\$1,367.00	\$1,250.44	\$1,255.00	\$1,506.00	\$1,009.09
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76
Ibrahim Award Fund						\$10,000.00	\$10,189.90
<b>Total Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$73,102.31</b>	<b>\$58,430.98</b>	<b>\$42,539.94</b>	<b>\$50,916.23</b>	<b>\$52,336.51</b>	<b>\$332,494.01</b>	<b>\$448,624.95</b>
<b>Total Non-Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$57,981.12</b>	<b>\$58,513.83</b>	<b>\$71,910.79</b>	<b>\$68,941.52</b>	<b>\$99,362.24</b>	<b>\$120,311.19</b>	<b>\$116,732.93</b>

## Appendix B. Treasurer's report

### Statement of Operations - CSPP-SCPV

For the year ended April 30, 2007.

#### REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$9,150.98
Corporate Membership Dues	\$1,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$700.00
Oaks Fund Donations from Society Members	\$1,009.09
CCM Meeting Profit	\$791.46
ERM 2005 Profit	\$34.60
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP-SCPV) - Investment Income	\$1,148.88
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund) - Income <sup>1</sup>	\$115,667.43
CIBC-Related Investment Income	\$979.63
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$130,482.07</b>

#### EXPENSES

Duff Student Travel Bursaries	\$5,770.00
Society Awards	\$2,500.00
Membership Directory Postage	\$739.39
Bank Fees	\$85.40
Credit Card Fees	\$361.25
Plant Biology 2006	\$1,947.47
ERM Seed Money	\$1,000.00
WRM Seed Money	\$1,000.00
Accounting	\$378.55
President's Expenses (Plant Biology 2006 conference planning)	\$620.21
Secretary's Expenses	\$243.28
Treasurer's Expenses	\$299.77
Student/PDF Representative Expenses	\$1,095.21
Society Insurance	\$707.40
Postage	\$363.79
Printing and Duplicating	\$46.89
Web Site	\$429.02
Courier	\$24.58
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$17,612.21</b>

<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$112,869.86</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Investment income and from Dr. Oaks' estate.

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**Proposed Operating Budget**  
CSPP-SCPV  
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2008.

**REVENUE**

Membership dues	\$9,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,000.00
Oaks Scholarship Donations	\$1,000.00
Plant Canada 2007	\$65,000.00
2007 Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Revenue from CSPP/SCPV Investments	\$2,000.00
Revenue from Oaks Investments	\$2,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$87,000.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

Duff Student Travel Bursary	\$6,000.00
Awards	\$2,500.00
Plant Canada 2007	\$65,000.00
2007 Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Website	\$450.00
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
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$83,922.75</b>

<b>Surplus/Deficit</b>	<b>\$3,077.25</b>
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## Society Membership

<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Members</b>	<b>Full Members</b>	<b>Annual Meeting Site</b>
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	380	174	Boston, MA
2007 (incomplete)	351	171	Saskatoon, SK



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**CSPP/SCPV – The Charity  
Auditor's Report**

I have audited the Assets and Investments Statement, and the Statement of Operations of CSPP/SCPV (The Charity) for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. The financial statements are the responsibility of the CSPP/SCPV Board of Directors, my responsibility is to express an independent opinion on these statements based on an audit of the accounts.

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

I am satisfied that these financial statements present fairly the financial position of CSPP/SCPV (the Charity) as of April 30, 2007, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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

Respectfully submitted.

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Department of Biology  
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**CSPP/SCPV Inc – The Corporation  
Auditor's Report**

I have audited the Assets and Investments statement, and the Statement of Operations of CSPP/SCPV Inc. (The Corporation) for the fiscal year May 1, 2006 to April 30, 2007. The financial statements are the responsibility of the CSPP/SCPV Board of Directors, my responsibility is to express an opinion on these statements based on an audit.

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

I am satisfied that these financial statements present fairly the financial position of CSPP/SCPV Inc. as of April 30, 2007, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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## Appendix D. Eastern Regional Director's report

### Eastern Regional Director Report, June 2007

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Eastern Regional Meeting 2006  
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The CSPP Eastern Regional Meeting (ERM) was held in conjunction with the Plant Development Workshop on December 2, 2006 at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

The ERM hosts/co-organisers were Profs. Elizabeth Weretilnyk and Robin Cameron, both of McMaster University. They worked together with the Plant Development Workshop, Professor Carol Peterson of University of Waterloo, and were ably assisted by Peter Summers of McMaster University.

The meeting was a great success with 150 registrants, including 48 CSPP student members who were adjudicated for the quality of the seminars or poster presentations (see below). Participants came from a significant number of different universities from the provinces of Ontario and Quebec only. The meeting featured three keynote speakers. The details of the keynote seminars are as follows:

Dr. Sarah Assmann, Pennsylvania State University, "Systems biology of hormone signaling in guard cells"

Dr. Dan Klessig, Boyce Thompson Institute, "Salicylic acid, salicylic acid-binding proteins and plant immunity"

Dr. Jaideep Mathur, University of Guelph, "Early Intracellular Response Profiling in Higher Plants"

The keynote seminars were of the highest quality, comparable to any national-level meeting. While keynote seminars were run as stand-alone sessions, the remainder of the seminars were run as two concurrent sessions organised according to specific subject areas. Organising the schedule in this manner allowed all students to present seminars at the single-day meeting.

The specific subject areas were: 1) Water, Ions & Mycorrhizae; 2) Proteins & Metabolism; 3) Abiotic Stress; 4) Anatomy & Development; 5) Signalling Pathways; 6) Respiration, Heavy Metals, Phytoalexins & Pathogens

48 students were considered for the two student awards. The seminars and posters were judged by Drs. Simon Chuong (Waterloo), Rajgopal Subramanian (AgCanada), Nicholas Provart (Toronto), Keiko Yoshioka (Toronto), Wolfgang Moeder (Toronto) and Malcolm Campbell (Toronto). There was unanimity amongst all adjudicators with respect to the choice of the student awards. It is important to note that the adjudicators all found the quality of the seminars, in general, to be good (with some truly outstanding) and the posters to be excellent.

The award winners were as follows:

**Best Student Poster** (Eastern Regional Director's Poster Award):

Dylan Levac (Brock University) for:

"Harvesting Catharanthus leaf epidermis proteins and mRNA by carborundum abrasion"

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technique: Molecular cloning and functional characterisation of epidermis specific 16-hydroxytabersonine-16-O-methyltransferase (16-OMT)"

-commended for outstanding "brute force" chemistry and elegant follow-up analyses

### **Best Student Presentation** (Eastern Regional Director's Presentation Award)

Amanda Rochon (Brock University) for:

"The arabidopsis TGA2 repressor binds the co-activator NPR1 to form a SA-regulated enhanceosome"

-commended for the very high quality of work and outstanding delivery of data that was recently published in Plant Cell

There were several **honourable mentions** made by the adjudicators. They were:

- Meghan Taylor (AgCanada) - impressive 3rd year undergrad co-op student, who we look forward to seeing presenting excellent plant science in years to come
- Graham Smith (U of Guelph) - doing beautiful microscopy to answer a biologically important question
- Patrick Audet (U of Ottawa) - for his enthusiastic and captivating speaking style, presenting cutting edge meta-analyses to answering compelling biological problems
- Danielle Way (U of Toronto) - excellent presentation of beautiful, classical plant physiology to address a timely issue involving plant responses to elevated temperature
- Dawn Hall (Brock U) - excellent seminar on very high quality work, recently published in The Plant Journal

The awards were announced at a very well attended (and well stocked!) mixer that was held at the end of the meeting.

In all the meeting was impressive in its scale, scope and quality, particularly for a one day meeting. The single day nature of the meeting kept costs low and interest high. The organisers are to be commended for executing such an excellent meeting, and the participants (particularly the presenters of posters and seminars) are to be commended for ensuring that the quality of science was so high.

The details of the proceedings of the 2006 ERM are as follows:

Proceedings of the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists/ Délibérations de la Société canadienne de Physiologie Végétale Volume 50 Number 1 ISSN #0842-0602 Vol. 50 #1

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### Eastern Regional Meeting 2007

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Organisation for the 2007 ERM is well under way. The meeting is being co-organised by Profs. Mark Bernards, Norm Huner and Denis Maxwell, all of University of Western Ontario (UWO). The meeting will be held at UWO sometime during the weekend of December 15th/16th, 2007, and will feature 2-4 invited speakers to be determined.

Malcolm M. Campbell  
CSPP Eastern Regional Director

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### **Western Regional Meeting**

The 2007 Western Regional meeting was hosted by UBC Okanagan February 22-24 in Kelowna, British Columbia. Over 50 participants were registered, and presentations encompassed a range of topics including Metabolism, Genome Stability, Gene Expression, Stress Responses, Rhizosphere Interactions, Plant Pathology and Development. Best student oral presentation was awarded to Mathias Schuetz (Simon Fraser University) for his talk on interactions between *MONOPTEROS* and *PINFORMED1* during vascular differentiation. Best student poster presentation was awarded to Raju Soolanayakanahally (University of British Columbia) for his poster on variation in ecophysiological traits in *Populus balsamifera*. The meeting was organized by Soheil Mahmoud (Department of Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Sciences, UBC Okanagan), Louise Nelson, Melanie Jones and Robert Lalonde (all from Department of Biology and UBC Okanagan).

### **Future site of the Western Regional Meeting**

Potential sites for the next Western meeting were discussed, considering locations and meeting times likely to best encourage participation. Suggestions included sites in British Columbia or Alberta, most likely in Spring 2009.

### **George H. Duff Travel Bursaries**

Regional Directors Malcolm Campbell and Elizabeth Schultz, in consultation with Harold Weger coordinated applications and allocations of George H. Duff Travel Bursaries. Nineteen students applied for and received George H. Duff Travel Bursaries to travel to Plant Canada 2007 in Saskatoon. A total of 6,325.00 was allocated, with the maximum award being \$300.00.

## Report from the education director (Greg Moorhead)

### **Ragai Ibrahim Prize 2006**

This past year was highlighted by the inception of the **Ragai Ibrahim Prize** for best student paper. This annual prize was brought about by the kind donation of **Ragai Ibrahim** and marks the achievement of a graduate student who is a member of CSPP and published a research paper during the previous year. This year was our first soliciting of nominations and we ended up with 10 excellent candidates. Three others and myself evaluated the papers and after considerable debate awarded the prize to Amanda Rochon of Charles Després group at Brock University. This initial success means we need to formally establish a committee to evaluate these works in years to come. Watch out for the call of nominations.

### **Teaching session - Plant Canada 2007**

Together with Christine Maxwell (Canadian Botanical Association) I am organizing a session dedicated to plant science related education entitled "**Education in action**" (session SA3). The session will take place during the Plant Canada meeting on Tuesday, June 12. We were able to recruit the following speakers (titles and presentation times listed):

08:30 SA3-1

**What will I do when I grow up?** M. Devine. *Performance Plants Inc., Saskatoon, SK, Canada.*

09:00 SA3-2

**Using scientific literature and interactive groups to teach plant ecology.** K.A. Frego. *Department of Biology, University of New Brunswick, Saint John, NB, Canada.*

09:30 SA3-3

**Maximizing feedback and evaluation while minimizing time and red ink.** S.M. Macfie. *Department of Biology, the University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada.*

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## Appendix H. Nominating Committee's report

### Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee, 2007

#### **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:**

President: Peter Pauls  
Vice-President: Carl Douglas  
Communications Director: Gordon Gray  
Western Regional Director: Soheil Mahmoud  
Senior Director: Priti Krishna  
Education Director: Greg Moorhead  
Past-President: Rob Guy

#### **Committees:**

CD Nelson Award Committee: Daniel Matton  
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: André Laroche  
Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Daphne Goring  
David J Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee: Chris Todd  
Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Douglas Campbell  
Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Jean Rivoal  
Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Rob Hill  
Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee: Vince De Luca

Auditors : Ken Wilson  
Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith

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### **Actual Executive Committee until June 2007 (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) 2008  
Treasurer: Harold Weger (Regina) 2008  
Eastern Director : Malcolm Campbell (Toronto) 2008  
Western Director: Elizabeth Schultz (Lethbridge) 2007  
Science Policy Director: Barbara Moffatt (Waterloo) 2008  
Education Director: Greg Moorhead (Calgary) 2007  
Communications Director: Gordon Gray (Saskatchewan) 2007  
Student/postdoc representative: Alexandra Reid 2008

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

#### *Nominating Committee*

Priti Krishna – Senior Director – 2007 (Chair)  
John Greenwood (Guelph) 2008  
Doug Muench (Calgary) 2009

#### *Meeting Site Committee*

Peter Pauls (Guelph) – Vice-President – 2007 (Chair)  
Santosh Misra (Victoria) 2008  
Aine Plant (SFU) 2009  
Peta Bonham Smith (SK) 2009

#### *Communications Committee*

Gordon Gray – Communications Director – 2007 (Chair)  
Line Lapointe – Secretary – 2008  
Mike Stasiak – Webmaster (Guelph) –

#### *Education Committee*

Greg Moorehead – Ed. Director – 2007 (Chair)  
Anja Geitman (Montreal) 2009  
Ewa Cholewa (Nipissing) 2009

#### *CD Nelson Award Committee*

Daphne Goring (Toronto) 2007 (Chair)  
Peter Facchini (Calgary) 2008  
David Reid (Calgary) 2009

#### *Gleb Krotkov Award Committee*

Larry Fowke (Sask) 2007 (Chair)  
Dave Layzell (Queen's) 2008

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Normand Brisson (Montreal) 2009

### *Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee*

Ed Yeung (Calgary) 2007 (Chair)

Rob Ireland (Mt Allison) 2008

Deep Saini (Waterloo) 2009

### *David J. Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee*

Jocelyn Ozga (Alberta) 2007 (Chair)

Rob Mullen (Guelph) 2008

Shawn Mansfield (British Columbia) 2009

### *Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee*

Harold Weger (Regina) 2010 (Chair)

E. Weretilnyk (McMaster) 2010 (Co-Chair)

Doug Campbell (MtAllison) 2007

Frederique Guinel (Laurier) 2008

Shiela Macfie (Western Ontario) 2009

George Espie (UT Mississauga) Advisor

### *Auditors*

Ken Wilson (Sask) 2007

Peta Bonham Smith (Sask) 2007

Report submitted by Priti Krishna  
Chair of the Nominating Committee

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### Notice of motions

Here are a series of motions that will be voted at the next ABM to be held on June 13, 2007 in Saskatoon. According to the CSPP Constitution, these motions need to be published in the Bulletin of the Society at least three weeks prior to the ABM.

If you cannot attend the ABM, you can appoint a CSPP member as proxi. The proxi form is available on the CSPP web site under 'Documents and Forms', and need to be faxed or mailed to the CSPP Secretary by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2007.

#### **MOTION 1: AMEND BY-LAW 3 TO INCLUDE A DESCRIPTION OF THE NOMINATION PROCEDURE FOR THE STUDENT/PDF REPRESENTATIVE**

*Background:* The position of student/PDF representative was added to the Executive in 2004. There was, however, no description added to the constitution of the procedure adopted to name this representative, which differs considerably from the procedure for other Executive positions.

*The motion:* It is moved that By-law 3 be amended to include this new article:

f) The Student/PDF Representative can be nominated or the student/postdoctoral member can nominate her/him self. Each nominee should provide a brief résumé and a brief statement of why she/he is interested in participating more actively in the CSPP (maximum of 100 words for both). Nominations should be sent to the Senior Director who will send out the call for nominations. Balloting will be conducted by e-mail among the student and postdoctoral members of the Society by the date chosen by the Senior Director. Although Executive Committee members pay their own expenses to attend the Executive Committee (CSPP) meetings, the Society contributes to the

cost of attending the Annual General Meeting for the Student/Postdoctoral Representative up to a maximum to be determined by the Executive.

#### **MOTION 2 AMEND BY-LAW 4 TO REFLECT THE NEW COMPOSITION OF THE EXECUTIVE**

*Background:* There were major modifications to the composition of the Executive in June 2004. Some of the articles in the Constitution still reflect the older composition and therefore need to be modified to better reflect the new situation, for example that one of the Senior Director positions has been eliminated. Furthermore, names of some of the positions were changed.

*The motion:* It is moved that By-law 4 be amended to read as follows (major changes highlighted):

a) The President shall hold office for two years and then assume the office of Past-President for two years. The Vice-President shall hold office for two years then assume the office of President. The Secretary and Treasurer shall hold office for two years, one of them being elected at each annual business meeting. The two Regional Directors shall each hold office for two years, one Regional Director being elected at each annual business meeting. The ~~two~~ Senior Directors, ~~shall each hold office for two years, one Senior Director being elected at each annual business meeting.~~ the Science Policy officer Director, the Bulletin Editor Communication Director, the Education Director and the Student/PDF Representative shall hold office for two years and be elected at the Annual Business Meeting, except for the Student/PDF representative who will be elected by the student and PDF members by electronic vote (By-Law 3f).

#### **MOTION 3 AMEND BY-LAW 6 TO REFLECT THE NEW FUNCTIONS OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT**

*Background:* Following the elimination of one Senior Director position, it has been decided that the Vice-President will chair the Meeting Site

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Committee. Furthermore, notifications to all members are no longer done by mail but mostly by e-mail or via the electronic Bulletin.

*The motion:* It is moved that By-law 6 be amended to read as follows (major changes highlighted):

d) Notifications of scientific meetings and of the annual business meeting shall be ~~mailed~~ **sent** to all members at least three months in advance.

f) A Meeting Site Committee chaired by the ~~Senior Director~~ **Vice-President** and two full members of the Society elected by the Executive shall be responsible for ensuring that there are satisfactory arrangements of annual meetings for at least three years in advance of the one at which they are appointed.

### **MOTION 4 AMEND BY-LAWS 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL PROCEDURE OF NOMINATIONS OF THE MEMBERS AND INCLUDE A FORMAL DESCRIPTION OF THE PROCEDURE OF NOMINATION OF THE CHAIR OF THESE COMMITTEES**

*Background:* As currently practiced, members of the CSPP award committees are elected at the ABM and are not appointed by the Executive. This should be stated in the Constitution. The chair of each of these committees has usually been the longest serving member of that committee but this was not explicitly stated in the different By-Laws. However, in the case of the Ann Oak Scholarship Award and Fund, the chair and co-chair are chosen by the Board of Trustees members themselves and appointed by the Executive.

*The motion:* It is moved that By-Laws 11, 12, 13, 14 and 16 be amended to read as follows (major changes highlighted):

#### **By-Law 11: The Society Medal**

c) The medal shall be awarded by Executive decision on the recommendation of a Standing Committee ~~established by the Executive.~~

d) The Standing Committee, known as the Plant Physiologists' Medal Committee, shall be ~~appointed by the Executive~~ **elected at the Annual Business Meeting**, and shall consist of three full members rotated in such a manner that one new member is appointed annually. No member shall serve more than three years on this committee. **The longest serving member of the committee becomes the Chair for one year.**

#### **By-Law 12: The C.D. Nelson Award**

e) The Award will be conferred by Executive decision on the recommendation of a Standing Committee ~~established by the Executive.~~

f) The Standing Committee, known as the C.D. Nelson Award Committee shall be ~~appointed by the Executive~~ **elected at the Annual Business Meeting** and shall consist of three full members rotated in such a manner that one new member is appointed annually. No member shall serve more than three years on the Committee. **The longest serving member of the committee becomes the Chair for one year.** The Committee shall deliver their recommendation not later than two months before the annual meeting.

#### **By-Law 13: The David J. Gifford Award in Tree Physiology**

e) The Award will be conferred by Executive decision on the recommendation of a Standing Committee ~~established by the Executive.~~

f) The Standing Committee, known as the David J. Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee shall be **elected at the Annual Business Meeting and shall consist of three full members** rotated in such a manner that one new member is appointed annually. No member shall serve more than three years on the Committee. **The longest serving member of the committee becomes the Chair for one year.**

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The Committee shall deliver its recommendation not later than two months before the Annual Meeting.

### By-Law 14: The Gleb Krotkov Award

c) The award will be conferred by Executive decision on the recommendation of a Standing Committee. ~~established by the Executive.~~

d) The Standing Committee, known as the Gleb Krotkov Award Committee, shall be appointed by the Executive **elected at the Annual Business Meeting** and shall consist of three full members of the Society rotated in such a manner that one new member is appointed annually. No member shall serve more than three years on the Committee. **The longest serving member of the committee becomes the Chair for one year.**

### By-Law 16: Ann Oaks Scholarship and Fund

c) **Board of Trustees:** The Board of Trustees shall consist of four full members of CSPP/SCPV with a history of four or more years of membership in the Society. In addition, the current Treasurer of the Society shall be a member ex-officio. The immediate past Treasurer will serve as an advisor and resource to the Board for two years past the expiry of the term as Treasurer. Members of the Board of Trustees will be nominated by the CSPP/SCPV Nominating Committee and serve four-year terms, renewable and overlapping. Nominees shall be confirmed by ~~the Executive~~ **vote at the Annual Business Meeting**. The Executive of CSPP/SCPV, in consultation with the Ann Oaks Fund Board of Trustees, shall name a Chair of the Board, and also a Co-Chair. The Chair and Co-Chair will be selected from existing Board members. ~~The Chair of the Board will serve as the contact person with Dr. Oaks.~~ The role of the Co-Chair is to facilitate financial management of the Fund in accordance with relevant provincial regulations. The Executive of CSPP/SCPV shall have the power to remove members from the Board of Trustees.

### MOTION 4: ADD A NEW BY-LAW TO DESCRIBE THE RAGAI IBRAHIM AWARD FOR BEST STUDENT PAPER

*Background:* As a result of a kind donation from Dr. Ragai Ibrahim, an annual student paper prize has been set up to recognize contributions to plant science. There was a first contest this year. The new By-Law includes a description of the prize, the management of the Ragai Ibrahim Award donation, the criteria of selection and the composition of the Committee.

*The motion:* It is moved that By-Law 19 be included in the Constitution:

### By-Law 19: Ragai Ibrahim Award for Best Student Paper

a) **Origin and Purpose.** The Ragai Ibrahim Award was established by the CSPP/SCPV in 2006 through a generous donation from Professor Ragai Ibrahim, eminent Canadian plant scientist and an emeritus member of CSPP/SCPV. The purpose of the award is to recognize excellence in publication by graduate students. Each year there will be one winner and an honourable mention.

b) **Establishment and Management of the Ragai Ibrahim Award.** The Treasurer shall maintain a record of the monetary transactions associated with the Ragai Ibrahim Award. The Treasurer may seek advice and assistance from professional managers employed by financial institutions. The Treasurer is authorized to accept additional charitable donations from individuals, organizations and institutions to assist in financing the award.

c) **Criteria:** A peer reviewed paper either in print or on line 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 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

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must be a student, or alternatively, have completed their graduate/undergraduate program no more than 12 months prior to the date of publication of the paper.

**d) Selection Committee:** The award will be conferred by Executive decision on the recommendation of a Standing Committee. The Standing Committee, known as the Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee, shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting and shall consist of three full members of the Society rotated in such a manner that one new member is appointed annually. The student/postdoc representative will be part of this committee.

No member shall serve more than three years on the Committee. The longest serving full member of the committee becomes the Chair for one year.

**e) Prize:** The winner will receive a framed certificate and a cheque for 350 dollars. The award will be presented at the CSPP\SCPV Annual Meeting.

Avis d'amendement à la Constitution

**Vous trouverez ci-après une série d'amendements qui seront votés lors de la prochaine assemblée générale, le 13 juin 2007 à Saskatoon. Selon la Constitution de la SCPV, ces amendements doivent être publiés dans le Bulletin de la société au moins trois semaines avant l'assemblée générale annuelle.**

**Si vous êtes dans l'impossibilité d'assister à l'assemblée générale annuelle, vous pouvez mandater un membre de la SCPV pour agir et voter en votre nom. Le formulaire de procuration est disponible sur le site web de la SCPV sous l'onglet 'Documents and Forms'. Le formulaire doit être posté ou envoyé par télécopie à la secrétaire de la SCPV avant le 1er juin 2007.**

### **MOTION 1: AMENDEMENT À L'ARRÊTÉ No. 3 AFIN D'INCLURE UNE DESCRIPTION DU PROCESSUS DE NOMINATION DU REPRÉSENTANT ÉTUDIANT/STAGIAIRE POST-DOCTORAL**

*Historique:* Un poste de représentant étudiant/postdoctorant a été ajouté au Comité exécutif en 2004. Cependant, aucune procédure formelle de nomination de ce représentant avait été incluse dans la Constitution. La procédure de nomination de ce représentant diffère considérablement de la procédure utilisée lors de la nomination des autres membres du Comité exécutif.

*Motion:* Il est proposé que l'Arrêté No. 3 soit amendé pour inclure ce nouvel article:

f) Le représentant étudiant/postdoctorant peut être nommé ou il ou elle peut proposer sa propre candidature. Chaque candidat doit fournir un bref curriculum vitae ainsi qu'une lettre expliquant pourquoi il ou elle est intéressé(e) à participer plus activement au sein de la SCPV (maximum de 100 mots en tout). Les candidatures doivent être déposées auprès du Directeur principal qui fera publié l'appel de candidature. Un vote sera tenu parmi les membres étudiants et membres postdoctorants de la SCPV à une date déterminée par le Directeur principal. Bien que les membres du Comité exécutif paient leurs propres dépenses pour assister aux réunions du Comité exécutif de la SCPV, la Société versera une contribution financière pour permettre au représentant étudiant/postdoctorant d'assister à l'assemblée générale annuelle jusqu'à concurrence d'un montant fixé par le Comité exécutif.

### **MOTION 2: AMENDEMENT À L'ARRÊTÉ No. 4 AFIN DE REFLÉTER LA NOUVELLE COMPOSITION DU COMITÉ EXÉCUTIF**

*Historique:* Des changements majeurs à la composition du comité exécutif ont été approuvés en juin 2004. Certains articles de la Constitution n'avaient pas encore été modifiés pour refléter la nouvelle composition du Comité exécutif comme par exemple, la disparition d'un des deux postes de directeur principal. De plus, certains postes

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ont été renommés mais ces changements n'avaient pas encore été inclus dans la Constitution.

*Motion:* Il est proposé que l'Arrêté No. 4 soit amendé de la façon suivante (Les principaux changements sont en surbrillance):

a) Le président sera élu pour une durée de deux ans et deviendra ensuite le président sortant pour une durée de deux ans. Le vice-président sera élu pour une durée de deux ans et accédera à la présidence à la fin de son mandat. Le secrétaire et le trésorier seront élus pour une durée de deux ans, l'un d'entre eux étant élu lors de chaque assemblée générale annuelle. Les deux directeurs régionaux seront élus pour une période de deux ans, un seul étant élu à chaque année lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle. ~~Les deux directeurs principal ux tiendront chacun fonction pour deux ans, un directeur principal étant élu à chaque assemblée générale annuelle., le directeur des politiques scientifiques, et l'Éditeur du Bulletin, le~~ **directeur des communications, le directeur de l'éducation ainsi que le représentant étudiant/postdoctorant** tiendront fonction pour deux ans et seront élus à l'assemblée générale annuelle, **sauf dans le cas du représentant étudiant/postdoctorant qui sera élu par les membres étudiants et postdoctorants par voie électronique (Arrêté No. 3f).**

### **MOTION 3: AMENDEMENT À L'ARRÊTÉ No. 6 AFIN DE REFLÉTER LES NOUVELLES FONCTIONS DU VICE-PRÉSIDENT**

*Historique:* Suite à la disparition d'un des deux postes de directeur principal, il a été décidé que le vice-président serait maintenant président du Comité des congrès. De plus, les avis aux membres ne sont plus postés mais plutôt effectués via les courriels ou le Bulletin électronique.

*Motion:* Il est proposé que l'Arrêté No. 6 soit amendé de la façon suivante (Les principaux changements sont en surbrillance):

d) Les avis de convocation pour les congrès scientifiques ainsi que pour l'assemblée générale annuelle seront ~~expédiés par la poste~~ **envoyés** à tous les membres au moins trois mois avant leur tenue.

f) Le Comité exécutif constituera un **Comité des congrès** formé de trois membres réguliers: le ~~directeur principal~~ **vice-président** et deux membres qui ne font pas partie du Comité exécutif. Le ~~directeur principal~~ **vice-président** présidera ce comité. La fonction de ce comité sera de préparer un plan de trois ans pour les congrès annuels. (*Révisé le 14 juillet 1992.*)

### **MOTION 4: AMENDEMENT AUX ARRÊTÉS No. 11, 12, 13, 14 ET 16 AFIN DE RÉFLÉTER LA PROCÉDURE ACTUELLE DE NOMINATIONS DES MEMBRES DE CES COMITÉS ET DE LEUR PRÉSIDENT**

*Historique:* Depuis plusieurs années, la composition des comités des prix de la SCPV est entérinée par un vote lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle plutôt que par le Comité exécutif. Ceci devrait être clairement spécifié dans la Constitution. De plus, il est d'usage que le président de ces comités soit le membre ayant siégé le plus longtemps sur le comité mais ceci n'était pas clairement spécifié dans les différents Arrêtés. Cependant, dans le cas du Fonds des Bourses d'Études Ann Oak, le président et vice-président sont choisis par les membres du Comité d'administration eux-mêmes et ensuite nommés par le Comité exécutif.

*Motion:* Il est proposé que les Arrêtés No. 11, 12, 13, 14 et 16 soient amendés de la façon suivante (Les principaux changements sont en surbrillance):

#### **L'Arrêté No. 11: Médaille de la Société**

c) La médaille sera décernée par le Comité exécutif suite à la recommandation d'un Comité permanent ~~établi à cet effet par le Comité exécutif.~~

d) Le Comité permanent connu sous le nom de "Comité de la Médaille de la physiologie végétale" sera élu ~~par le Comité exécutif~~ **lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle** et comprendra trois membres réguliers qui seront élus à tour de rôle de sorte qu'un nouveau

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membre soit élu annuellement. Aucun des membres ne pourra siéger sur ce comité plus de trois ans. Le membre ayant servi le plus longtemps sur le comité deviendra le président du comité pour une année.

### L'Arrêté No. 12: Le Prix CD Nelson

e) Le prix sera attribué par le Comité exécutif suite à une recommandation d'un comité permanent ~~formé par le Comité exécutif à cet effet.~~

f) Le comité permanent, connu sous le nom de "Comité du Prix C.D. Nelson" sera ~~formé par le Comité exécutif~~ élu lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle et comprendra trois membres réguliers qui seront élus, à tour de rôle, de sorte qu'un nouveau membre sera désigné à chaque année. Aucun des membres ne pourra siéger plus de trois ans sur ce comité. Le membre ayant servi le plus longtemps sur le comité deviendra le président du comité pour une année. Ce comité soumettra sa recommandation au plus tard deux mois avant le congrès annuel.

### L'Arrêté No. 13: Le Prix David J. Gifford en physiologie des arbres

e) Le prix sera attribué suite à une décision du Comité exécutif sur la recommandation d'un comité permanent ~~formé à cet effet par le Comité exécutif.~~

f) Le comité permanent connu sous le nom de "Comité du Prix David J. Gifford en physiologie des arbres" sera élu lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle et comprendra trois membres qui seront élus à tour de rôle, de sorte qu'un nouveau membre sera désigné à chaque année. Aucun des membres ne pourra siéger sur ce comité plus de trois ans. Le membre ayant servi le plus longtemps sur le comité deviendra le président du comité pour une année. Ce Comité soumettra ses recommandations au plus tard deux mois avant la tenue du congrès annuel.

### L'Arrêté No. 14: Le Prix Gleb Krotkov

c) Le prix sera attribué suite à une décision du Comité exécutif suivant les recommandations d'un comité permanent, ~~formé à cet effet par le Comité exécutif.~~

d) Le comité permanent nommé "Comité du Prix Gleb Krotkov" sera ~~formé par le Comité exécutif~~ élu lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle et comprendra trois membres réguliers de la Société. Les membres seront élus à tour de rôle, de sorte qu'un nouveau membre sera désigné à chaque année. Le membre ayant servi le plus longtemps sur le comité deviendra le président du comité pour une année. Aucun des membres ne pourra siéger sur ce comité plus de trois ans.

### L'Arrêté No. 16: Fonds des Bourses d'Études Ann Oaks

c) **Conseil d'administration:** Le Conseil d'administration devra être composé de quatre membres à part entière de la SCPV/CSPP avec quatre années ou plus d'adhésion à la Société. De plus, le trésorier actuel de la Société est membre d'office de ce conseil. Le trésorier précédent agira comme conseiller et ressource pour le Conseil pendant une période de deux ans suivant la fin de son mandat de trésorier. Les membres du Conseil d'administration seront nommés par le Comité des candidatures de la SCPV/CSPP pour un mandat de quatre ans, renouvelable et étalé. Les nominés devront être confirmés par le Comité exécutif un vote lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle. Le Comité exécutif de la SCPV/CSPP, en consultation avec le Conseil d'administration du Fonds des Bourses d'Études Ann Oaks, devra nommer un président du Conseil d'administration, ainsi qu'un vice-président. Le président et le vice-président seront choisis parmi les membres existants du Conseil d'administration. ~~Le président du Conseil d'administration servira de personne contact auprès du Dr. Oaks.~~ Le rôle du vice-président sera de faciliter la gestion financière du Fonds en conformité avec la réglementation provinciale assujettie. Le Comité exécutif de la SCPV/CSPP aura le pouvoir de démettre de leurs mandats les membres du Conseil d'administration

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### **MOTION 4: AJOUT D'UN NOUVEL ARRÊTÉ RELATIF AU PRIX RAGAI IBRAHIM POUR LE MEILLEUR ARTICLE PUBLIÉ PAR UN ÉTUDIANT**

*Historique:* Suite à un don effectué par le Dr. Ragai Ibrahim, un prix annuel pour le meilleur article publié par un étudiant a été mis sur pied pour souligner sa contribution à la biologie végétale. Un premier concours a eu lieu cette année. Ce nouvel Arrêté inclut une description du prix, de la gestion financière du don, des critères de sélection et de la composition du comité.

*Motion:* Il est proposé que l'Arrêté No. 19 soit inclus dans la Constitution:

#### **L'Arrêté No. 19 : Le Prix Ragai Ibrahim pour le meilleur article rédigé par un étudiant**

**a) Origine et But.** Le Prix Ragai Ibrahim a été fondé par la CSPP/SCPV en 2006 grâce à un don généreux du Professeur Ragai Ibrahim, éminent scientifique canadien dans le domaine végétal et membre émérite de la CSPP/SCPV. Le but de ce Prix est de reconnaître l'excellence en publication par les étudiants de 2<sup>e</sup> et 3<sup>e</sup> cycles. Un prix et une mention honorable seront attribués chaque année.

**b) Établissement et Gestion du Prix Ragai Ibrahim.** Le trésorier devra maintenir un compte financier des transactions monétaires associées au Prix Ragai Ibrahim. Le trésorier peut chercher conseil et assistance auprès de gestionnaires professionnels employés par des institutions financières. Le trésorier est autorisé à accepter des dons charitables additionnels de la part d'individus, d'organisations et d'institutions afin d'aider à financer le prix.

**c) Critères de Sélection.** Un article publié soit en version papier ou en ligne dans une revue avec comité de lecture peut être proposé par le superviseur de l'étudiant(e), et sera évalué quant à l'impact actuel ou potentiel que ce travail aura en biologie végétale. L'étudiant doit être premier auteur ou l'auteur principal du travail, et l'article doit être

basé sur les travaux que le candidat a réalisé durant ses études (aux 1<sup>er</sup>, 2<sup>e</sup> ou 3<sup>e</sup> cycles). Le candidat doit être un membre de la SCPV. Le prix est remis annuellement pour des articles publiés au cours de l'année précédente (1<sup>er</sup> janvier au 31 décembre). Les candidatures doivent être déposées au plus tard le 31 janvier de l'année suivante. Le candidat doit être étudiant ou avoir complété ses études de 1<sup>er</sup>, 2<sup>e</sup> ou 3<sup>e</sup> cycles moins de 12 mois avant la date de publication de l'article.

**d) Comité de Sélection.** Le prix sera remis après approbation de la part du Comité exécutif suite à la recommandation d'un comité permanent. Le comité permanent, connu sous le nom de "Comité du Prix Ragai Ibrahim " sera élu lors de l'assemblée générale annuelle et comprendra trois membres réguliers qui seront élus, à tour de rôle, de sorte qu'un nouveau membre sera désigné à chaque année. Le représentant étudiant/postdoctorant fera également partie de ce comité. Aucun des membres ne pourra siéger plus de trois ans sur ce comité. Le membre régulier ayant servi le plus longtemps sur le comité deviendra le président du comité pour une année.

**e) Prix.** Le gagnant recevra un certificat ainsi qu'une bourse au montant de 350 dollars. Le prix sera remis lors du congrès annuel de la CSPP\SCPV.



