

Business Meeting, 10 January 2015
Governor General II room, The Westin Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

Attendance

Shelley Arnott, Aisha Chiandet, David Eickmeyer, Danile Gregoire, Martha Guy, Kathryn Hargan, Jennifer Korosi, Chris Luszczyk, Jérôme Marty, Diane Orihel, Andrew Paterson, Anurani Persaud, Frances Pick, Dolores Planas, Alex Poulain, Charles Ramcharan, Mike Rennie, Jim Rusak, Chris Solomon, John Smol, Erik Szkokan-Emilsson, Zofia Taranu, Josh Thienpont, Jesse Vermaire, Rolf Vinebrooke, Chantal Vis

Jules Blais (SCL President) presides the meeting. Roberto Quinlan (SCL Secretary-Treasurer) records the minutes of the meeting.

1. Acceptance of minutes of SCL 2014 business meeting. Moved by Andrew Paterson, seconded by Charles Ramcharan, 28 approve, 0 oppose, 0 abstentions; carried.
2. Jules Blais thanks Chris Purchase, Dan Heath, John Lark, Steve Cooke for organizing and carrying out the conference, and Rob Mackereth for running the Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund award.
3. Thanks to time and efforts of awards committees: Peters Award – Alison Derry, Michael Rennie, Antonella Cattaneo; Rigler Award – Alison Derry, Paul del Giorgio, Frances Pick, Alex Poulain
4. Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund: there were a total of 27 awards given to SCL-registered student applicants, from a total of 108 student applications. Contribution to CRTF by SCL was \$2,500 for the 2015 conference; CRTF are grateful for SCL's continued contributions to the CRTF.
5. Financial report from the Treasurer:
 - a. Roberto Quinlan (RQ) provided a report on SCL finances and membership, by reviewing annual incomes and expenses over the past fiscal year (which commences 01 October of each year). Details in Appendix 1 of this report.
 - b. Of the \$20,000 transferred from SIL to SCL for student travel (following the 2007 SIL conference in Montreal), the student travel fund is now exhausted, with no funds remaining.
 - c. Total membership in 2014 increased from 100 in 2013 to 128 in 2014. The 5-year average is 96. Continued recent increases in membership numbers may reflect the increased convenience of membership payment via PayPal, and the increased visibility of SCL efforts in science advocacy. 31% of 2014 SCL members were students, which is above the 5-year average of 25.1%. There was a noticeable increase in membership, particularly by students, associated with the early registration deadline of the May 2014 Genomes to Biomes conference,

- where society membership (in either CSEE, CSZ or SCL) conferred reduced conference registration cost.
- d. SCL share of profit generated by Genomes to Biomes conference was \$2,304. SCL incurred expenses of \$3,080 in hosting 6 speakers, for a net loss of \$776, however, it is estimated that increased membership associated with conference registration (18 regular, 7 student) generated \$1,300 in membership fees revenue.
 - e. Canadian Science Publishing is now sponsoring the cost of the Rigler Award conference travel and registration, and made a contribution of \$1,340 for this year's conference.
 - f. Following suggested best accounting practices for non-profit organizations, \$15,575 of SCL's bank account balance should be held in reserve (2.5x annual operating costs).
6. There is now a new website for SCL: www.socanlimnol.ca. Thanks to Communications Officer Mike Rennie for his efforts on this task.
 7. Update on Canadian Journal of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences – presented by Rolf Vinebrooke.
 - a. CFJAS is no longer published by NRC Press, now a part of Canadian Science Publishing group.
 - b. If you are an author submitting to CJFAS over the next year you will be receiving requests for feedback about journal review process.
 - c. There will be highlighting of 1 paper per month via “Editor’s Choice” communications, with CSP media release and website highlighting.
 - d. Publishing statistics: there were 953 submissions over 12 months, with a rejection rate of approximately 70%; this is a ‘typical’ rejection rate since 2009.
 - e. There is now a shorter turnaround time from submission to publication, down to 190 days in 2014 versus 237 days in 2009.
 - f. Impact factor has increased from 2.0 in 2009 to 2.3 in 2014.
 - g. There will be changes in composition of editorial board.
 8. The Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE) – update by Martha Guy: SCL continues to be a member of PAGSE, which seeks to improve lines of communication between government and scientists, through activities such as the “Bacon and Eggheads” meeting on Parliament Hill, where PAGSE meets with government officials to make recommendations on science policy. SCL continues to have representation in PAGSE, as Frances Pick is the chair for committee within PAGSE. PAGSE is now back as a program within the Royal Society of Canada.
 9. SCL Visioning Committee: Step 1, Review and update of SCL by-laws; Andrew Paterson (w/ Jim Rusak and Norman Yan).
 - a. Suggested a number of amendments to by-laws (need to be reviewed and updated)
 - b. Discussed the pros and cons of SCL incorporating; pros: increased society presence, ability to apply for grant funding; cons: additional required costs including annual review by lawyer, accountant and auditor
 - c. Vote in favour to send by-law amendment proposals to wider membership

10. Meetings:

- a. Venues for future CCFFR meetings: 2016 in St. John's, 2017 in Montréal, 2018 in Edmonton, 2019 "somewhere within Windsor-Québec City corridor".
- b. Genomes to Biomes: details of SCL presence and activities at meeting, including 6 invited speakers, 1 plenary speaker, 1 keynote speaker, 1 Young Investigators Symposium speaker; SCL attendance was very respectable (n = 53) relative to total society membership and considering that other SCL members were also attending the IAGLR conference that was taking place at the same time, and that other SCL members were instead going to the Joint Aquatic Sciences meeting (incl. Soc Freshwat Sci, Phycol Soc Amer, ASLO, Soc Wetland Sci) two weeks later in Portland, Oregon.

11. Society Executive elections: Jérôme Marty elected as society President. Acclaimed executive members: anglophone Vice-President Helen Baulch, francophone Vice-President Alain Patoine (agreed to renew his term as VP), francophone student representative Nicolas Fortin St-Gelais (Beisner lab UQAM), anglophone student representative Daniel Gregoire (Poulain lab UOttawa), francophone communications officer Alex Poulain, anglophone communications officer Michael Rennie (renews and continues as communications officer). Roberto Quinlan continues as Secretary-Treasurer (term began one year earlier).

Thank you to outgoing society President Jules Blais, and outgoing student representatives Jorge Dastis and Erik Szkokan-Emilson. Thank you to outgoing Vice-President Alison Derry and for all her time and efforts with the Genomes to Biomes 2014 conference in Montréal, where SCL was a joint partner with CSEE and CSZ.

12. Other business: SCL incorporation
- discussed during Visioning Committee item

13. Meeting adjourned.

Appendix 1 – Financial report – revenues and expenditures

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| Previous Account Balance | | \$ 30,892.72 |
| <u>Income</u> | | \$ 6,611.24 |
| SCL dues 2014 | \$ 5,319.19 | |
| SIL dues 2014 | \$ 183.90 | |
| SCL Merchandise sales (t-shirts, stickers etc) | \$ 698.15 | |
| Peter's Award Donations | \$ 410.00 | |
| <u>Expenditures</u> | | \$ 6,334.76 |
| Bank charges | \$ 85.32 | |
| PayPal charges | \$ 177.84 | |
| Office supplies (postage, etc.) | \$94.11 | |
| SCL Merchandise (t-shirts) | \$1,133.45 | |
| Clemens Rigler Travel Fund | \$ 2,000.00 | |
| PAGSE membership dues 2013 | \$ 750.00 | |
| Rigler Award – travel, registration, plaque etc | \$ 28.25** | |
| Genomes to Biomes Student Travel Awards | \$1,381.89 | |
| Peter's Award | \$ 500.00 | |
| SIL dues – transfer | \$ 183.90 | |
| New account balance | | \$ 31,169.20 |
| Change in account balance | | \$ 276.48 |

Reflects transactions 01 October 2013 to 30 September 2014

** Frances Pick generously waived conference travel and registration obligation of SCL to Rigler Award winner.