



SCL Business Meeting, 07 January 2017
Grand Salon B, Hyatt Regency Hotel Montréal

Attendance

Jules Blais, Matthew Bogard, Tonya DelSontro, David Eickmeyer, Nicolas Fortin St-Gelais (SCL Student Representative), Daniel Grégoire (SCL Student Representative), Irene Gregory-Eaves, Katherine Griffiths, Kathryn Hargan, Marie-Pier Hébert, Scott Higgins, Karen Kidd, Brian Kielstra, Jennifer Korosi, Roxane Maranger, Jérôme Marty (SCL President), Lewis Molot, Clare Nelligan, Gertrud Nürnberg, Diane Orihel, Megan Otu, Dolores Planas, Alexandre Poulain (SCL Communications), Roberto Quinlan (SCL Secretary-Treasurer), Michael Rennie (SCL Communications), Jim Rusak, Chris Solomon, Ryan Sorichetti, Erik Szkokan-Emilson, Josh Thienpont, Richard Vogt, Marguerite Xenopolous; 32 attendees including 6 student and 7 postdoctoral members.

Jérôme Marty (SCL President) presides the meeting. Roberto Quinlan (SCL Secretary-Treasurer) records the minutes of the meeting. Commenced 5.00 pm.

1. Minutes.

Acceptance of minutes of SCL 2016 business meeting. Moved by Michael Rennie, seconded by Dolores Planas; unanimously carried.

2. Agenda

There was no motion to amend the agenda, proposed agenda was carried.

3. SCL President's remarks

Jérôme was pleased to see so many SCL member's talks and posters. Thank you to the organizers of the 2017 Conference: Irene Gregory-Eaves (Chair), Katrine Turgeon, Katharine Griffiths, Zofia Taranu and Chris Solomon (McGill), for running such a successful conference. The program committee was led by Marco Rodriguez and Jim Guest. Thank you to the sponsors and exhibitors: The sponsorship revenues for the 2017 conference are close to \$13,000, mostly raised the CCFR committee. These revenues came from private sources, local universities and governments.

4. Peters and Rigler Award

Under the leadership of Helen Baulch, a growing number of submissions were received for both awards, showing the members' interest in the society. Thank you to the Rigler award committee, who included Helen Baulch (SCL), Alexandre Poulain (SCL), Gary Sprules (UofT), Mike Paterson (IISD-ELA) and past Rigler Award winner William (Bill) Taylor (U Waterloo). The committee received 4 nominations and Jules Blais (U Ottawa) is the recipient for 2017.

For the Peters award, 5 papers were assessed by the Peters award committee, who included Helen Baulch (SCL), Jerome Marty (SCL), past Peters award winner Jason Venkiteswaran (WLU). All papers were published in high impact journals and the committee awarded 2 Peters awards this year (D. Grégoire, U Ottawa and J. Summers, Queens U).

Since its creation, the Peters Award has been supported each year with a donation from Antonella Cattaneo. As of 2017, the executive of SCL made the decision to create a Lifetime membership category and has decided to offer a lifetime SCL membership to Antonella for her continuing support to the Peters Award and the SCL.

5. Clemens-Rigler Travel Fund and Early Career Award

This year, the conference had over 400 participants and a high number of CLTF requests were received: 92 applications were received, 65 of these are first time applicants. The average funding was \$472 for a total of \$22,000 supporting 89 students. The sources of funding for the CRTF were the SCL (2.5K), DFO (6K), the difference came from CCFR.

This year, for the first time, an Early Career Award (ECA) was created to encourage young professionals to join the conference and stay connected with the aquatic science community. The award aims at supporting post docs and recent graduate (less than 2 years) who need financial assistance. 24 applications were received for the ECA (23 Phds and 1 Msc), with a total request of \$13,721. CCFR provided \$7,000 to the ECA to support all 24 applicants. The high demand for the ECA is indicative of the high number of young professionals currently in transition. The SCL may consider contributing to this award in the future in order to help maintaining post docs memberships (already at reduced student rate). A total of 113 students received close to \$29,000 in support.

6. Financial Report from Treasurer [Roberto Quinlan]

a) Roberto Quinlan (RQ) reviewed annual incomes and expenses over the past fiscal year (which commences 01 October of each year). Details in Appendix 1 of this report.

b) Total membership in 2016 increased to 131, up from 2015's 120 members. 36% of SCL's 2016 members were students. Both total membership and student membership are at high levels relative to 5-year and 10-year averages, and the total membership is the highest since SCL ceased to play an organizing role in SCL/CCFR meetings in 2006, when SCL membership conferred a substantive discount to the conference registration rate.

c) There was a decline in revenues from membership dues as this is an 'off-year' in the cycle of many members maintaining 2-year memberships.

d) Following suggested best accounting practices for non-profit organizations where 2.5x annual operating costs should be held in reserve, SCL's current bank account balance is substantially

above the recommended reserve amount, and the society can contemplate new and expanded endeavours, including supporting student travel of SCL members to conferences.

7. SCL website and Communication update [*Michael Rennie and Alexandre Poulain*]

The SCL webpage, Facebook page and Twitter account of the SCL are receiving increasing visits, mostly for the job postings page. The SCL recently changed providers to host its servers in order to maintain the functionalities of the website. When the incorporation of the SCL will be completed, options available for NGOs offered by google will be evaluated (SCL emails).

2 issues of the Current, the SCL Newsletter were published in May and December 2016.

We will be working on the next issue of the Current in the coming weeks. Members are invited to provide pictures, stories, new projects and paper releases.

In 2016, the SCL started the Limnoseminar - an online presentation, broadcast live and then available via You Tube. Alexandre Poulain (SCL) coordinates the limnoseminar and should be contacted to schedule future presentations. We have a number of talks currently scheduled, including the recent SCL international travel award (for SIL), Jennifer Barrow (McGill U)

8. Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE; www.pagse.org/en/main.htm)

The SCL is a member of PAGSE. The role of PAGSE is to promote science in Canada and connect several societies (science and engineering). PAGSE sponsors a monthly breakfast meeting known as “Bacon and Eggheads”, to inform parliamentarians about recent advances in science and engineering. Via PAGSE, the SCL receives requests for input from funding agencies, including NSERC in 2016 for the Discovery Frontiers themes. The SCL received 2 suggestions from the membership, both on the topic of cyanobacteria.

9. SCL Incorporation [*Jérôme Marty and Alain Patoine*]

Following the 2016 SCL board meeting, the executive made arrangements to initiate the incorporation of the SCL with the Canada Revenue Agency. The incorporation was identified as a requirement to be able to attract new sources of funding (unavailable to us as an unincorporated organization), to limit the personal liability of volunteers acting in their society executive capacities, and participate more actively in co-organizing other additional conferences. The SCL hired a lawyer to assist with the incorporation on behalf of the SCL. The submission of the form is now scheduled within the next weeks after review from the lawyer. The incorporation requires the creation of a Board of Directors and the completion of updated By-Laws within one year after incorporation. The incorporation also requires the production of a yearly statement of SCL’s financial status by a certified accountant. The SCL’s permanent address will be located at the University of Ottawa, Biology Department. Thank you to Antoine Morin and Frances Pick who followed up with the UO administration.

10. Upcoming Meetings

2018: CCFR Edmonton (Mark Poesch)

2019: CCFR London (Brian Neff)

2020: CCFR East, Halifax (Trevor Avery)

2021: Central: To be determined.

11. Nomination SCL Board

We thank Roberto Quinlan for his contribution as Treasurer of the SCL for 2 mandates. The SCL needs to proceed with the election of a new treasurer, following the recent call for candidate.

Josh Thienpont (U Ottawa) volunteered to stand for nomination. Josh was acclaimed to the position.

12. Other Business

CJFAS update [*Michael Rennie*]

a) CJFAS has a current (2-year) Impact Factor of 2.437, and is ranked 7th out of 52 fisheries journals and 17th out of 103 Marine and Freshwater Biology journals.

b) The journal currently has an average timeline of 47 days from manuscript submission to editorial decision. The journal published 869 papers in 2016, with a 63.5% rejection rate of submitted manuscripts.

c) One of CJFAS' top-downloaded papers for 2016 was by SCL member Dr. Frances Pick (U Ottawa).

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Megan Otu, seconded by Alexandre Poulain. Meeting adjourned at 5.45 pm.

Thank you for attending the SCL business meeting!

Appendix 1. Details of incomes and expenditures for SCL, 2015-16 fiscal year.

INCOME

SCL dues	\$ 6,530.00
SIL dues	\$ 122.50
SCL stickers tattoos t-shirts	\$ 15.00
SCL Mugs	\$ 30.00
Ad revenue	\$ 675.00
Peter's Award Donations	\$ 565.00
Subtotal	\$ 7,937.50

EXPENDITURES

Bank charges	\$ 91.26
PayPal charges	\$ 202.38
Postal charges	\$ 205.25
Clemens Rigler Travel Fund	\$ 2,500.00
PAGSE membership contribution	\$ 505.50
Rigler lecturer	\$ -
Rigler lecturer CCFR registration	\$ 270.00
Rigler & Peters award engraving	\$ 347.95
Peters Award honorarium	\$ 500.00
SIL 2016 Italy Student Travel Award	\$ 949.77
SIL dues - transfer	\$ 122.50
Subtotal	\$ 5,694.61