



Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists
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Minutes of the AGM 2004

Meeting: CSPP/SCPV Annual Business Meeting
Date: 20 June 2004
Time: 12h00 to 13h30 pm
Location: Rozanski Hall, Room 102, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

AGM 2004
Meeting no: 03

Members present: Pierre Bilodeau, Deep Saini, Gordon Gray, Rob Guy, Peter Constabel, Marilyn Griffith,	Priti Krishna, Doug Muench, Harold Weger, Anja Geitmann, Michael Stasiak, Brian Ellis, Moira Galway, A. Guenawardena,	Neil Emery, Frederic Guinel, Yashwanti Mudgil, Donna Yee, Sheila Macfie, Michaela Cialucu, Santosh Misra, Hank Bestman,	Stew Rood, John Hoddicott, Barry Shelp, Rob Ireland, George Bassel, Yeen Ting Hwang, Derek Bewley, Bernie Grodzinski,	Brian Colman, Carl Douglas, C. Nozzolillo, Norm Huner, George Haughn, N. Shaiwen, E. Weretilnyk.
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03.00 Agenda

1. Accept agenda
2. Receive minutes of last ABM
3. Report of Officers
 - A. President – Saini
 - B. Treasurer – Weger
 - C. Communication - Gray
 - D. Eastern regional– Krishna
 - E. Western regional – Muench
 - F. Nominations – Griffith
 - G. Meeting sites – Sarhan/Huner
 - H. Education – Geitmann
 - I. Science Policy – Constable/Huner
4. Notice of motions (Saini)
5. Business arising
6. Varia
7. Adjournment

Call to order

President **Saini** called the meeting to order at 12h25 pm

Notice of meeting and Quorum

A notice of the meeting was sent to all members via the electronic Bulletin in April , 2004. There was a quorum present of 37 members all in attendance (see list above).



Proxies

Held by Rob Guy: D.P. Ormrod

03.01 Accept agenda

A motion by **Huner** to accept agenda, seconded by **Guy** was carried.

03.02 Receive minutes from executive meetings

A motion by **Bewley**, seconded by **Huner** to accept the minutes of the 2003 ABM, as posted on the CSPP Web site with minor corrections to names of participants (Frederique Guinel and Vipen K.Sawhney), was carried unanimously

03.03 Reports of Officers

A. President – Saini

Vice President.

The mandate of the present executive began with the sad and unsettling event of David Gifford's death. The shock of the loss of a valued colleague and friend aside, finding a new Vice President took up much of our focus during this time. Thanks to some very diligent work by Marilyn Griffith and the Nominating Committee, we were able to convince Robert Guy to fill in the breach. His appointment was interim up to the present Annual Meeting, and he has now been nominated for formal election to the office. It was indeed very generous of Robert to agree to step into the breach — a gesture that I personally appreciate very much.

Future priorities.

The successive executives, especially over the last several years, have provided exceptional leadership to the society. This has created a solid membership base, tremendously raised the standard of our meetings, and has brought in some high profile initiatives such as Plant Canada and Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund. We must build on these positive developments to take the society to the next height. To this end, the current executive had set itself the following priorities:

1. *Corporate membership.* Over the past quarter of a century, an ever-increasing amount of research in experimental plant biology has been done within private enterprises. Research within university and government laboratories has become intertwined with that in the private sector, university/government researchers collaborate with industrial researchers and many have launched successful spin-off companies. To highlight this new reality and to facilitate closer formal interaction between corporations and traditional members of the CSPP, the executive felt that it was time to create a new 'corporate member' category. A motion to this effect will be presented during this meeting.
2. *Membership drive.* Our membership base is strong but there is room for attracting significant number of new members from within Canada and northern parts of the US. The executive had hoped to launch a major membership drive early in this year but it had to be postponed because some key volunteers were excessively busy. We should be able to embark on this drive early in the fall academic session this year.



3. *An attractive web site.* A website is arguably the most important window to world for any organization. There is also an opportunity to take the initiative of making our web site a central portal for highlighting Canadian plant science at the academic, governmental and industrial levels. To this end, a complete revision and modernization of the web site has been undertaken. The first version of the site is up and running, and the Communication Director will present further details on this important project.
4. *A journal associated with the society.* Having a journal of our own will be a great shot in the arm for our Society. The irony is that we have more or less had one for a long time — the *Canadian Journal of Botany* — but we have failed to make it our own. Norm Huner initiated discussions with the CJB Editor-in-Chief Larry Peterson to develop closer links between CSPP and the journal, and I have continued to pursue this dialogue. A name change would go a long way to facilitate this association but unfortunately, NRC seems rather closed toward the idea. However, it is not a lost cause, and I do believe that with a concerted effort from member societies of Plant Canada, we can, in time, achieve this goal. While this discourse is ongoing, there are other ways to strengthen this relationship. Among these, publication of 2004 Annual Meeting Report (Symposia) in CJB is one option being discussed. We have also taken the initiative of putting a link to CJB on the CSPP website.

Future meetings

All indications are that the Annual Meeting in Guelph is going to be a resounding success both in terms of participation (close to 300) and the quality of science. Credit for this goes to the outstanding work by the meeting organizing committee.

Preparations for the 2005 Plant Canada meeting in Edmonton are well underway. Six societies will participate in this meeting, which will run over five days. Organizers have planned for 650 participants — potentially the largest gathering ever of Canadian plant biologists. The CSPP has advanced \$2,000 for this meeting. A preliminary program is ready to be mailed.

At the request of George Espie, the CSPP has also advanced \$2,000 for a satellite meeting on CO₂ concentration mechanisms just prior to the 2004 Photosynthesis Congress in Montreal. A similar support for this meeting in 1997 generated a healthy profit for CSPP.

Two other important meetings are coming close: the 2006 joint meeting with the ASPB in Montreal and the 50th anniversary meeting in 2008 in Ottawa. The ASPB essentially takes the lead for our joint meetings, but we have to be ready to stake important territory for the CSPP. Connie Nozzilillo has agreed to coordinate the next edition of CSPP history for publication on the 50th anniversary. Norm Huner has been working with Connie to identify one or two other coauthors for this volume.

CSPP Awards.

CSPP awards recognize excellence in Canadian plant biology. This year the executive took a proactive role in encouraging nominations for the Society's major awards. The results of this effort will become apparent at the awards ceremony during the annual banquet.



B. Treasurer – Weger

Changes in 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 Awards 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.

The sole remaining holdover function of CSPP Inc. was a GIC account (held at CIBC) that contained money from the defunct Canadian Society of Plant Molecular Biologists (CSPMB). The CSPMB "Legacy" GIC account was established when the CSPMB ceased operations. Some of the funds of the CSPMB were allocated to pay for the future CSPP/SCPV membership dues of former CSPMB members; membership dues for former CSPMB members were paid via the Legacy account. For 2004 the Legacy account contained insufficient funds to pay for the entire cost of a full membership; thus former CSPMB members paid a \$20 membership fee, while the Legacy account supplied \$20 per member as well. The money from the Legacy GIC was transferred to CSPP/SCPV. As of the 2004 membership year, the money in GIC was exhausted, and the Legacy account is extinguished.

Assets and Financial Activity

Assets of CSPP/SCPV Inc. consist solely of a chequing account containing approximately \$4,300 (see attached table). CSPP/SCPV Inc. had minimal financial activity in fiscal 2004; details are shown in the "Statement of Operations" (attached).

Overall, CSPP/SCPV Inc. posted a loss of \$2,226.00 for fiscal 2004. The majority of that loss occurred as a result of the transfer of \$2145.24 from CSPP/SCPV Inc. to CSPP/SCPV (transfer of the CSPMB GIC). In subsequent fiscal years (2005 onwards), CSPP/SCPV Inc. is predicted to suffer an annual loss of approximately \$100.00 (a combination of banking charges and corporation registration; see "Proposed Operating Budget").

Financial statements are attached in appendix A

Meetings (Plant Canada 2003 and Eastern Regional)

The Society sponsored two scientific meetings in fiscal year 2004: Plant Canada 2003 (held at St. Francis Xavier University in June 2003), and the Eastern Regional Meeting (held at Concordia



University in December 2003).

The Eastern Regional Meeting (ERM) yielded a profit of \$3,429.38. However, the accounting for the Eastern Regional Meeting was not finalized until after the end of fiscal 2004, therefore the Assets and Investments table does not include the ERM profit. Furthermore, while the Society had received a cheque for the ERM profit, we have not yet received a breakdown of revenue and expenses for the ERM, which means that part of the Statement of Operations is incomplete.

As well, the Society has not yet received the final accounting for last year's joint CBA/CSPP conference at St. Francis Xavier University. To date, we have received a cheque for \$220.00, representing the CSPP portion of the proceeds from the raffle of a painting during the conference. The chief conference organizer has told me that the conference approximately broke even, and that the final accounting is in progress. In terms of the Statement of Operations, the revenue from painting is indicated, but other revenue and expenses are as yet unknown.

George Duff Student Travel Fund

A total of \$1050.00 was donated by Society members to the Student Travel Fund in fiscal year 2004. A total of \$3200 was awarded in support of student travel to Plant Canada 2003; the difference in funding was supplied by general Society revenues.

Dr. Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund

A total of \$1250.44 was donated by Society members to the Oaks Scholarship Fund in fiscal year 2004. The Oaks Scholarship Fund was established by a donation from long-time CSPP/SCPV member Dr. Ann Oaks; Dr. Oaks has also made subsequent donations to the Fund. As well, CSPP/SCPV has been named as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy by Dr. Oaks; the proceeds of the policy will be added to the Oaks Scholarship Fund. The Fund will be used to support one or more PhD students in plant biology at a level comparable to an NSERC PGS Doctoral scholarship. The Fund is currently accumulating monies (with permission from the Canada Revenue Agency), and operation of the Fund is overseen by a Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has been working to change the investment mechanism of the Oaks Fund. Dr. Oaks provided the fund with two gifts of shares in various companies, and suggested that the Fund be managed in an "aggressive" manner in order to grow the Fund. However, financial management is not an activity that the Board of Trustees feels comfortable in undertaking; the Board feels that investment strategies are best left in the hands of professionals.

The money in the Oaks Fund is currently invested in a very conservative portfolio at BMO Nesbitt Burns. Negotiations are underway with the Hamilton Community Foundation (HCF) for Fund management (HCF web site at <http://www.hcf.on.ca>). Among other things, the HCF currently manages the Eastburn Postdoctoral Fellowship program at McMaster University.

Big Picture of the Society's Finances

The Society includes both CSPP/SCPV Inc. and the CSPP/SCPV. As well, both Society entities have



several different bank accounts and investments, and money gets transferred between entities and between accounts. Therefore, it can be difficult to understand the financial status of the Society as a whole when looking only at individual entities.

In order to understand the overall Society finances, I have combined CSPP/SCPV Inc. and the CSPP/SCPV into one analysis, and also removed the Oaks Fund from the analysis. The rationale for removing the Oaks Fund is that it is presently an accumulative fund, and is not part of the operating revenue of the Society (unlike the Duff Travel Fund, which both collects and awards money). The "big picture" is summarised in the last table of this report. In short, the Society showed a loss of approximately \$500 at the end of fiscal year 2004. However, the profit from the ERM more than makes up for that loss.

Once we receive the final accounting from both the ERM and the Annual Meeting, I will consult with the Society's accountant about the best way to prepare the 2004 Society tax return and about how to present the big picture of the Society's finances. As well, at that point I will provide the Executive with a document (an addendum to this Treasurer's Report) that updates the Society financial picture for fiscal year 2004.

Financial statements for the Charity are attached in appendix B.

Auditing

Finally, a note of thanks to the Society's auditors, Drs. Vipen Sawhney and Gordon Gray. **Auditors reports are found in appendix C.**

C. Communication - Gray

Gray reported on the web site redesign which was orchestrated in collaboration with **Geitmann** and Michael Stasiak. Several features have been or will be implemented including bilingual accessibility on some pages, increase in numbers of links, etc. Other interesting features will also be looked at such as web based membership registration and possibly meeting registration. .

Membership directory, is done in draft, to be cross referenced and go to printer. This should be accomplished within two weeks from now and ready for mail. By laws and constitution will not be included in directory but are accessible on web page.

D. Eastern regional- Krishna

Krishna reported about the past ERM in Concordia. Students presentations were very good and meeting was a success overall. Wayne Snedden from Queen's University has agreed to host the 2004 ERM in Kingston.

Krishna also worked actively with Muench to prepare the notice of motion regarding the details of the Georges Duff travel Awards. She also organized with the Western Director the advertisements and the selection of Duff Travel Awards for this meeting.



E. Western regional – Muench

2004 CSPP Western Regional Meeting

The Western Regional Meeting is tentatively scheduled for December 10 and 11 in Saskatoon. Gord Gray and Doug Muench will be organizing the event. Inquiries into room booking, catering and other aspects of the meeting have been initiated. Plans will be made to coordinate this meeting with a canola meeting that is also taking place in Saskatoon during that week.

Travel Awards for CSPP 2004

Fourteen students applied for and received Duff Travel Award funds. Allocation of funds was based on relative travel cost from the different locations. A total of \$3500 was available – the largest award was \$500.

F. Meeting sites –

The meeting site committee reported that next CSPP meeting will be as follow: 2004 Eastern Regional Meeting in Kingston, ON, 2004 Western Regional Meeting in Saskatoon, SK, and the 2005 Annual CSPP meeting will be held under the Plant Canada banner in Edmonton, AB.

G. Nominations – Griffith

Griffith presented the nominations of the CSPP Executive committee for next year:

Vice President -	Rob Guy (UBC) 2005
Science Policy Director -	Barbara Moffatt (Waterloo) 2006
Eastern Regional Director -	Greg Vanlerberghe (U of Toronto) 2006
Secretary -	Pierre Bilodeau (Medicago) (second term) 2006
Treasurer -	Harold Weger (Regina) (second term) 2006
Gold Medal Committee -	Ed Yeung (Calgary) 2007
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee -	Larry Fowke (Saskatchewan) 2007
Tree Physiology Award Committee -	Jocelyn Ozga (Alberta) 2007
C.D. Nelson Award Committee -	Daphne Goring 2007

A motion by **Bewley**, seconded by **Krishna** to close the nomination process was carried unanimously. On behalf of the nomination committee, a motion by **Griffith** seconded by **Huner** to accept these nominations was carried unanimously. With these nominations, here is the list of new Executive and other committees:

Executive committee

President: Deep Saini (Montreal) 2005
Vice-President: Rob Guy (British Columbia) 2005
Senior Directors: Marilyn Griffith (Waterloo) 2005
Secretary: Pierre Bilodeau (Medicago, Ste Foy) 2006
Treasurer: Harold Weger (Regina) 2006.
Eastern Director : Greg Vanlerberghe (Toronto) 2006
Western Director: Doug Muench (Calgary) 2005



Science Policy Director: Barbara Moffatt (Waterloo) 2006
Education Director: Anja Geitmann (Montreal) 2005
Communications Director: Gordon Gray (Sask) 2005

Committee Membership,

Nominating Committee

Marilyn Griffith. Senior Director (Chair) 2005
Peta Bonham-Smith (Sask) 2005
Ljerke Kunst (UBC) 2006

Meeting Site Committee

Rob Guy (UBC) Chair 2005
Joan Krochko (PBISask) 2005
Allen Good (Alberta) 2006
Aine Plant (SFU) 2006

Communications Committee

Pierre Bilodeau (Secretary)
Michael Stasiak (Webmaster, Guelph)
Gordon Gray (Communications Director)

Education Committee

Anje Geitmann. Education Director (Chair) 2005
Barry Micallef (Guelph) 2006
Doug Ormrod (Victoria) 2006

CD Nelson Award Committee

Dave Kristie (Acadia) 2005 Chair
Vipen Sawhney (Sask) 2006
Daphne Goring (Toronto) 2007

Gleb Krotkov Award Committee

Roger Horton (Guelph) 2005 Chair
Normand Brisson (Montreal) 2006
Larry Fowke (Sask) 2007

Society (Gold) Medal Award Committee

Peter Jolliffe (UBC) 2005 Chair
John Coleman (Toronto) 2006
Ed Yeung (Calgary) 2007

Tree Physiology Award Committee



Allison Kermode (SFU) 2005 Chair
Mike Dixon (Guelph) 2006
Jocelyn Ozga (Alberta) 2007

Ann Oaks Scholarship Committee

Harold Weger (Regina) Chair
Frederique Guinel (Laurier) Co-Chair 2005
Elizabeth Weretilnyk (McMaster) 2006
Connie Nozzolillo (Ottawa) 2006
Doug Campbell (MtAllison) 2007
George Espie (Erindale) Advisor

Auditors

A motion by Bewley, seconded by Huner to nominate Ken Wilson (Saskatoon) and Vipen Sawhney (Saskatoon) as auditors of the CSPP charity and corporation, was carried unanimously.

H. Education – Geitmann

Geitmann reported that the mandate of the Education Committee of the CSPP is to promote the teaching and public awareness of plant physiology in Canada. On one side it represents an interface between the general public and the members of the scientific community and on the other hand it promotes the exchange between plant scientists involved in teaching.

The most important instrument of the Education committee is the **Education site** on the CSPP web site which provides resources for teachers and students and hopefully is useful for anybody trying to learn more about plant physiology and plant biology in general. The old version of this web site is currently being remodelled to fit with the newly designed CSPP web page and will be available online soon.

An important addition to the web site will be a database that hopefully contributes to the lively exchange between those members who are involved in teaching plant science related classes. The following information will be listed in this database: Member name, Affiliation and address, Lab home page (if available), Course title, Type of practicals, labs (if part of the course), Course home page (if available), Textbooks used and/or recommended, Teaching aids (Videos, CDs etc.) , Other sources of teaching material

To gather the information necessary for establishing this database, a flyer has been distributed in the folder containing the registration material for this Annual Meeting. Members are asked to either provide the requested information on the flyer or send an e-mail at a later time. It is important to note that providing the above mentioned information does *not* imply that all class material is made public. What and with whom material is exchanged will remain entirely up to the individual member.

Hopefully, this database will be the first building block for a "**Plant Science Teaching Network**" that facilitates communication and thus allows new faculty members or those who plan to set up a new course or modify an existing one to be inspired by the exchange with colleagues.

I. Science Policy – Constabel

Very little has happened over the last year relating to science policy. Because of geographical



location, Saini and Huner have been helping Constabel in his role. New role for this position should be further discussed at the incoming meeting. One possibility could be a role in Plant Canada organization. More discussion to come.

03.04 Notice of motions

President **Saini** invited the assembly to vote on each motion separately. They will be presented on behalf of the Executive committee, seconded and discussion will follow. At the end each discussion, each motion will be voted by the ABM.

Motion 1: CHANGE OF NAME OF ‘THE CSPP/SCPV AWARD IN TREE PHYSIOLOGY’

Background: The CSPP Award in Tree Physiology was established in 1988 and is given for outstanding research contribution in tree physiology. Dr. David Gifford, one of the four scientists who have been honored in the past with this award, passed away on August 15, 2003. At the time of his death, Dr. Gifford was the Vice President of the CSPP, and would have assumed the presidency of the Society in 2005. He had previously served as the Secretary and the Communications Director of CSPP with great dedication and was a long-standing active member of the Society. Therefore, considering Dr. Gifford’s distinguished contributions to the CSPP and his excellence in the field of tree physiology, the executive voted unanimously in its December 2003 meeting to recommend that the Society rename the Tree Physiology Award in honor of Dr. Gifford’s memory.

The motion: It is moved that the name of ‘The CSPP/SCPV Award in Tree Physiology’, as outlined in the By-Law 13 of the CSPP constitution, be changed to ‘David J. Gifford Award in Tree Physiology’.

Motion 1 presented by **Saini**, seconded by **Bewley** was carried unanimously.

Following the acceptance of this motion, a framed citation will be presented to David Gifford’s family during the banquet. The family has been notified and they were very touched.

Motion 2: RENAME ‘GEORGE H. DUFF STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD’

Background: The ‘George H. Duff Student Travel Awards’ are given to students to assist with travel costs associated with attending the Annual Meeting of the Society, based primarily on the needs of the student and the distance to meeting site. Though preference is given to applicants presenting at the meeting, the decision to finance students is not based on merit. Therefore, it is more appropriate to call this award a ‘bursary’.

The motion: It is moved that ‘George H. Duff Student Travel Awards’ in By-Law 18 be renamed ‘George H. Duff Student Travel Bursary’.

Motion 2 presented by **Saini**, seconded by **Huner** was carried unanimously.

Motion 3: AMEND BY-LAW 18: ‘GEORGE H. DUFF STUDENT TRAVEL BURSARY’ PREVIOUSLY CALLED ‘GEORGE H. DUFF STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD’

Background: The Regional Directors, who administer these bursaries, have felt the need to better define the



criteria for awarding these bursaries. Some suggestions for improvement were also made by the members present at the Annual Business Meetings in 2002 and 2003.

The motion: It is moved that the 'By-Law 18: George H. Duff Student Travel Bursary' be amended as outlined below (the highlights reflect the changes to the original By-Law 18):

- a) The George H. Duff Student Travel **Bursaries** will be **given** by the Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists.
- b) The **bursaries** shall be used to assist students with travel costs associated with attending the Annual Meeting of the Society.
- c) The Society will annually set aside a sum of money to finance the **bursaries**. The amount set aside will be determined by the executive committee.
- d) The applicant must be a **student member** of the CSPP and be registered in a *bona-fide* undergraduate or postgraduate program at the time of the Annual Meeting or have defended his or her thesis no more than three months prior to the time of the **Meeting**. The applicant must be the 'one presenting' at the **Annual Meeting in an oral or poster category**. Applications will be judged on the basis of need and distance from the meeting site. Preference may be given to applicants living beyond a determined distance from the meeting site.
- e) A call for applications for the George H. Duff Student Travel **Bursaries** shall be made **two months** in advance of the Annual Meeting. Applications for the **bursaries** are to be sent to the George H. Duff Student Travel **Bursary** Committee.
- f) The George H. Duff Student Travel **Bursary** Committee shall be comprised of the Regional Directors. The Committee will be responsible for judging applications and notifying students of their decision and any conditions associated with the **bursary one month in advance of the Annual Meeting**. The **bursaries** shall be made by Executive decision on the recommendation of the **Bursary** Committee.
- g) The recipients of the bursaries will be notified before the registration deadline for the annual meeting.

Motion 3 presented by **Saini**, seconded by **Guinel** was carried unanimously.

Motion 4: CREATE A NEW 'CORPORATE MEMBER' CATEGORY

Background: Over the last 25 years, an ever-increasing amount of research in experimental plant biology has been done within private enterprises, and research within university and government laboratories has become intertwined with that in the private sector. Many university/government researchers collaborate with industrial researchers and many have launched successful spin-off companies. To highlight this new reality and to facilitate closer formal interaction between corporations and traditional members of the CSPP, it would be useful to create a new 'corporate member' category for the CSPP.

The motion: It is moved that the following clause 'b' be inserted after the clause 'a' in the existing By-Law 2, and the subsequent clauses 'b' to 'i' in the existing By-Law 2 be renumbered accordingly:

- b) A corporation may join the Society as a **corporate member** for a membership fee fixed by the executive. A member corporation will have the right to nominate two representatives who will receive individual



membership privileges at no extra cost. The membership will entitle the corporation to have its logo displayed at the Society's web site along with a link to its own web site.

Motion 4 presented by **Saini**, is seconded by **Macfie**. Moira Galway inquired whether this new category is a sponsor or a member. **Saini** confirm that they will be members and labeled as such. A discussion followed where some members expressed their concerns in relation to the implications of this motion if the CSPP has to express its opinion or comment on various corporate activities involving these corporate members. Other concerns have to do with the possible involvement of these corporations in the operations of our Society and whether or not they may intervene in certain circumstances.

A vote on Motion 4 is then taken with the following results: 18 for, 6 against, 7 abstentions: total 31. The motion 4 was carried.

Motion 7: AMEND 'ARTICLE 4: EXECUTIVE' TO CREATE REPRESENTATION FOR STUDENTS, POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATES, AND ELIMINATE ONE OFFICE OF SENIOR DIRECTOR.

Background: Students, post-doctoral fellows and research associates play a vital role in research, and are the future of our profession and the Society. Therefore, it is very important to induct them early into the management of our Society. We also believe that it is important to recruit new members to the Society from among these categories of young plant biologists. These members of the Society must be given opportunity to play an active role in the Society and to assist the Executive in identifying and addressing issues of concern to them.

Several positions have been added to the executive over the recent years, and it presently consists of 12 offices. We feel that it is important to limit further increase in the size of the executive. This could be achieved by eliminating one office of the Senior Director and fusing the duties of the two existing Senior Directors.

The motion: It is moved that the 'Article 4 Executive Committee' of the CSPP's constitution be amended to read as follows (major changes highlighted):

The Executive of the Society shall consist of the President, the Past-President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, two Regional Directors (one from Eastern Canada and one from Western Canada), **the Senior Director** elected from among members who have served on the Executive in the past, the Communication Director, the Education Director, the Science Policy Director and **the Student/PDF Representative. Student/PDF Representative will not be appointed Director of the CSPP Incorporated.**

Motion 7 presented by **Saini**, seconded by **Macfie** was carried. (against 1, abstentions 2)

Saini mentioned that Motions 5, 6 and 8 that all relate to changes in the constitution and by-laws following the acceptance of the other motions will be presented and voted on together.

Motion 5: REWRITE 'ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP'

Background: Revision necessitated by the passage of the motion 4.



The motion: It is moved that the second sentence in the ‘Article 3: Membership’ of the Society’s constitution be rewritten as follows (changes highlighted):

There shall be **seven** classes of members: full, post doctoral/research associate, emeritus, corresponding, student, **corporate** and life.

Motion 6: AMEND BY-LAW 2: MEMBERSHIP

Background: The clauses ‘a’ and ‘c’ (previously ‘b’) of the By-Law 2 contain some phrases that have never or rarely been applied, and moreover the phrase to be deleted from the clause ‘a’ is a potential impediment to attracting new members. ‘Post doctoral/research associate’ member category has been missing in clause ‘e’, part of the clause ‘a’, and clause ‘d’. Insertion of clause ‘b’ follows the passage of the Motion 4. Finally, clause ‘f’ need to be harmonized with changes to the Article 4 proposed in the Motion 7 below.

The motion: It is moved that By-Law 2 be modified as shown below (the text to be deleted is stricken-through, new text is highlighted, and all clauses have been renumbered):

- a) ~~Applications for individuals may apply to join the Society as full, post doctoral/research associate, student, corresponding or emeritus members membership must be sponsored by a full member.~~ **Emeritus** membership is available upon application to retired members with at least five years continuous, full membership in the CSPP. Election will follow automatically after application by those who fulfill the above conditions. An application for **student or post doctoral/research associate** membership must be signed by a supervising professor or scientist.
- b) A corporation may join the Society as a **corporate member** for a membership fee fixed by the executive. A member corporation will have the right to nominate two representatives who will receive individual membership privileges at no extra cost. The membership will entitle the corporation to have its logo displayed at the Society’s web site along with a link to its own web site.
- c) All applications shall be sent to the Treasurer ~~for review by the Executive.~~ The Executive shall have the authority to ~~accept candidates or not~~ **reject an application for membership** according to the best interests of the Society.
- d) An Emeritus member is one who has retired from active salaried employment as a plant physiologist and is working no more than half-time in a salaried position. The annual Notice of Renewal of Membership will indicate that application can be made for Emeritus Membership. Emeritus Membership will not ~~normally~~ be available to non-members, Corresponding Members, **Post Doctoral/Research Associate Members** or Student Members. ~~Emeritus Membership will be available to special cases on recommendation by the Executive and following a vote at the Annual Meeting.~~
- e) Only persons who live outside Canada shall be eligible for corresponding membership.
- f) Eligibility for student membership shall cease at the end of the fiscal year in which final graduation takes place when eligibility for **post doctoral/research associate or full membership** shall be automatically established. Eligibility for post doctoral/research associate membership shall cease at the end of the fiscal year in which such employment finishes when eligibility for full membership shall be automatically established.
- g) Corresponding, ~~members and~~ **student and post doctoral/research associate** members shall not be eligible to hold office in the Society ~~except an office specifically reserved to give representation to one or more of these membership categories, nor shall they be appointed as directors of the CSPP/SCPV Incorporated.~~
- h) Any member who has resigned may be reinstated on payment of his annual dues.



- i) By a majority vote at the Annual **Business** Meeting, the members may name a **life member**. Such a member will henceforth no longer be required to pay annual membership dues and will stay on the rolls during his or her natural lifetime or until the member resigns. It is expected that this great honor will be bestowed on very few individuals.

Motion 8: AMEND 'BY-LAW 4.1' OF THE CSPP/SCPV INCORPORATED.

Background: The number of Directors of the CSPP/SCPV Incorporated are fixed by this By-Law. Traditionally, the officers of the CSPP/SCPV charity are appointed as the Directors of the Corporation. Therefore, this By-Law will be affected by the amendment of the Article 4 of the CSPP/SCPV Charity as outlined in the motion 7 above.

Motion: It is moved that the By-Law 4.1 pertaining to the Board of Directors in the Charter and By-Laws of the CSPP/SCPV Incorporated be amended as follows (changes highlighted):

The property and business of the corporation shall be managed by a board of a minimum of three (3) directors and a maximum of **twelve (12)** directors, of whom a majority shall constitute a quorum. **A corresponding, student or post doctoral/research associate member of the CSPP/SCPV shall not be appointed as a director of the CSPP/SCPV Incorporated.** The board of directors may on literature of the corporation be designated as a board of governors.

Motion 5, 6 and 8, presented by **Saini**, seconded by Grodynski are carried. (18 for, 0 against, 1 abstention).

03.05 Business arising

A motion by **Bewley**, seconded by **Bestman** to appoint the officer of the charity as director of the corporation was carried unanimously.

Saini thanked the executive committee members who are retiring from their duties (**Krishna**, **Constabel** and **Sarhan**) and all other committee members.

03.06 Varia

none

03.07 Ajournment

A motion by **Huner**, seconded by **Krishna** to adjourn the meeting was carried unanimously

Hargurdeep Saini
President

Pierre Bilodeau
Secretary

Date

Date

Appendix A

Assets and Investments
CSPP/SCPV Inc.

	Apr. 30/99	Apr. 30/00	Apr. 30/01	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04
CSPP/SCPV Inc.						
Corporate Chequing Account	\$650.84	\$505.86	\$6,569.09	\$14,021.91	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06
GIC (CIBC)	--	\$5,402.00	\$3,524.00	--	\$2,124.00	--
Total Corporate Cash and Securities	\$650.84	\$5,907.86	\$10,093.09	\$14,021.91	\$6,609.62	\$4,345.06
Segregated Funds						
CSPMB Legacy Account	--	\$5,095.00	\$3,524.00	\$2,238.53	\$2,124.00	--
Total Encumbered Funds	--	\$5,095.00	\$3,524.00	\$2,238.53	\$2,124.00	--
Total Non-Encumbered Funds	\$650.84	\$812.86	\$6,569.09	\$11,783.38	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06

Appendix A

Statement of Operations CSPP/SCPV Inc.

For the year ended April 30, 2004.

REVENUE

Interest on GIC	\$21.24
Total Revenue	\$21.24

EXPENSES

Transfer of GIC funds (incl interest) to Charity	\$2,145.24
Bank and Credit Card Fees	\$72.00
Corporation Registration	\$30.00
Total Expenses	\$2,247.24

Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$2,226.00)
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Appendix A

Proposed Operating Budget
CSPP/SCPV Inc.
Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2005.

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

Appendix B

Assets and Investments CSPP/SCPV

	Apr. 30/99	Apr. 30/00	Apr. 30/01	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04
CSPP/SCPV						
Chequing Account	\$826.84	\$689.76	\$3,078.52	\$4,497.65	\$14,468.67	\$6,733.86*
Oaks Funds in Chequing Account						\$1,250.44
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$16,846.97	\$16,958.67	\$15,770.99	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	16,760.23
GICs (CIBC)	\$37,579.10	--	--	--	--	--
GIC (BMO Nesbitt Burns)		\$14,052.00	--	--	--	--
Cash Account (BMO Nesbitt Burns)		\$104.74	--	--	--	--
BCE Inc. (100 shares)		\$17,150.00	--	--	--	--
Canada Life Financial (400 shares)		\$10,640.00	--	--	--	--
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP/SCPV)			\$39,818.61	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78
BMO Nesbitt Burns (Oaks Fund)			\$71,365.31	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	--	--	--	\$570.62	\$151.91
Total Cash & Securities	\$55,252.91	\$104,595.17	\$130,033.43	\$115,894.81	\$114,450.73	\$114,771.51
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51
Total CSPP/SCPV Assets	\$56,302.91	\$105,645.17	\$131,083.43	\$116,944.81	\$114,450.73	\$119,858.02
Segregated Funds						
Ann Oaks Scholarship Fund	--	\$41,946.74	\$71,365.31	\$54,232.98	\$39,776.94	\$43,529.28
Duff Student Travel Fund	--	\$3,847.00	\$1,737.00	\$4,198.00	\$1,396.00	\$1,050.00
Oaks Donations in Chequing Account					\$1,367.00	\$1250.44
Total Encumbered Funds	--	\$45,793.74	\$73,102.31	\$58,430.98	\$42,539.94	\$45,829.72
Total Non-Encumbered Funds	\$56,302.91	\$59,851.43	\$57,981.12	\$58,513.83	\$71,910.79	\$74,028.03

*Does not include profit from the 2003 Eastern Regional Meeting (\$3,429.38).

Appendix B

Statement of Operations CSPP/SCPV

For the year ended April 30, 2004.

REVENUE

Membership dues	\$8,868.07
Transfer of CSPMB GIC from Corp to Charity (membership dues)	\$2,145.24
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,050.00
Oaks Scholarship Donations	\$1,250.44
Plant Canada 2003 - Painting Raffle	\$220.00
Plant Canada 2003	-----?
Eastern Regional Meeting	-----?
Donation by Ann Oaks for Insurance Premium	\$3,184.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$176.09
Total Revenue	\$16,893.84

EXPENSES

Duff Student Travel Awards	\$3,200.00
Other Awards	\$1,750.00
Transfer of Oaks Donations to BMO Nesbitt Burns	\$1,367.00
Plant Canada 2003	-----?
Eastern Regional Meeting	-----?
Oaks Life Insurance Premium	\$3,184.00
Gold Medals (6)	\$5,086.51
Conference Advance (CSPP2004; Univ. of Guelph)	\$1,000.00
Conference Advance (CCM satellite conference; Espie, Colman)	\$2,000.00
2002 Directory (duplicating and postage)	\$1,884.26
Accountant Fees	\$339.00
Website Hosting	\$414.73
Webmaster Expenses	\$528.28
Postage	\$331.65
Banking and Credit Card Fees	\$361.08
Society Insurance	\$648.00
Secretary's Expenses	\$1000.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$188.03
Printing and Duplicating	\$60.53
Courier	\$26.53
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$427.31
Total Expenses	\$23,796.91

Surplus/(Deficit)

INVESTMENTS

Revenue from CSPP/SCPV Investments (BMO NB + CIBC MMF)	\$3,471.51
Oaks Investments	\$2,632.34

Appendix B

Proposed Operating Budget

CSPP/SCPV

Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2005.

REVENUE

Membership dues	\$9,000.00
Duff Student Travel Donations	\$1,000.00
Oaks Scholarship Donations	\$1,000.00
CSPP 2004	\$65,000.00
Western Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Donation by Ann Oaks for Insurance Premium	\$3,184.00
Revenue from CSPP/SCPV Investments	\$2,100.00
Revenue from Oaks Investments	\$2,000.00
Total Revenue	\$97,254.00

EXPENSES

Duff Student Travel Awards	\$3,500.00
Other Awards	\$2,000.00
CSPP 2004	\$65,000.00
Western Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Eastern Regional Meeting	\$7,000.00
Oaks Life Insurance Premium	\$3,184.00
Website	\$1000.00
Postage	\$350.00
Banking and Credit Card Fees	\$275.00
Society Insurance	\$648.00
Treasurer's Expenses	\$250.00
Printing	\$100.00
Membership Directory	\$3,500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$3,000.00
Total Expenses	\$96,807.00

Surplus/(Deficit)	\$447.00
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Appendix B

Assets and Investments

Society "Big Picture"

	Apr. 30/02	Apr. 30/03	Apr. 30/04
CSPP/SCPV Inc.			
Chequing Account	\$14,021.91	\$4,485.62	\$4,345.06
GIC (CIBC)	--	\$2,124.00	--
CSPP/SCPV			
Chequing Account (non-Oaks)	\$4,497.65	\$13,101.67	\$6,733.86
Money Market Fund (CIBC)	\$16,136.53	\$16,453.62	\$16,760.23
BMO Nesbitt Burns (CSPP/SCPV)	\$41,027.65	\$43,180.88	\$46,345.78
Univ. of Regina CSPP Account	--	\$570.62	\$151.91
Gold Medals (estimate)	\$1,050.00	--	\$5,086.51
Society Assets	\$76,733.74	\$79,916.41	\$79,423.75*

*Does not include 2003 ERM profit of \$3,429.38

Society Membership

Year	Total Members	Full Members	Annual Meeting Site
1997	252	102	Vancouver, BC
1998	343	132	Montréal, QC
1999	491	237	Saskatoon, SK
2000	464	216	London, ON
2001	380	199	Providence, RI
2002	439	213	Calgary, AB
2003	348	181	Antigonish, NS
2004 (incomplete)	323	162	Guelph, ON

**The Charity
Auditors' Report**

June 14, 2004

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

In our opinion, we have been able to satisfy ourselves that these financial statements present fairly the financial position of CSPP as of April 30, 2004, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

We wish to commend the excellent work of Harold Weger in the maintenance of the financial records of the society. However, this can only be accomplished if the Treasurer is provided complete financial records for societal events in a prompt manner. We wish to identify this as an item of concern and bring it to the attention of the executive and membership.

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