

GENETICS SOCIETY OF CANADA
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Thursday May 14, 2009, 10:45 a.m.-Noon
Student Union Building (SUB) 303

Present: Arthur Hilliker (Chair), Bernie Duncker, Mark Wilkinson, Jianping Xu, Brian Golding, John Bell, Clare Hasenkampf

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA.

Motion to accept agenda was approved

2. APPROVAL OF 2008 AGM MINUTES

Motion to accept AGM minutes was approved

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The main items that Paul wanted us to discuss, the 2010 meeting and the future role of the GSC were discussed later in the agenda.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bernie presented Julie's report. The recommendations, including those pertaining to the new TD chequing account, and closing the TD "line of credit", were approved.

5. ANNUAL DUES

A motion for Annual Dues to remain unchanged was approved.

6. GENOME REPORT

The journal is doing well, overall, with many submissions and a relatively high rejection rate. Over the years, it has become a home for high quality plant genetics and genomics research, but submissions from other areas need to be encouraged. The GSC membership should also think about contributing review papers and editorials. This will be a year of change at the journal as it makes a transition to a not for profit organization publication model.

7. MEETING REPORT

The report from Vett Lloyd, GSC representative on Halifax local organizing committee, was discussed. Overall, there was disappointment that there was such a low turnout of GSC members for this meeting. Recommendations for next year are that advertising/promotion of the meeting to the membership be undertaken earlier, And that the GSC representative(s) on the local organizing committee are actually local.

2010 MEETING

An extensive discussion was held regarding who to partner with for the 2010 meeting. Two ideas had been put forth. Jianping had proposed a joint meeting with the Canadian Society of Microbiologists next June at McMaster University; Paul had suggested participating in a Development meeting in Mont Tremblant next March. The June date seemed to be more convenient for most GSC members, and Jianping told us that the CSM executive needed to know about our participation by May 27th. A motion to hold a joint 2010 meeting with the CSM in Hamilton was approved. It was noted that this would not preclude the GSC from being involved with the other meeting in some capacity, but that the GSC Exec and Annual General meetings would be held at the CSM/GSC conference.

8. AWARDS

Arthur agreed to be the Chair for the 2010 awards committee, with Bernie and Brian also serving as members.

9. STUDENT REPORT

No report was presented.

10. NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business.

11. CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Mark Wilkinson was welcomed as a new Western Director

12. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion to adjourn was approved.