

**The Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists Incorporated  
La Société Canadienne de Physiologie Végétale Incorporée  
(CSPP/SCPV Incorporated)**

**MINUTES  
Annual Business Meeting  
Room ST135, University of Calgary, Calgary AB  
Monday, June 10, 2002**

1. Call to order  
President **Norm Huner** called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.
2. Notice of meeting, and quorum  
A notice of the meeting was sent to all members via the electronic Bulletin on March 5, 2002. There was a quorum present of 36 members representing 34 members in attendance and 2 by proxy.
3. Members present  
Pierre Bilodeau, Daphne Goring, Robert Mullen, Harold Weger, Brian Colman, Gordon Gray, Fathey Sarhan, Mario Houde, Stewart Rood, Rob Hill, Hargurdeep Saini, Norm Huner, Elizabeth Weretilnyk, Derek Bewley, Hank D. Bestman, George Espie, Santosh Misra, Gregory Taylor, Peta Bonham-Smith, David M. Reid, Richard P. Pharis, Peter Constabel, Kenton Ko, John Thompson, Trevor A. Thorpe, Peter Jolliffe, Brian B. Ellis, Margaret Gruber, Connie Nozzolillo, Vipen Sawhney, Art Davis, Rima menassa, Lisa Amyot, Allen Good.
4. Proxies  
*Held by Neil Emery:* Frédérique C. Guinel  
*Held by Peter Pauls:* Istvan Rajcan
5. Agenda  
A motion by **Gray** to accept agenda was seconded by **Talor** and was carried unanimously.
6. Minutes  
A motion by **Colman**, seconded by **Bewley** to accept the minutes of the 2001 ABM, as posted on the CSPP Web site, was carried unanimously.
7. Reports for CSPP/SCPV Inc
  - a. *President.*  
President **Huner** presented a written report (Appendix A), and highlighted the following points from his report: The 2006 joint meeting with the ASPB will be held in Montreal. CFBS had been communicating with him and Fortin to propose a formula for the CSPP to rejoin the federation, but the executive's response to the idea was negative. However, the CSPP will maintain communication with the CFBS. No major CSPP awards were given at this year's annual meeting. He urged members to make nominations for various awards in the next year. This year, 19 Duff Awards for student travel to the annual meeting were made, partially with the help of \$698 in donations received for this award from CSPP members. He also mentioned that the CSPP dues would not be increased this year.
  - b. *Treasurer and Auditors*  
Treasurer **Espie** presented written reports for the CSPP Inc (Appendix B), and announced that the Society's books were audited by Frédérique Guinel and Barry Shelp (Auditors' report in Appendix B). In response to a question from **Good**, **Espie** said that the CSPMB membership dues that were transferred to the CSPP last year would pay for approximately 1.5 years of CSPP membership.
  - c. *Eastern Regional Director*  
**Weretilnyk** presented a written report (Appendix C). She informed members that the next Eastern Regional Meeting would be held at the Brock University on December 15, 2002, and was being organized by Alan Bown, Vince De Luca and Doug Bruce.

**Nozzolillo** requested that copies of the programs for all meetings should be sent to her for archiving.

d. *Communications Committee*

In the absence of the Communications Director Gifford, **Saini** outlined the activities of the communications committee, particularly noting that the membership directory would henceforth be published after the annual meeting to include the names of the new executive, and that owing to the streamlining of the operations by Gifford, the cost for the production of the directory had dropped substantially from approximately \$6,000 to \$1,750.

e. *Education Committee*

**Huner** mentioned on behalf of the Education Committee that Hoddinott and Jolliffe had presented two posters on Web-based teaching at the current annual meeting.

f. *Meeting Site Committee*

**Huner** summarized the Meeting Site Committee's report (Appendix D) on behalf of **Bown**, and mentioned that the preparations for the 2003 meeting in Antigonish — the first joint meeting with Plant Canada — were on course. In response to a question by **Good** whether the dates of this meeting were in conflict with those for the ISPMB meeting in Spain, **Huner** said that the dates of the CSPP meeting had been changed to June 25 – 28 to avoid this conflict.

g. *Plant Canada*

**Huner** read the report sent by **Peterson** (Appendix E), and said that five societies had now joined Plant Canada. These were: the two founding societies — CSPP and the Canadian Botanical Association, Expert Committee on Weeds (soon to be named Canadian Weed Science Society), the Canadian Phytopathological Society, and the Canadian Soil Science Society.

h. There were no reports from the Western Regional Director and the Science Policy Committee.

8. Accept officers' reports

A motion by **Hill**, seconded by **Good**, to *accept the reports of the officers of the CSPP* (6.a-h above) was carried unanimously.

9. Report of the Nominations Committee and elections of the officers of the CSPP Inc

**Bewley** presented the report of the Nominations Committee and announced the committee's nominations for election to various vacant positions on the CSPP executive and committees (Appendix F). The new nominees were:

**Executive:**

Vice-President: H. S. (Deep) Saini (until 2003)  
 Secretary: Pierre Bilodeau (until 2004)  
 Treasurer: Harold G. Weger (until 2004)  
 Eastern Director: Priti Krishna (until 2004)  
 Western Director: Carl Douglas (to continue until 2003)  
 Science Policy Director: C. Peter Constabel (until 2004)  
 Senior Director: Fathey Sarhan (until 2004)

**Committee Members:**

Meeting Site: Joan E. Krochko (until 2004)  
 Nominating: Peta Bonham-Smith (until 2004)  
 CD Nelson: David N. Kristie (until 2004)  
 Gold Medal: Peter A. Jolliffe (until 2004)  
 Gleb Krotkov: Roger F. Horton (until 2004)  
 Tree Physiology: Allison R. Kermode (until 2004)  
 Ann Oaks Foundation: Elizabeth A. Weretilnyk (until 2006)  
 Connie G. Nozzolillo (until 2005)

President **Huner** asked members present if there were any additional nominations from the floor. No other nominations were received. A motion by **Thompson**, seconded by **Sawhney** *to accept the report of the Nominations Committee and to elect various officers and committee members as nominated* was carried unanimously.

10. Authorization to sign

A motion by **Jolliffe**, seconded by **Colman** *to authorize the President and Treasurer to sign for the CSPP (Inc)* was carried unanimously.

11. Nomination of auditors

A motion by **Thorpe**, seconded by **Espie Vipen Sawhney and Gordon Gray** *as the auditors for the CSPP for the years 2002-2004* was carried unanimously.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Norm Huner  
President

Hargurdeep Saini  
Secretary

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3. Members present  
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4. Agenda  
A motion by **Bilodeau**, seconded by **Espie**, to *accept agenda* was carried unanimously.
5. Minutes  
A motion by **Hill** to *receive the minutes of the 2001 ABM held in Providence RI, USA* was seconded by **Colman** and carried unanimously.
6. Reports for CSPP/SCPV (Charity)
  - a) *Reports of the President, Eastern Regional Director, Communications Committee, Education Committee, Meeting Site Committee and Plant Canada* were identical to those presented in the meeting of the CSPP/SCPV Inc; Please see minutes of the CSPP/SCPV Inc and Appendices A to E for these reports.
  - b) *Treasurer and Auditors' reports:* **Espie** presented a written report (Appendix B) and noted that, with approximately \$115,000 in society's coffers, including \$60,000 in the Ann Oaks Scholarship fund, the society's finances were in good condition. This was despite the drop in the value of Oaks Fund caused by the decline in technology stocks, from which the fund was slowly recovering. The projected loss in the next year's budget was largely because of our liability of approximately \$6,000 resulting from a large loss at the last year's joint meeting with the ASPB. However, the deficit will be substantially mitigated by a reduction of over \$4,000 in the cost of preparing the CSPP directory (this was not known when the budget was prepared).  
**Hill** asked why the Ann Oaks Fund had been invested in relatively high-risk stocks? **Espie** explained that this was in deference to the wishes of Ann Oaks, who wanted the fund invested aggressively so as to rapidly accumulate enough money to start a scholarship. He informed members that the executive was looking at alternative investment strategies.
7. Accept officers' reports  
A motion by **Gray** to *accept officers' reports for the CSPP Charity*, seconded by **Bilodeau**, was carried.

8. Report from the Ann Oaks Trustees

**Espie** informed members that a board of trustees for the Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund had been named. The board advises the executive on the management of the fund and will eventually set rules as well as invite applications for the scholarships.

9. Change to CSPP By-Laws

*Motion-1:* **Huner** explained the motion to create 'By-law 17: The Directors' Awards', as detailed in the prior notice of motions sent to the members (Appendix G).

The 'Motion-1' put forth by **Taylor** to "create a new By-Law 17: Directors' Awards" was seconded by **Sarhan** and adopted unanimously.

*Motion-2:* **Huner** explained the motion to create 'By-law 18: George H. Duff Student Travel Awards', as detailed in the prior notice of motions sent to the members (Appendix G)

The 'Motion-2' proposed by **Taylor** to "create a new By-law 18: George H. Duff Student Travel Awards", seconded by **Espie**, was carried unanimously.

*Motion-3:* **Bewley** explained the motion to amend paragraph 'h' of the By-Law 2 pertaining to the rules governing the award of CSPP Life membership, as detailed in the prior notice of motions sent to the members (Appendix G). He said that the existing rules for this important award were ill defined, and read out the new, more clear rules proposed in the motion.

The 'Motion-3' proposed by **Taylor** to "amend the paragraph 'h' of the By-law 2 as outlined in the Appendix G" was seconded by **Thorpe** and was carried unanimously.

*Motion-4:* **Saini** explained the motion to change the designations of Bulletin Editor and Science Policy Officer, as detailed in the prior notice of motions sent to the members (Appendix G). He said that the change would harmonize the designations of these officers with those of other executive members.

The 'Motion 4' put forth by **Bilodeau** to "rename the Bulletin Editor and the Science Policy Officer as the Communications Director and the Science Policy Director, respectively, was seconded by **Taylor** and was carried unanimously.

10. Accept Directors

A motion by **Taylor**, seconded by **Nozzolillo**, to "accept the current Directors of the CSPP/SCPV Inc as the Directors of the CSPP/SCPV Charity" was carried unanimously.

11. Confirmation of executive actions and authorization of signatures

A motion by **Good**, seconded by **Bilodeau** to confirm the actions of the past executive, and to authorize the President and the Treasurer to sign for the CSPP/SCPV Charity, and was carried unanimously.

12. Award winners

**Huner** congratulated the 19 winners of the Duff Student Travel Awards, and the last year's Gold Medal Winner, John King, who received the medal at the current meeting.

13. Thanks

A motion of thanks to the organizing committee by **Taylor** was seconded by **Good** and was carried.

A motion by **Norm**, seconded by **Saini**, to thank the outgoing members of the executive (*Espie, Fortin, Bown and Weretilnyk*) was carried.

14. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

Norman Huner  
President

Hargurdeep Saini  
Secretary