



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

Minutes of the ABM 2009

**Meeting:** CSPP/SCPV Annual Business Meeting  
**Date:** 14 June 2009  
**Time:** 16h30 to 18h00  
**Location:** ASSC 10051, University of Simon Fraser, Burnaby/Vancouver

**ABM 2009**

Meeting no: 23

<b>Members present:</b>	Robert Hill	Santosh Kumar	Hargurdeep Saini	Ze Long Lim
	Neil Emery	Peter Constanbel	Allison McDonald	Hong Wang
	Gordon Gray	Jeffrey Waller	Brian Ellis	Ewa Cholewa
	Norm Huner	Lee Kalcsits	Harold Weger	Anita Agblor
	Denis Maxwell	Raju	J�rger Ehlting	Denise Broersma
	Robert Guy	Soolanayakanahally	Sherryl Bisgrove	Line Lapointe
	Anja Geitmann	Jaswinder Singh	Cody Chytyk	Sarah Klatt
	Peter Pauls	Carl Douglas		

### 23.00 Agenda

1. Quorum
2. Accept agenda
3. Receive minutes of the 2008 Annual Business Meeting
4. Report of Officers:
  - a. President – Pauls
  - b. Vice-president – Douglas
  - c. Treasurer – Weger
  - d. Communications – Gray
  - e. Eastern Regional – Emery
  - f. Western Regional – Mahmoud
  - g. Education – Moorhead
5. Business arising
  - a. Nomination procedures for the Ibrahim Award
  - b. Potential membership to PAGSE
6. Election of officers
  - a. Nominations
  - b. Additional nominations
  - c. Appointment of the officers as directors of the corporation
7. Thanks to outgoing executive
8. Adjournment

### 23.01 Quorum

A notice of the meeting was sent to all members electronically at the beginning of June, 2009. There was a quorum present of 24 full members. There were 35 members in total attending the meeting (see list above).



23.02 Accept agenda

A motion by **Huner** seconded by **Hill** to accept the agenda was carried.

23.03 Receive minutes of the 2008 Annual Business Meeting

A motion by **Huner** seconded by **Guy** to accept the minutes of the 2008 Annual General Meeting was carried. The minutes were distributed at the meeting and have been posted on the web site – as a draft – in June 2009.

23.04 Reports of Officers

A. President – Pauls

**Pauls** presented a written report (Appendix A). He recalled that last year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Society. Many activities were involved in this celebration including the ‘History of the Second Twenty Five Years of the CSPP/SCPV’ written by Connie **Nozzolillo**, a special Fall Bulletin edited by Harold **Weger** and the update of the website to which Allison **McDonald**, Line **Lapointe** and Michael **Stasiak**. He also thanked Gordon **Gray** for putting together the Spring Bulletin despite medical issues. The update of the Duty manuals has also been initiated. The nomination committee, lead by Priti **Krishna**, did a great job this year again and it is nice to see that people are willing to participate in the different activities of the Society. As proposed by **McDonald**, a new travel bursary for post-doctoral fellow has been put in place to help them attend the CSPP annual meeting. We have two prizes this year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ragai Ibrahim Award and the Society Gold Medal Award. **Pauls** also thanked the local organizing committee – Jim **Mattson**, Sheryl **Bisgrove** and Aine **Plant** – of this year’s annual meeting as well as all participants.

B. Vice-president – Douglas

**Douglas** also thanked the local organizing committee. He presented a list of the forthcoming meetings (Appendix B). Next year will be a joint meeting with ASPB in Montr al. Anja Geitmann is the president of the local organizing committee. CSPP will join the Plant Canada meeting in Halifax in 2011. He thanked those who volunteered to judge the oral and poster presentations for the Presidents’ Awards. **Douglas** will attend the ‘First Strategic Summit of Plant Science Societies’ that will take place a few days before the ASPB meeting in Honolulu in July 2009. Representatives of over 20 plant biology societies from around the world will attend the 2-day summit. A report of the outcome will be presented to the Executive Committee and included in the next Bulletin.

C. 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 C). There has been a profit of \$38,000.00 from the last annual meeting in Ottawa and a profit of \$5,500.00 from the 2008 EMR. CSPP has distributed \$8,000.00 in travel awards, \$6,000.00 to graduate students and \$2,000.00 to post-doctoral fellows. The first holder of the Ann Oaks Scholarship has received his second year scholarship. The recession had a small impact on the Ann Oaks Fund due to little exposure to the stock market. Nevertheless, the Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee will need to decide if we need to wait a year or two before giving out another scholarship once the 3<sup>rd</sup> payment of the actual scholarship has been made.

The Society is in good financial conditions with a surplus of about \$35,875.00. Membership increased in 2008 due to the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary annual meeting in Ottawa, but went down in 2009. We need to find ways to convince people to join and retain members of CSPP between major events. **Weger** thanks Ken Wilson and Peta Bonham Smith that audited the Treasurer's report this year (Appendix D).

#### **D. Communications Director – Gray**

**Gray** presented an overview of the activity of the Communications committee over the last year (Appendix E). The website is now mostly bilingual. We also posted all Proceedings since 2001 for both regional and annual meetings. There have been two issues of the Bulletin this year, both posted on the website. Fall issue included an extensive coverage of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary meeting in Ottawa, with lots of photographs. Gray thanked **Weger** for acting as the Guest Editor of this issue.

#### **E. Eastern Regional Director – Emery**

**Emery** presented highlights of the last ERM which was held in Toronto as a joint meeting with the Plant Development Workshop (Appendix F). He thanked the two organizers Malcolm Campbell and Tim Dickinson for this well organized and very well attended meeting. There were lots of very good presentations which made the judging for Director's Awards a challenge. The next meeting will be held in Guelph and organized by Barry Micallef, Ian Tetlow and Bernie Grodzinski.

#### **F. Western Regional Director – Mahmoud**

**Mahmoud** formed a discussion group to discuss the low participation in the WRM and to brainstorm on the format, timing and place for the next WRMs (Appendix G). The committee recommended that each WRM should have a strong focus so that researchers active in the target area are attracted. Choosing a desirable location where other activities such as skiing or hiking are possible. Finally, the WRM should be held in conjunction with other related conferences/symposia to attract a wider audience. The next WRM has been scheduled to take



place at the University of Victoria in May 2010 in conjunction with the UVic Forest Biology Symposium. The local organizing committee is composed of Peter **Constabel**, Barbara **Hawkins** and Soheil **Mahmoud**.

**G. Education Director – Moorhead**

**Moorhead** was absent but sent some comments to the Executive by email. There is a good teaching session included in the Annual Meeting again this year on professional development. This included a talk on networking given by Allison **McDonald**, a talk on how to give a talk by Lacey **Samuels** and an update on NSERC Programs by Dr. Mario Lamarca from NSERC.

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

**23.05 Business arising**

**A. Nomination procedures for the Ibrahim Award**

The Ibrahim Award Committee suggested requiring a more detailed letter of support from the supervisor (Appendix H). The role of the nominee in multi-author publication should be fully explained. For this purpose, the length of the letter has been extended to one full page. The Committee thinks that these clarifications are needed to have a fair process. Finally, the Committee requested that the President of the Society himself inform the awardee.

**B. Potential membership to PAGSE**

Jon **Page**, the Science Policy Director, suggested that we consider joining the PAGSE. PAGSE includes other life science societies. They have breakfast meetings where a scientific topic is presented. They are also involved in sending documents to MPs to make them aware of the importance of science. Membership varies from \$500 to \$1000 per year depending on the size of the Society. However, in order to participate we need to identify someone in Ottawa who can attend the meetings. It is one way to get recognition for plant science at the federal level. Deep **Saini** suggested that the Executive Committee send an e-mail to see if the membership agrees.

**23.06 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 I.

**Executive Committee:**



President: Carl Douglas  
Vice-president: Bill Plaxton  
Communications Director: Malcolm Campbell  
Western Regional Director: Peter Constabel  
Senior Director: Rob Guy  
Education Director: Anja Geitmann  
Past President: Peter Pauls

**Committees:**

CD Nelson Award Committee: Dominique Michaud  
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee: Normand Brisson  
Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee: Vince De Luca  
David J Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee: Shawn Mansfield  
Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee: Sheila Macfie  
Meeting Site Committee: Sophia Stone  
Nominating Committee: Priti Krishna  
Communications Committee: Gordon Gray  
Education Committee: Christiane Charest  
Education Committee: Sangeeta Dhaubhadel

Auditors : Ken Wilson  
Auditors: Peta Bonham Smith

**B. Additional nominations**

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

A motion by **Saini** seconded by **Ellis** to accept all nominees was carried. The motion was adopted unanimously.

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

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

**23.07 Thanks to outgoing executive**

**Pauls** thanked again the outgoing executive members both those who are leaving – **Mahmoud, Gray, Moorhead, Krishna** – and those who are staying – **Douglas, Lapointe, Weger, Emery, Page, McDonald** and **Guy**. **Pauls** then handed off the gavel to Carl **Douglas** as new president of CSPP. **Douglas** mentioned that it has been a pleasure to be vice-president over the last two years and he looks forward for the next two-years as president. **Guy** thanked **Pauls** for his role as president over the last two years.



**23.08 Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn by **Saini** and seconded by **Constabel** 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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Appendix A. President's report

## Appendix A. President's report



## Appendix A. President's report

## Appendix B. Vice-president's report

Vice-President's Report to CSPP Executive  
Carl Douglas  
June 10, 2009

Major activities this year concerned discussion and coordination of the 2009 and future annual meetings, and arrangements for judging of the Presidents' awards.

### 2009 Annual meeting, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC

Jim Matsson, Sheryl Bisgrove, and Aine Plant organized and are hosting this year's meeting at SFU. I advised them on matters regarding setting up the meeting, including dates, venue, invited speakers, and other matters. The SFU co-organizers were ably assisted by a Local Organizing Committee with members from UBC.

### 2010 Annual meeting, joint with ASPB, Montréal.

Anja Geitmann of McGill agreed to be the local (Montréal) CSPP representative to work with the ASPB meeting committee on organization of the 2010 joint meeting, to be held in Montréal. Anja has kept me and President Pauls informed of plans for the ASPB meeting, and the CSPP's role and needs in the meeting. One area of particular interest to the CSPP is CSPP-sponsored symposia, which will be discussed at Executive meetings during the 2009 Annual Meeting. With the support of the CSPP, Carl and Anja will attend the 2009 ASPB meeting in Honolulu and participate in planning meetings for the 2010 meeting, representing the CSPP.

### Judging for 2009 Presidents' awards

I arranged for judging of student poster and oral presentations at the 2009 Annual Meeting. Five CSPP members will serve as judges of oral presentations, eight as judges of poster presentations. I will pass on the approaches used for judging to the incoming Vice President. Although not all could do it, all members contacted about being potential judges were supportive and even enthusiastic about taking on this task.

### Participation in "First Strategic Summit of Plant Science Societies"

This Summit is being organized by Sally Assmann, President of the ASPB, and the ASPB. Representatives of over 20 plant biology societies from around the world will attend the summit, to be held in Honolulu in July 2009, in advance of the ASPB Annual meeting. I was invited as incoming President of the CSPP. There is a small subsidy from the ASPB to attend, and the CSPP executive agreed to cover the remainder of travel costs, also associated with attending the ASPB Annual Meeting (above). The Summit will last for two days and will cover these topics (in discussion and focus group format

- Inter-society communication and cooperation (how do we better work together)
- Serving the global community of plant scientists (how do we better inform our members on global issues of mutual interest)
- How do societies present an effective message to the global plant sciences community about issues upon which plant sciences impact?
- How do societies effectively educate non-scientists on a global level about the importance of the plant sciences in addressing major issues that affect populations around the world?

## Appendix B. Vice-president's report

I will give a report of the outcomes of the Summit to the Executive and prepare a report for the Bulletin

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

**Treasurer's Report  
Burnaby, BC  
June, 2009.**

**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 (see attached table). CSPP-SCPV Inc. had minimal financial activity in fiscal 2009; details are shown in the "Statement of Operations".

Respectfully submitted by

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Appendix C. Treasurer's report

**Assets and Investments**

CSPP-SCPV Inc.

	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06	Apr. 30/07	Apr. 30/08	Apr. 30/09
<b>CSPP-SCPV Inc.</b>							
Corporate Chequing Account	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06	\$4,243.06	\$4141.06	\$4009.06	\$907.06	\$807.06
GIC (CIBC)	\$2,124.00	--	--			\$3000.00	\$3,127.50
<b>Total Cash and Securities</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>\$3934.56</b>
<b>Segregated Funds</b>							
CSPMB Legacy Account	\$2,124.00	--	--	--			
<b>Total Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$2,124.00</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>--</b>			
<b>Total Non-Encumbered Funds</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>	<b>\$3934.56</b>

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**Statement of Operations**  
CSPP-SCPV Inc.  
For the Year Ended April 30, 2009.

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Interest on GIC	\$127.50
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$127.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Bank Fees	\$70.00
Corporation Registration	\$30.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$27.50</b>

**Proposed Operating Budget**  
CSPP-SCPV Inc.  
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2010.

<b>REVENUE</b>	
Interest on GIC	\$127.50
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$127.50</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Corporation Registration	\$30.00
Banking Fees	\$70.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$27.50</b>

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**CSPP-Sponsored Conferences**

The Society held two scientific conferences in fiscal year 2009: CSPP-SCPV 2008 (the Society's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference, held on the campus of the University of Ottawa in June 2008) and the Eastern Regional Meeting, held jointly with the Plant Development Workshop, at the Royal Ontario Museum and the University of Toronto (in December 2008).

Both conferences reported a profit, with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary conference posting an astounding profit of approximately \$38,000. The Eastern Regional Meeting reported a profit of approximately \$5000, but as the cheque arrived after the April 31 fiscal year end the profit will be accounted for in the 2010 fiscal year.

For this fiscal year there was also activity associated with earlier conferences. For example the Society paid \$1500 in residual expenses associated with Plant Canada 2007 (held in Saskatoon, SK, in June 2007), but also received cheques for profits from Plant Canada 2007 and the 2007 Eastern Regional Meeting (held at the University of Western Ontario in December 2007); see Statement of Operations for details.

The CSPP also provided \$2000 in seed money to CSPP-SCPV 2009 (Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, BC) and \$1,333.67 in seed money to the joint ERM-PDW conference.

Lastly, the "PDW Refund" shown on the Statement of Operations was a partial refund on the \$1000 that the CSPP had donated to the Plant Development Workshop held at Carleton University in December 2007 (unlike the 2008 conference, the 2007 PDW was *not* held in conjunction with the CSPP's Eastern Regional Meeting). The PDW does not have a bank account and thus does not have a mechanism to store funds from one year to the next; therefore they gave back to the CSPP the surplus from their 2007 conference. As Treasurer, it is my suggestion that half of the profit from the joint ERM-PDW conference held in December 2008 be donated to the next PDW conference.

**George Duff Student Travel Fund**

\$595.00 was donated by Society members to the Student Travel Fund in fiscal year 2009. A total of \$10,620.00 was awarded in support of student travel to CSPP-SCPV 2008; the difference in funding was supplied by general Society revenues. I am happy to report

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that \$10,620.00 is a record level for student travel bursaries for attending the national conference.

### **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.

\$1280.00 was donated by Society members to the Oaks Scholarship Fund in fiscal year 2009. An additional \$46,443.58 was received as residuals from the estate of Ann Oaks.

Perhaps most importantly, the Oaks Doctoral Scholarship is now operating, with \$21,000 being used to support the PhD work of a graduate student in plant biology in fiscal 2009.

### **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 will 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.

### **CSPP-SCPV Membership**

Annual membership trends are shown in an attached table.

Respectfully submitted by

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**Assets and Investments** (continued next page)  
CSPP-SCPV

	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04	Apr. 30/05	Apr. 30/06
<b>CSPP-SCPV</b>					
Chequing Account	\$4,497.65	\$14,468.67	\$7,984.31	\$37,682.86	\$55,037.39
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	\$16,760.23	\$16,905.54	\$17,270.14
GIC (CIBC)	--	--	--	--	--
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP-SCPV)	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78	\$47,518.26	\$60,499.67
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund)	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	\$570.62	\$151.91	\$104.15	\$127.29
<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>
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$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>Segregated Funds</b>					
Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28	\$44,401.43	\$315,631.95
Duff Student Travel Fund	\$4,198.00	\$1,396.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,593.57	\$1,117.30
Oaks Donations in Cheq Account	--	\$1,367.00	\$1,250.44	\$1,255.00	\$1,506.00
Oaks Scholarship in Cheq Account	--	--	--	--	--
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51	\$5,086.51	\$4,238.76
Ibrahim Award Fund	--	--	--	--	\$10,000.00
CSPP-SCPV 2008	--	--	--	--	--
<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>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>

**Assets and Investments** (continued)  
CSPP-SCPV

	Apr. 30/07	Apr. 30/08	Apr. 30/09
<b>CSPP-SCPV</b>			
Chequing Account	\$18,041.34	\$19,363.15	\$74,457.19
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	--	--	--
GIC (CIBC)	\$48,250.00	\$49,963.28	\$50,192.84
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP-SCPV)	\$61,648.55	\$59,532.38	\$56,920.01
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund)	\$432,487.20	\$439,360.00	\$421,990.77
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	\$692.03	\$258.41	\$851.64
<b>Total Cash &amp; Securities</b>	<b>\$552,119.12</b>	<b>\$568,477.22</b>	<b>\$604,412.45</b>
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76	\$3,391.00
<b>Total CSPP-SCPV Assets</b>	<b>\$565,357.88</b>	<b>\$572,715.98</b>	<b>\$607,803.45</b>
<b>Segregated Funds</b>			
Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund	\$432,487.20	\$439,360.00	\$421,990.77
Duff Student Travel Fund	\$700.00	\$1,020.00	\$595.00
Oaks Donations in Cheq Account	\$1,009.09	\$1,285.00	\$1,290.00
Oaks Scholarship in Cheq Account	--	--	\$10,500.00
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$4,238.76	\$4,238.76	\$3,390.99
Ibrahim Award Fund	\$10,189.90	\$9,840.12	\$9,408.32
CSPP-SCPV 2008	--	\$300.00	--
<b>Total Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$448,624.95</b>	<b>\$456,043.88</b>	<b>\$447,175.08</b>
<b>Total Non-Encumbered Funds</b>	<b>\$116,732.93</b>	<b>\$116,672.10</b>	<b>\$160,628.37</b>

## Appendix C. Treasurer's report

### Statement of Operations - CSPP-SCPV

For the year ended April 30, 2009.

#### REVENUE

Membership Fees	\$14,292.91
Duff Travel Bursary Donations	\$595.00
Oaks Scholarship Fund Donations	\$1,290.00
Oaks Estate	\$46,443.58
Plant Canada 2007 Profit	\$12,004.62
ERM 2007 Profit	\$6,066.10
CSPP-SCPV 2008 Revenues	\$110,140.64
Gain on CSPP Investments (CIBC)	\$229.56
PDW Refund	\$333.67
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$191,396.08</b>

#### EXPENSES

Bank Fees	\$84.88
Credit Card Fees	\$682.71
Travel Bursaries	\$10,620.00
Awards	\$2,850.00
Web Site	\$1,395.00
Treasurer Expenses	\$894.96
Secretary Expenses	\$806.27
Student/PDF Rep Expenses	\$455.00
Accounting	\$385.00
Society Insurance	\$725.76
Plant Canada 2007 Expenses	\$1,500.00
CSPP-SCPV 2008 Expenses	\$72,078.73
CSPP-SCPV 2008 Expenses (paid directly by CSPP Treasurer)	\$2,045.61
Conference Seed Money	\$3,333.67
Oaks Doctoral Scholarship	\$21,000.00
Gold Medal	\$847.76
Postage	\$348.74
Duplicating	\$44.34
Loss on CSPP Investments (BMO NB)	\$2,612.37
Loss on Oaks Investments (BMO NB)	\$33,597.81
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$156,308.61</b>

<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$35,087.47</b>
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### **Proposed Operating Budget** CSPP-SCPV Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2010.

#### **REVENUE**

Membership Dues	\$12,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,000.00
Oaks Scholarship Donations	\$1,000.00
CSPP-SCPV 2009	\$65,000.00
2009 Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
2010 Western Regional Meeting	\$5,000.00
Revenue from CSPP-SCPV Investments	\$2,000.00
Revenue from Oaks Investments	\$10,000.00
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$103,000.00</b>

#### **EXPENSES**

Duff Student Travel Bursary	\$6,000.00
Awards	\$2,500.00
CSPP-SCPV 2009	\$65,000.00
2009 Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
2010 Western Regional Meeting	\$5,000.00
Website	\$450.00
Postage	\$450.00
Banking and Credit Card Fees	\$700.00
Society Insurance	\$725.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$800.00
Secretary's Expenses	\$800.00
Student/PDF Rep Expenses	\$450.00
Printing	\$100.00
Oaks Doctoral Scholarship	\$21,000.00
Accounting	\$400.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$111,375.00</b>

<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$8,375.00)</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	458	209	Ottawa, ON
2009 (incomplete)	339	166	Burnaby, BC



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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, 2008 to April 30, 2009. 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, 2009, 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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**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, 2008 to April 30, 2009. 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, 2009, 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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**Report of the Communications Director**  
(for the period June 2008 - June 2009)  
**Annual General Meeting – Simon Fraser University, June  
14, 2009**

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

*Communications Director*

- Responsible for facilitating interaction with the members of the Communications committee and the general membership
- Responsible for publishing the BULLETIN in two issues, one in the fall and one in the spring
- Publication of the Membership Directory
- Ensures items of importance are disseminated to the membership via the website or e-mail

*Secretary (Line Lapointe)*

- Organizes and records correspondence for the Society as well as maintaining working files for Society documents

*Website Coordinator (Michael Stasiak)*

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

**Comments:**

*Website*

The website was well maintained and significant activity was observed over the course of the year. Remember to use the website for posting job advertisements and meeting announcements as it gets a significant amount of "hits". Two additional items of note:



## Appendix E. Communications Director's report

The first is that we now have a bilingual website. The translation process was completed over the past year and while there are some technical glitches it appears to be working well. The second is that most of our Meeting Proceedings since the year 2000 have been posted in pdf format for downloading on the website. These include Eastern and Western Regional Meetings as well as National Meetings. There are links for joint ASPB meetings and Plant Canada meetings. Thank you to everyone who made this possible by sending their files. We are still in search of the National Meeting 2000 (London - Plant Canada), WRM 2000 (Edmonton), ERM 2001 (Guelph) and ERM 2002 (St. Catherines). If you happen to have these items hanging around in your offices please send them to the Communications Director.

### *BULLETIN*

Issues #13 and #14 of the BULLETIN were published in October and April respectively and posted on the website. Thanks to all the contributors. Issue #13 included extensive coverage of the 50th Anniversary meeting in Ottawa. This was an especially "visual" issue with photographs capturing many of the highlights. CSPP-SCPV Treasurer Harold Weger was the Guest Editor for this issue and did a fantastic job.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to the members of the Communications Committee and other members of the Executive for all of their hard working ensuring the tasks at hand were accomplished over the past year. It is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Communications Committee,

Gordon R. Gray  
June 11, 2009

## Appendix F. Eastern Regional Director's report

2008 ERM Report

Neil Emery, ER Director

The 2008 Eastern Regional Meeting of the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists was held in conjunction with the annual Plant Development Workshop. The meeting was co-organized by Tim Dickinson of the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) and Malcolm Campbell from the University of Toronto and took full advantage of both venues. Participants arrived Friday December 5 and were treated to a keynote lecture by Quentin Cronk on the evolution and molecular development of bird pollinated flowers in the ROM theatre. Afterward an elevator took us up to a reception of spirits, food and conversation amidst the inspirational ROM artifacts. On Saturday morning, speakers got underway in the Earth Sciences Centre at the University of Toronto. Over 160 participants attended 45 regular session talks while mingling among the 54 posters. Two more keynote addresses covered plant bacterial warfare (Jen Sheen, Harvard) and the synthesis of starch (Michael Emes, Guelph). There was a very large contingent of student presenters, which kept a small team of judges at a frenetic pace. The winner of the poster competition was Chris Trobacher (Guelph) for his work on a cysteine proteinase and programmed cell death in tomato endosperm. The runner-up was Fadi Al-Daoud from McMaster. The oral presentation winner was Jonathan Plett (Queen's) for expanding our knowledge of ethylene receptors beyond the hypocotyl model. A close second was Mark Burrell from Guelph.

The conference was consummately planned and executed with session chairs keeping the talks synchronized to within mere fractions of a minute. Congratulations are in order for Tim, Malcolm and their exceptional organizational team for making this happen.

The next ER meeting will be held at Guelph University. Barry Micallef, Ian Tetlow and Bernie Grodzinski have agreed to host the event.

## Appendix G. Western Regional Director's report

### Western Regional Director's report

Mahmoud formed a discussion group involving several researchers from the University of Calgary (Peter Facchini), University of Victoria (Peter Constabel and Barbara Hawkins), UBC Okanagan (Soheil Mahmoud), NRC Plant Biotechnology Institute (Jonathan Page) and University of Alberta (Janice Cooke) to discuss the low participation in the WRM, and to brainstorm on the format, timing and place for the next western regional meeting. Low participation in the WRM was mainly attributed to large distances between centres - which makes attendance expensive - and to competition by many other meetings. To avoid these issues it was recommended that each WRM should have a strong focus so that researchers active in the target area are attracted. In addition meetings should be held in a desirable location that allows additional activities such as skiing or hiking. Finally, the meeting should be combined with other related conferences/symposia to attract a wider range of audience.

The next WRM has been scheduled to take place at the University of Victoria in May 2010 in conjunction with the UVic Forest Biology symposium. Organization members for the event include Peter Constabel, Barbara Hawkins and Soheil Mahmoud.

Soheil Mahmoud

## Appendix H. Ragai Ibrahim Award description

### **The Ragai Ibrahim Prize for best student paper.**

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

**Nomination:** Along with a PDF copy of the paper to the Chair of the Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee ([IbrahimAward@cspp-scpv.ca](mailto:IbrahimAward@cspp-scpv.ca)) by January 31, include a brief summary of why the paper merits consideration for the award (one full page maximum), and indicate whether the nominee is still a student or whether they have completed their program (please indicate date of completion). The contribution of the candidate should be fully described on any multi-authored paper, i.e. the intellectual contribution to the design of the experiments, the contribution to each figure and table in the manuscript and the contribution to the writing of all parts of the manuscript. The winner of the prize will be decided by March 1, and the winner will be notified.

The award will be presented at the CSPP Annual Meeting.

**Value of Prize:** The winner will receive a framed certificate and a cheque for 350 dollars.

## CSPP EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR 2009

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### EXECUTIVE

*President:*

Peter Pauls (Guelph) 2009

**Carl Douglas (British Columbia) 2009-2011**

*Vice-President:*

Carl Douglas (British Columbia) 2009

**Bill Plaxton (Queen's) 2009-2011**

*Secretary:*

Line Lapointe (Laval) 2010

*Treasurer:*

Harold Weger (Regina) 2010

*Communications Director/Bulletin Editor:*

Gordon Gray (Sask) 2009

**Malcolm Campbell (Toronto) 2009-2011**

*Western Regional Director:*

Soheil Mahmoud (UBC Okanagan) 2009

**Peter Constabel, (Victoria) 2009-2011**

*Eastern Regional Director:*

Neil Emery (Trent) 2010

*Senior Director:*

Priti Krishna (Western Ontario) 2009

**Rob Guy (British Columbia) 2009-2011**

*Science Policy Director:*

Jon Page (NRC-PBI) 2010

*Education Director:*

Greg Moorhead (Calgary) 2009

**Anja Geitmann (Montreal) 2009-2011**

*Student/PDF Representative:*

Allison McDonald (Western) 2010

*Past President:*

Rob Guy (British Columbia) 2009

**Peter Pauls (Guelph) 2009-2011**

### COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee

Harold Weger (Regina) Chair 2010

## Appendix I. Nomination Committee's report

Elizabeth Weretilnyk (McMaster) Co-Chair 2010  
Frederique Guinel (Laurier) 2012  
Doug Campbell (Mt Allison) 2011  
George Espie (UT Mississauga) Advisor  
**Sheila Macfie (Western Ontario) 2012**

### Auditors

**Ken Wilson (Saskatchewan) 2010**  
**Peta Bonham-Smith (Saskatchewan) 2010**

### C.D. Nelson Award Committee

Daniel Matton (Montréal) 2010 Chair  
Barry Shelp (Guelph) 2011  
**Dominique Michaud, Laval 2012**

### Communications Committee

Malcolm Campbell (Toronto) 2011 Chair  
Line Lapointe (Laval) 2010  
Michael Stasiak (Guelph) webmaster  
**Gordon Gray (Saskatchewan) 2012**

### David J. Gifford Tree Physiology Award Committee

Chris Todd (Saskatoon) 2010 Chair  
Janice Cook (Alberta) 2011  
**Shawn Mansfield (British Columbia) 2012**

### Education Committee

Anja Geitmann (Montreal) 2011 Chair  
**Christiane Charest (Ottawa) 2012**  
**Sangeeta Dhaubhadel (AAFC London) 2012**

### Gleb Krotkov Award Committee

André Laroche (Lethbridge) 2010 Chair  
Bill Plaxton (Queen's) 2011  
**Normand Brisson (Montreal) 2012**

### Meeting Site Committee

Bill Plaxton (Queen's) 2011 Chair  
Peta Bonham-Smith (Saskatchewan) 2010  
Lacey Samuel (British Columbia) 2011  
**Sophia Stone, (Dalhousie) 2012**

### Nominating Committee

Rob Guy (British Columbia) 2011 Chair  
Robin Cameron (McMaster) 2011  
**Priti Krishna (Western Ontario) 2012**

### Ragai Ibrahim Award Committee

Rob Hill (Manitoba) 2010 Chair  
Vince De Luca 2010  
Jean Rivoal (Montreal) 2010  
Allison McDonald (Western) 2010

### Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee

## Appendix I. Nomination Committee's report

Daphne Goring (Toronto) 2010 Chair  
Rob Mullen (Guelph) 2011  
**Vince De Luca (Brock) 2012**