



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

Minutes of the ABM 2008

**Meeting:** CSPP/SCPV Annual Business Meeting  
**Date:** 16 June 2008  
**Time:** 16h55 to 18h00 pm  
**Location:** Marion Hall, University of Ottawa, Ottawa

**ABM 2008**

Meeting no: 19

<b>Members present:</b>	Nathalie Beaudoin	Connie Nozollilo	Mark Bernards	Neil Emery
	Barry Shelp	Annette Nassuth	Christiane Charest	Sheila Macfie
	Carl Douglas	Joan Krochko	Sherryl Bisgrove	Robert Guy
	George Epsie	Nik Kovinich	Allison McDonald	J. Derek Bewley
	Brian Coleman	Chris Meyer	Robin Cameron	Barbara Moffatt
	Anja Geitmann	Michael Stasiak	Matthew Smith	Fr�d�rique Guinel
	Jacque Bede			Line Lapointe

## 19.00 Agenda

1. Quorum
2. Accept agenda
3. Receive minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting
4. Report of Officers:
  - a. President- Pauls
  - b. Treasurer- Weger
  - c. Communications – Gray
  - d. Eastern Regional- Campbell
  - e. Western Regional - Mahmoud
  - f. Education- Moorhead
  - g. 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. Thanks to outgoing executive
8. Business arising
9. Adjournment

### 19.01 Quorum

A notice of the meeting was sent to all members electronically in May, 2008. There was a quorum present of 24 full members. There were 29 members in total attending the meeting (see list above).

### 19.02 Accept agenda

A motion by **Douglas** seconded by **Shelp** to accept the agenda was carried.



19.03 Receive minutes of the 2007 Annual Business Meeting

A motion by **Weger** seconded by **Guy** to accept the minutes of the 2007 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.

19.04 Reports of Officers

A. President – Pauls

**Pauls** presented a written report (Appendix A). He thanked the local organizing committee for this very exciting meeting. The audience spontaneously applauded. He also thanked the outgoing executive: Malcolm **Campbell**, Barbara **Moffatt**, Alexandra **Reid** and those that accepted another mandate: Line **Lapointe** and Harold **Weger**. **Pauls** reminded the audience that there was a lot to celebrate in this 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the annual meeting was one major piece of this. He also acknowledged the publication by Connie **Nozzolillo** of the ‘History of the Second Twenty Five Years of the CSPP/SCPV’. He reminded the audience of the different awards that have been presented this year: the first Ann Oaks Scholarship, the second Ragai Ibrahim Award for the Best Student Paper, the C.D. Nelson and the Gleb Krotkov Awards. The Society Medal winner for 2007, Anthony **Glass** will give a talk during the banquet. **Pauls** thanked the local organizing committee of the last Eastern Regional Meeting that was held at University of Western Ontario and thanked the members of the local organizing committee of the next annual meeting which will be held at Simon Fraser University.

B. Treasurer – Weger

**CSPP Corporation**

There has not been much going on this year and very little expenses associated with CSPP Corporation.

**CSPP Charity**

**Weger** presented a detailed report (Appendix B). There has been a profit of \$1,000.00 from the last WRM (2007) and a profit of \$5,500.00 from the 2006 EMR that was held in conjunction with the 2006 Plant Development Workshop. Some of this profit has been added to the CSPP’s Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund after discussion with some members of PDW. CSPP has distributed \$6,325.00 as travel funds to students to attend the 2007 Plant Canada Meeting. This year, \$10,000.00 have been attributed as travel funds. A first holder of the Ann Oaks Scholarship has been identified this year. The Fund contained at the end of the fiscal year around \$439,000.00. The Society is in good financial conditions. The different investments of CSPP – mostly managed by BMO Nesbitt Burns – are managed in a conservative way with a goal of long-term growth. Therefore, we cannot expect rapid profits from these investments but at the same time they are in



some way guaranteed. The biggest expenses yearly are the Student Travel Bursaries and the different Awards. The membership is at 415, thanks to the annual meeting being held in Ottawa that brought quite a few new members from Agri-Food and Agriculture Canada. **Weger** thanks Ken Wilson and Peta Bonham Smith that audited the Treasurer's report this year (Appendix C).

**C. Communications Director – Gray**

**Gray** was absent and **Lapointe** as a member of the Communications Committee reported on behalf of the Communications Director. The translation of the website is underway and should be available to membership by the end of the summer. The document produced by Connie **Nozzolillo** 'History of the Second Twenty Five Years of the CSPP/SCPV' will be posted shortly on the website. There will be a special edition of the Bulletin this fall to highlight the last 25 years of the Society.

**D. Eastern Regional Director – Campbell**

**Campbell** was not present but sent a written report (Appendix D). The last ERM held on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2007, in London was a great success with 190 registrants. There were three keynote speakers and about 100 students who presented either an oral presentation or a poster. **Campbell** reported the excellent quality of both oral and poster presentations. The organization of the next meeting is well under way and will be a joint meeting with the Plant Development Workshop. It will be organized by **Campbell** and by Tim **Dickinson** of the Royal Ontario Museum on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

**E. Western Regional Director – Mahmoud**

**Mahmoud** was absent but sent a written report (Appendix E). There is no formal decision yet concerning the next WRM but it has been tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2009. A committee has been set up to look at ways to improve participation to the WRM. The committee recommended holding the WRM every other year in conjunction with other society meetings. Other functions could be added to the WRM such as workshops, sport events... There is also the issue of poor student participation. Bursaries could help partly alleviate the high cost to attend WRM.

**F. Education Director – Moorhead**

**Moorhead** was absent but sent some comment to the Executive by email. The Ragai Ibrahim Award is well underway with a dedicated committee this year. There is a good teaching session again this year. **Moorhead** would like to thank all who contributed with ideas that were forwarded to the local organizing committee.



**G. Science Policy Director – Moffatt**

**Moffatt** mandate as Science Policy Director is completed and she feels that the position needs to be redefined. She suggested that someone from nearby Ottawa would be in better position to have interactions with science policy makers.

A motion by **Shelp**, seconded by **Geitmann** was carried to adopt all Directors' reports. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**19.05 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 F.

**Executive Committee:**

Secretary: Line Lapointe  
Treasurer: Harold Weger  
Eastern Regional Director: Neil Emery  
Science Policy Director: Jon Page  
Student/PDF Representative: Allison McDonald

**Committees:**

CD Nelson Award Committee: Barry Shelp  
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: Bill Plaxton  
Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Rob Mullen  
David J Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee: Janice Cook  
Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Fr d rique Guinel  
Meeting Site Committee: Lacey Samuels  
Nominating Committee: Robin Cameron

Auditors : Ken Wilson  
Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith

**B. Additional nominations**

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

A motion by **Bewley** seconded by **Douglas** to accept all nominees was carried. The motion was adopted unanimously.



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

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

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

A report from the editors of the former Canadian Journal of Botany, Larry Peterson and Barry **Shelp**, was presented by **Shelp** (Appendix G). The journal's name has changed to *Botany/Botanique* in January 2008. There has been a special Issues published in 2007 on Populus research. Three special issues are in progress, one on Systematics research in Canada, one highlighting the research done at PBI and there will be one for the CSPP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. **Shelp** made a special invitation to all plenary and oral talks to participate to the special issue. The first prize for most cited paper has been awarded this year.

*Botany* handles about 400 papers a year and 120–150 papers are being published. The impact factor has gone up a bit and is now at 1.2. About 70% of the papers are rejected including a 30% rejected directly by the editors. About 40% of the papers published are in Ecology, 16% are in Structure and Function and only 8% in Physiology and Biochemistry. The two special issues (PBI research and CSPP 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary) will increase the importance of plant physiology in the journal next year.

**19.07 Thanks to outgoing executive**

**Pauls** thanked again the outgoing executive members both those who are leaving and those who are staying.

**19.08 Business arising**

**Guy** proposed to nominate Andrew Hanson as CSPP Life Member. This motion is seconded by **Bede**. The motion was adopted unanimously.

**19.09 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by **Bewley** and seconded by **Weger** was carried. The meeting was adjourned at 18h00.

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Peter Pauls  
President

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Line Lapointe  
Secretary

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Date

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Date

**President's Report**  
**Saskatoon, Saskatchewan**  
**June, 2008**

The past year has brought to fruition a number of long-term projects for the CSPP. A major focus, especially for the group in Ottawa, has been the planning for our 50th anniversary meeting. The organizing committee chose "Honouring CSPP pioneers" and "Ensuring our role and leadership in dealing with societies needs" as themes for the conference. The public lecture at the conclusion of the conference addresses the roles that science can play in ensuring world food supplies. More that ever, the work we are doing is relevant to day to day decisions people make about the food they consume, the fuels they use for transportation and the products they buy.

I would like to extend the CSPP /SPCV's thanks to the local organizing committee including: including John T Arnason (co-chair) and Brian Miki (co-chair), Christiane Charest, Douglas A Johnson, Susan Aitken, Tim Xing, Leo Savitch, who took on the enormous task of organizing the scientific meeting and our 50th anniversary celebration. The organizing committee includes members from Ottawa U, Carleton U and AAFC-AAC (Ottawa) and was assisted by 26 student volunteers. We are all grateful for the enthusiasm that the students bring to the conference, because they are our future. About half of the cost of running the conference was raised from financial supporters, exhibitors and advertisers and through in-kind support from the host organizations. The supporters included: University of Ottawa, Carleton University, BioChambers, Monsanto, Pioneer, CFIA, NRC –PBI, Natural Resources Canada, and Fisher Scientific. Thanks to their financial support the organizers were able to keep the registration fees low and provide the networking events that are important features of our meetings.

The scientific program is an exciting mix of whole plant, cellular and molecular physiology. All of the work paid off in attracting more than 320 participants with an interesting mix of emeritus members and over 100 students.

Another feature of the conference is the publication of the second half of the CSPP history. Many thanks to Connie Nozzolillo for completed her "History Of The Second Twenty Five Years Of The CSPP/SPCV" in time for the anniversary. It is wonderful to see where we have been, know who was involved and have an appreciation of the forces that shaped the society we now enjoy. Producing the history was a large task that engaged Connie for a considerable time and required a great deal of digging to find missing information. In the current Bulletin Connie makes a plea for us to try harder to preserve the artifacts and records of our activities for future generations.

Also, this year we are pleased to be able to make the first award of the Oaks Doctoral Scholarship, valued at \$21,000 per year for up to a total of three years of support. The scholarship is based on financial gifts to the society by Dr. Oaks and donations have been made by CSPP members. I would like to thank NSERC for working with CSPP to identify

## Appendix A. President's report

candidates for the award. It seems like an innovative way for the society to work with this important granting agency.

The Ragai Ibrahim Award for the Best Student Paper was awarded for the second time this year. This is a significant addition to the range of honours that the society bestows on students since it encourages the planning, execution and, most importantly, communication of research in a mature form that can pass the most rigorous scientific review. Thank you to everyone who submitted a nomination and the Ibrahim Award committee, headed by Rob Hill, for reviewing the submissions and making the recommendation to the executive.

In addition, the awards committees have been active and strong awardees identified for the C.D. Nelson and Gleb Krotkov awards this year. It is also wonderful that we have an address from our Society Medal winner for 2007 in the meeting this year. Tony Glass will speak at the banquet on "Pissing About with Positrons (and plasmids and phertilizers)".

A very successful Eastern Regional Meeting was held on December 1 at the University of Western Ontario that attracted 190 registrants, in spite of the threat of snow. Many thanks to the ERM hosts/co-organisers Mark Bernards, Norman Huner and Denis Maxwell for organizing an excellent program that included three keynote speakers, 28 contributed talks and 83 posters. Our thanks also to the adjudicators who considered over 100 students for two student awards. As is becoming the norm, there were many excellent contributions to decide among and the awards were supplemented by an extensive list of honourable mentions.

Planning for our next annual meeting has begun. The CSPP/SCPV executive approved a proposal that it be held at Simon Fraser University, with the local organizing committee co-chaired by Jim Mattson, Aine Plant, and Sheryl Bisgrove. The date suggested for the meeting is June 12-15, 2009. Thank you to the members of the local organizing committee for taking on this task.

I wish to thank the outgoing Executive, the auditors and members of our various committees for their hard work and dedication in 2007-08. There will be some turnover this year as people complete their terms. Thank you to those that are going on to do other things and thanks also to those that have been persuaded/ enticed to serve again. It's an honour to serve as President for such a vibrant society.

Respectfully submitted by

K. Peter Pauls  
President, CSPP-SCPV  
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University of Guelph  
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**Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists Inc.  
Société Canadienne de Physiologie Végétale Inc.**

**Treasurer's Report  
Ottawa, ON  
June, 2008.**

**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 and a GIC for \$3,000 (see attached table). CSPP-SCPV Inc. had minimal financial activity in fiscal 2008; details are shown in the "Statement of Operations" (attached).

Respectfully submitted by

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Treasurer, CSPP-SCPV Inc.  
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Appendix B. Treasurer's report

**Assets and Investments**

CSPP-SCPV Inc.

	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06	Apr. 30/07	Apr. 30/08
<b>CSPP-SCPV Inc.</b>							
Corporate Chequing Account	\$14,021.91	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06	\$4009.06	907.06
GIC (CIBC)	--	\$2,124.00	--	--	--	--	\$3000.00
<b>Total Cash and Securities</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>3907.06</b>
<b>Segregated Funds</b>							
CSPMB Legacy Account	\$2,238.53	\$2,124.00	--	--	--	--	--
<b>Total Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$2,238.53</b>	<b>\$2,124.00</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>
<b>Total Non-Encumbered Funds</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>	<b>3907.06</b>

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

For the year ended April 30, 2008.

**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, 2009.

**REVENUE** \$0.00

**EXPENSES**

Corporation Registration \$30.00

Banking Fees \$72.00

**Total Expenses** \$72.00

**Surplus/(Deficit)** (\$102.00)

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

**Treasurer's Report  
Ottawa, ON  
June, 2008.**

**CSPP-Sponsored Conferences**

The Society held two scientific conferences in fiscal year 2008: Plant Canada 2007 (as part of the Plant Canada organization; held in Saskatoon, SK, in June 2007) and the Eastern Regional Meeting (held at the University of Western Ontario, London, ON, in December 2007). The CSPP also provided a \$500 donation towards the Plant Development Workshop, held at Carleton University, Ottawa, ON, in December 2007. The accounting for the two CSPP conferences in the 2008 fiscal year was not complete until after the end of the fiscal year and will be reported as part of the 2009 fiscal year.

Both of the conferences reported a profit. The ERM organizers (M. Bernards, D. Maxwell, N. Huner) sent a cheque for \$6041.10 to the CSPP (which includes repayment of the \$1000 in seed money). As well, Karen Bailey, the lead organizer for Plant Canada 2007, has sent a cheque for \$12,004.62. However, the Society still has approximately \$2000 in bills to pay for the conference, meaning that the net profit to the Society from Plant Canada 2007 is approximately \$10,000.

As well, the accounting for the 2007 Western Regional Meeting (held in Kelowna, BC, in February 2007) and the 2006 Eastern Regional Meeting (held at McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, in December 2007) is reported in this fiscal year as the accounting was not finalized by April 30, 2007.

Both of the above Regional Meetings that were held in the 2007 fiscal year netted a profit (see Statement of Operations). The Eastern Regional Meeting was held in conjunction with the 2007 Plant Development Workshop (PDW). As the PDW is an informal organization without a bank account, the question of how to divide the profit from the joint meeting arose. In consultation with some members of the PDW, it was decided that \$500 of the profit would be sent to the organizer of the next PDW (Dr. Shelley Hepworth, Carleton University), and that \$2,268.43 would be added to the CSPP's Oaks Scholarship Fund. The remainder of the profit remained with the CSPP itself.

Lastly, as part of the organizing for CSPP-SCPV 2008, the Society has processed some payments for the conference organizers in situations where PayPal was deemed not useable. For that reason, the CSPP has \$300 in its "encumbered" money; this \$300 was forwarded to the conference organizers after the end of the fiscal year.

## Appendix B. Treasurer's report

### **George Duff Student Travel Fund**

\$1020.00 was donated by Society members to the Student Travel Fund in fiscal year 2007. A total of \$6,325.00 was awarded in support of student travel to Plant Canada 2007; the difference in funding was supplied by general Society revenues.

### **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 purpose of Fund is to provide for the financial support of a PhD student in plant biology at a level comparable to an NSERC PGS Doctoral scholarship.

\$1285.00 was donated by Society members to the Oaks Scholarship Fund in fiscal year 2008. Additional money was deposited from the ERM 2006 profits (detailed above).

At the end of fiscal 2008 the Oaks Scholarship Fund contained approximately \$439,000. This money is almost entirely under the management of BMO Nesbitt Burns (\$1285 of the Oaks Fund was in the CSPP-SCPV bank account as of April 30, 2008). After many years of planning and gathering funds, the first holder of the Ann Oaks Doctoral Award was identified in spring 2008 with the generous help of the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada. The cheque for the first instalment of the award (\$10,500 per instalment; two instalments per year) was written early May 2008, and thus the cost of the scholarship will be reflected in the 2009 fiscal year.

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

In 2006, emeritus member Dr. Ragai Ibrahim generously donated \$10,000 for the establishment of an endowed annual award for best student research paper. The award is valued at \$350, and the first award winner was identified in June 2007. The second winner will be identified in June 2008.

### **Comments about CSPP-SCPV Investments and Accounts**

The Society has money in a chequing account, which gathers no interest but represents the operating funds of the Society. There is also a GIC which yields a modest rate of interest. The Society also has two accounts managed by BMO Nesbitt Burns. These latter accounts are managed in such a way that, in the long-term, the money should grow faster than in a GIC. Most of the money is in principal-guaranteed investments that also yield an annual income. As these principal-guaranteed investments also trade on the market, the unit price will fluctuate. However, the value at maturity never be below the original cost of purchase. Therefore, even though the book value of the investments may go down in the short-term, they are secure investments that will provide for safe, long-term growth.

## Appendix B. Treasurer's report

### **CSPP-SCPV Membership**

Annual membership trends are shown in an attached table.

### **Auditing**

Finally, a note of thanks to the Society's auditor, Drs. Ken Wilson and Peta Bonham-Smith of the University of Saskatchewan.

Respectfully submitted by

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## Appendix B. Treasurer's report

### Assets and Investments CSPP-SCPV

	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06	Apr. 30/07	Apr. 30/08
<b>CSPP-SCPV</b>							
Chequing Account	\$4,497.65	\$14,468.67	\$7,984.31	\$37,682.86	\$55,037.39	\$18,041.34	\$19,363.15
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	16,760.23	\$16,905.54	\$17,270.14	--	
GIC (CIBC)	--	--	--	--	--	\$48,250.00	\$49,963.28
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP-SCPV)	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78	\$47,518.26	\$60,499.67	\$61,648.55	\$59,532.38
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund)	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95	\$432,487.20	\$439,360.00
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	\$570.62	\$151.91	\$104.15	\$127.29	\$692.03	\$258.41
<b>Total Cash &amp; Securities</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>	<b>\$568,477.22</b>
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76
<b>Total CSPP-SCPV Assets</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>\$572,715.98</b>
<b>Segregated Funds</b>							
Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95	\$423,487.20	\$439,360.00
Duff Student Travel Fund	\$4,198.00	\$1,396.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,593.57	\$1,117.30	\$700.00	\$1020.00
Oaks Donations in Chequing Account		\$1,367.00	\$1,250.44	\$1,255.00	\$1,506.00	\$1,009.09	\$1,285.00
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76
Ibrahim Award Fund					\$10,000.00	\$10,189.90	\$9840.1165
CSPP-SCPV 2008							\$300.00
<b>Total Encumbered Funds</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>\$456,043.88</b>
<b>Total Non-Encumbered Funds</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>	<b>\$116,672.10</b>

## Appendix B. Treasurer's report

### Statement of Operations - CSPP-SCPV

For the year ended April 30, 2008

#### REVENUE

Membership Dues	\$10,241.40
Corporate Membership Dues	\$2,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,020.00
Oaks Fund Donations from Society Members	\$1,285.00
Western Regional Meeting 2007 Profit	\$1057.46
Eastern Regional Meeting 2006 Profit	\$5,536.86
Plant Canada 2007 Reimbursement	\$1,700.00
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP-SCPV) - Investment Income	-\$2,116.17
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund) - Income <sup>1</sup>	\$3595.28
CIBC-Related Investment Income	\$1,713.28
CSPP-SCPV 2008 Conference (temporary)	\$300.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$26,306.11</b>

#### EXPENSES

Duff Student Travel Bursaries	\$6,325.00
Society Awards	\$3,100.00
Bank Fees	\$86.72
Credit Card Fees	\$557.00
Couture-Nowak Fund (Virginia Tech) Donation	\$100.00
Society Conference Seed Money (two conferences)	\$3,000.00
Plant Canada 2007 Conference Speaker Expenses <sup>2</sup>	\$2,375.00
CSPP-SCPV 2008 Conference Expenses	\$75.00
Plant Development Workshop Donation	\$500.00
Accounting	\$377.40
Secretary's Expenses	\$396.82
Treasurer's Expenses	\$115.92
Student/PDF Representative Expenses	\$350.00
Society Insurance	\$718.20
Postage	\$419.37
Printing and Duplicating	\$42.30
Web Site	\$409.28
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$18,948.01</b>

<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$7,358.10</b>
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<sup>1</sup> Investment income. Does not include donations.

<sup>2</sup> Incomplete. Not all expenses paid by end of fiscal year.

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**Proposed Operating Budget**  
CSPP-SCPV  
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2009.

**REVENUE**

Membership dues	\$9,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,000.00
Oaks Scholarship Donations	\$1,000.00
CSPP-SCPV 2008	\$65,000.00
2008 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
CSPP-SCPV 2008	\$65,000.00
2008 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	384	171	Saskatoon, SK
2008 (incomplete)	400	196	Ottawa, ON



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

We have audited the Assets and Investments Statement, and the Statement of Operations of CSPP/SCPV (The Charity) for the fiscal year May 1, 2007 to April 30, 2008. The financial statements are the responsibility of the CSPP/SCPV Board of Directors, our responsibility is to express an independent opinion on these statements based on an audit of the accounts.

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 (the Charity) as of April 30, 2008, 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,

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June 5, 2008

**CSPP/SCPV Inc – The Corporation  
Auditor's 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, 2007 to April 30, 2008. 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 an audit.

We conducted an audit and obtained 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, 2008, 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.

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## Appendix D. Eastern Regional Director's report

Eastern Region Report, April 2008:

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Eastern Regional Meeting 2007  
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The CSPP Eastern Regional Meeting (ERM) was held on December 1, 2007 at University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario.

The ERM hosts/co-organisers were Profs. Mark Bernards, Norman Huner and Denis Maxwell, all of University of Western Ontario. The meeting was a great success with 190 registrants, 28 contributed talks and 83 posters. CSPP student members were adjudicated for the quality of the seminars or poster presentations (see below). Participants came from a significant number of different universities.

The meeting featured three keynote speakers. The details of the keynote seminars are as follows:

Dr. Brenda Winkel, Virginia Tech: "Expecting the unexpected: lessons learned from the flavonoid pathway"

Dr. Eran Pichersky, University of Michigan: "How plants evolve the ability to make so many specialized metabolites"

Dr. Krysztof Szczyglowski, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada: "Cytokinins in symbiosis: new insights into old hypothesis"

The keynote seminars were of the highest quality, and thought provoking. While keynote seminars were run as stand-alone sessions, the remainder of the seminars were run as two concurrent sessions. Organising the schedule in this manner allowed all students to present seminars at the single-day meeting.

Over 100 students were considered for the two student awards. The seminars and posters were judged by Drs. Barb Moffat (Waterloo), Lewis Lukens (Guelph), Dario Bonetta (University of Ontario Institute of Technology), Keiko Yoshioka (Toronto), Vincenzo DeLuca (Brock), Harold Weger (Regina) 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 (Regional Director's Poster Award):

Bogumil Karas (Agriculture & AgriFood Canada / UWO) for:

"Cellulose synthase-like D protein is required for root hair morphogenesis and root nodule symbiosis in *L. japonicus*". Mr Karas was commended for outstanding comprehensive and elegant analyses, beautifully and clearly presented.

Best Student Seminar (Regional Director's Seminar Award) Tyng-Shyan (Linda) Huang (Agriculture & AgriFood Canada / UWO) for:

"The cDNA library screen and functional characterisation of host proteins associated with Plum Pox Virus infection". Ms Huang was commended for the very high quality of work and outstanding delivery of data in her beautiful presentation.

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

Michelle Gabriel (AgCanada), Dylan Levac (Brock) and Will Urquhart (Toronto), all for their excellent posters on protein structure-function analyses that are truly at the forefront of modern plant biology.

Daniel Fingrut (UWO), for his excellent poster presentation on the analysis of the involvement of non-coding RNA in the regulation of Mo cofactor biosynthesis in *Chlamydomonas*.

Greg Perry (Guelph), for his dynamic presentation on bacterial blight of *Phaseolus*.

Danielle Way (U of Toronto), for her professional and data rich presentation of classical plant physiology to address a timely issue involving plant responses to elevated temperature.

Uday Divi (UWO), for their beautiful presentation of their detailed characterisation of brassinosteroids and other phytohormones in arabidopsis stress response.

Glen Uhrig (Queen's), for his clear presentation of elegant experiments using co-immunoprecipitation to investigate the interaction between PEPC and PDH.

Tina Wambach (Guelph), for her clearly presented, beautiful sequential hypothesis tests that explored the interplay between genetic variation, transcriptome remodelling and the osmotic stress response in maize.

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 2007 ERM are as follows:  
Proceedings of the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists/ Délibérations de la Société canadienne de Physiologie Végétale Volume X Number X ISSN #XXXXXXXXXXX Vol. X #X

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Eastern Regional Meeting 2008  
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Organisation for the 2008 ERM is well under way, and will be a joint meeting with the Plant Development Workshop. The meeting is being co-organised by Profs. Malcolm Campbell (Toronto) and Tim Dickinson (Royal Ontario Museum). The meeting will be held jointly at the Royal Ontario Museum and U of Toronto during the weekend of December 5th and 6th, 2008, and will feature The following invited speakers: Drs. Jen Sheen (MGH-Harvard), Quentin Cronk (UBC) and Mike Emes (Guelph).

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## Appendix E. Western Regional Director's report

### Western Regional Director's report

The next CSPP Western Regional Meeting (WRM) meeting has been tentatively scheduled for the spring of 2009, with the exact date and location to be determined shortly. Earlier this year, a committee was struck to look into ways to increase participation. Committee members included Jonathan Page (PBI), Peter Facchini (University of Calgary), Janice Cooke (Univ. of Alberta), Peter Constable (University of Victoria) Hong Wang (University of Saskatoon), Igor Kovalchuk (University of Lethbridge), Aine Plant (Simon Fraser University) and Soheil Mahmoud (UBC Okanagan). The group identified several factors that contribute to poor participation in the WRM. These include large distances between centres, high travel and meeting costs, and the timing and location of the meeting. To help solve these problems, the committee has recommended that the WRM be held every other year in conjunction with other society meetings. We can also add other functions to the agenda such as workshops, courses, sport events, and parties. Another problem has been Graduate student participation, which could be improved by allocating more time to student oral presentations and poster viewings, and by offering more bursaries. I would like to thank the committee members for their valuable input. We welcome any other suggestions that might help improve participation in the WRM. Please email your comments to Soheil Mahmoud at [soheil.mahmoud@ubc.ca](mailto:soheil.mahmoud@ubc.ca). We look forward to seeing everyone in 2009.

## Appendix F. Nominating Committee's report

### Report of the Chair of the Nominating Committee, 2008

#### **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 Regional Director: Neil Emery

Science Policy Director: Jon Page

Student/PDF Representative: Allison McDonald

#### **Committees:**

CD Nelson Award Committee: Barry Shelp

Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: Bill Plaxton

Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Rob Mullen

David J Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee: Janice Cook

Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Frédérique Guinel

Meeting Site Committee: Lacey Samuels

Nominating Committee: Robin Cameron

Auditors : Ken Wilson

Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith

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### EXECUTIVE

#### *President:*

Peter Pauls (Guelph) 2009

#### *Vice-President:*

Carl Douglas (British Columbia) 2009

#### *Secretary:*

Line Lapointe (Laval) 2008

Line Lapointe (Laval) 2008-2010

#### *Treasurer:*

Harold Weger (Regina) 2008

Harold Weger (Regina) 2008-2010

#### *Communications Director/Bulletin Editor:*

Gordon Gray (Sask) 2009

#### *Western Regional Director:*

Soheil Mahmoud (UBC Okanagan) 2009

#### *Eastern Regional Director:*

Malcolm Campbell (Toronto) 2008

Neil Emery (Trent) 2008-2010

#### *Senior Director:*

Priti Krishna (Western Ontario) 2009

#### *Science Policy Director:*

Barbara Moffatt (Waterloo) 2008

Jon Page (PBI) 2008-2010

#### *Education Director:*

Greg Moorhead (Calgary) 2009

#### *Student/PDF Representative:*

Alexandra Reid (London) 2008

Allison McDonald (UWO) 2008-2010

#### *Past President:*

Rob Guy (British Columbia) 2009

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

#### Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee

Harold Weger (Regina) Chair 2010

Elizabeth Weretilnyk (McMaster) Co-Chair 2010

Sheila Macfie (Western Ontario) 2009

Doug Campbell (Mt Allison) 2011

George Espie (UT Mississauga) Advisor

Frederique Guinel (Laurier) 2008

Frederique Guinel (Laurier) 2008-2012

#### Auditors

Ken Wilson (Saskatchewan) 2008

Peta Bonham-Smith (Saskatchewan) 2008

Ken Wilson (Saskatchewan) 2009

Peta Bonham-Smith (Saskatchewan) 2009

#### C.D. Nelson Award Committee

David Reid (Calgary) Chair 2009

Daniel Matton (Montréal) 2010

Peter Facchini (Calgary) 2008 Chair

Barry Shelp (U of Guelph) 2011

#### Communications Committee

Gordon Gray (Saskatchewan) Chair 2009

Michael Stasiak (Guelph) webmaster

Line Lapointe (Laval) 2008

Line Lapointe (Laval) 2010

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

Shawn Mansfield (British Columbia) Chair 2009

Chris Todd (Saskatoon) 2010

Rob Mullen (Guelph) 2008 Chair

Janice Cook (U of Alberta) 2011

#### Education Committee

Greg Moorhead (Calgary) Chair 2009

Anja Geitmann (Montreal) 2009

Ewa Cholewa (Nipissing) 2009

#### Gleb Krotkov Award Committee

Normand Brisson (Montreal) Chair 2009

André Laroche (Lethbridge) 2010

Dave Layzell (Queen's) 2008 Chair

Bill Plaxton (Queen's) 2011

#### Meeting Site Committee

Carl Douglas (British Columbia) Chair 2009

Aine Plant (SFU) 2009

Peta Bonham-Smith (Saskatchewan) 2010

Santosh Misra (Victoria) 2008

Lacey Samuels (UBC) 2011



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### Nominating Committee

Priti Krishna (Western Ontario) Chair 2009

Doug Muench (Calgary) 2009

John Greenwood (Guelph) 2008

Robin Cameron (McMaster) 2011

### Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee

Rob Hill (Manitoba) Chair 2010

Vince De Luca 2010

Jean Rivoal (Montreal) 2010

Allison McDonald (UWO) 2010

### Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee

Deep Saini (Waterloo) Chair 2009

Daphne Goring (Toronto) 2010

Rob Ireland (Mt Allison) 2008 Chair

Rob Mullen (U of Guelph) 2011

Report submitted by Priti Krishna  
Chair of the Nominating Committee

## Appendix G. CJB Editor's Report

### ANNUAL REPORT FOR CANADIAN JOURNAL OF BOTANY (July, 2007-June, 2008)

#### 1. Changes to Editorial Board:

- Completion of term as Associate Editor: Tia-Lynn Ashman, Alex Mosseler, Jim Traquair, Mark Johnston
- Associate Editors Appointed: Robert Latta, Dan Riggs, Luigi Sanità di Toppi, Alison Sherwood, Julian Starr, Vigdis Vandvik

#### 2. Theme Papers Published:

- Papers from *Vitis* symposium held at the International Botanical Congress (2005), Guest Editors: Jean Gerrath and Usher Posluszny – August 2007
- Papers from Ethnobotany symposium, Canadian Botanical Association meeting (June, 2006), Guest Editors: John Arnason and Alain Cuerrier – February 2008

#### 3. Special Issues Published:

- *Populus* research, Guest Editors: Janice Cooke and Stewart Rood – November, December 2007

#### 4. Special Issues In Progress:

- Systematics research in Canada, Guest editors: Anne Bruneau, Sean Graham – July, August 2008
- PBI (NRC), Guest Editors: Faouzi Bekkaoui, Raju Datla, Joan Krochko
- CSPP 2008. Guest Editors: John T. Arnason, A. Johnson, Christiane Charest, Susan Aitken, Tim Xing, Leonid Savitch, Brian Miki

#### 5. Theme Papers In Progress:

- Stem and shoot fungal pathogens and parasitic plants: The values of biological diversity - From the XXII International Union of Forestry Research Organization World Congress, 2005, Brisbane, Australia (Organized by Simon Shamoun).

#### 6. Reviews/Minireviews/Commentaries Published: = 4

#### 7. Reviews/Minireviews in progress = 3

#### 8. General Information:

- Name change to *Botany/Botanique* with byline “An International Journal for Plant Biology”: January 2008
- First prize awarded in 2008 for most cited paper: “*Cephalanthera longifolia* (*Neottieae*, *Orchidaceae*) is mixotrophic: a comparative study between green and nonphotosynthetic individuals” by Jean-Claude Abadie, Ülle Püttsepp, Gerhard Gebauer, Antonella Faccio, Paola Bonfante, and Marc-André Selosse. Vol 84 (9)

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**TABLE 1. GENERAL INFORMATION ON MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED**

Category	Calendar year				
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
No. manuscripts handled	326	372	424	405	424
No. manuscripts accepted	162	172	173	149	124
No. manuscripts rejected or withdrawn	164	202	251	256	300
% rejected or withdrawn	50	54	59	63	71
Impact factor	0.948	1.194	1.058	1.193	-

**TABLE 2. MANUSCRIPTS PUBLISHED BY CATEGORY (July–June)**

Category	Number of manuscripts			% Distribution		
	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Cell & Molecular Biology	25	4	6	12	3	5
Ecology	55	45	47	27	32	38
Mycology and plant-microbe interactions	29	30	17	14	21	14
Paleobotany	5	4	0	2.5	3	0
Physiology & Biochemistry	42	17	10	21	12	8
Structure & Development	16	18	20	8	13	16
Genetics	13	8	13	6	6	10
Systematics	18	13	10	9	9	8
Phycology	1	2	1	.5	1	1
TOTAL	204	141	124	-	-	-

Barry J. Shelp, Co-Editor

R. Larry Peterson FRSC, Co-Editor