

CANADIAN SOCIETY FOR CHEMISTRY

ORGANIC DIVISION

MINUTES OF THE 2001 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Meeting Called to Order at 6:04 PM, May 28, 2001

Executive Present: Brian Keay
Andre Charette
Marek Majewski
Steve Withers
Jim Charlton
Stephen Horne - Recorder

Executive Absent: Sue Abrams
Victor Snieckus

1. Minutes from the Annual General Meeting held in Calgary were approved.

2. Financial Report

A review of the financial statement by B. Keay indicated that approximately \$ 6,000 had been collected through fundraising; however, \$ 5,000 worth of receipts had never been claimed. This amount was invested in GIC's.

Motion was passed to accept the financial statement by M. Workentin and seconded by C. Gottardo.

3. Future Meetings

B. Keay announced that upcoming CSC Meeting locations had been confirmed for 2002 (Vancouver), 2003 (Ottawa – joint with IUPAC), 2004 (London) and that Saskatoon had agreed, in principle, to organize the 2005 meeting.

4. Acknowledgement to Executive

B. Keay thanked the Organic Division Executive for their support during 2001.

5. Report on the Montreal Conference

A. Charette summarized that, of the total of 13 symposia at the Montreal Conference, five were organized jointly between divisions. A total of thirty free registrations were granted (twenty-six in joint symposia). Approximately \$ 45,000 was collected through fundraising. In addition, two contributions through book awards (Wiley) were acknowledged. A total of \$ 11,735 had been transferred as balance from the Calgary conference toward support of the Montreal conference.

6. Plans for the 2002 Conference in Vancouver

The tentative list of symposia was displayed to the membership by Steve Withers. It was emphasized that, in order to address previous concerns over the lack of representation of physical organic chemistry in the symposia, one physical organic symposium is being planned for Vancouver.

7. Report on the 51st CSC Board Meeting

J. Charlton reported that an overall surplus had been realized following the Calgary CSC conference. It was further indicated that the overall membership in CSC is up by 2-3%. The CSC and the ACS have agreed, in principle, to a joint membership arrangement. The final arrangement will probably result in lower fees.

The CSC has also agreed to accreditation of one – half course in biochemistry in Canadian chemistry programs by 2005. In terms of strategic planning, the CSC has targeted more professional development and more continuing education courses in future. While attendance at these courses was poor in Calgary, planning for improved courses continues.

The level of federal lobbying has increased collaboratively with other scientific groups towards more funding from NSERC, towards a physicist's neutron facility, and the development of an independent advisory group to advise on policy.

HERMES will continue to be used under a three-year contract with Ozone Software. Changes are planned for the format and content of ACCN later this year.

At the national office, Pierre Lamasson has been hired to oversee the electronic mail database.

Regarding professional status, discussions on a professional trademark for chemists have been discussed (similar to the CChem in the UK) but a stumbling block exists as several provinces already have their own designations, for example ACPO (Ontario), ACPA (Alberta), and OCQ (Quebec). The potential national designation P.Chem. will likely not be approved.

Regarding the financially successful Pacificchem meeting, very little revenue has come back to the CSC and this is being addressed. There were three CSC members of the fifteen member advisory committee but approximately only 5% of the revenues were received.

Procedures have been improved for the selection of members for award committees as there had been concern that for some awards, e.g. Astra-Zeneca, it had been difficult to find enough people to sit on the selection committee.

A motion was passed that non-member graduate students will pay more registration fees for conferences than CSC member graduate students.

It was announced that special upcoming issues of CJC are planned in tribute to Victor Snieckus (2001), Ray Lemieux (2002), Brian Jones (2002), Don Arnold (2003), and Ed Piers (2004).

It was suggested by MM that better system of publicizing award winners is needed

8. Ichikazaki, Lemieux, and Student Awards

It was suggested that faster feedback from Ottawa is required concerning winners of the Ichikazaki/Lemieux awards. On the issue of student awards, there had been a total of four awards for oral presentations and four awards for posters presented in Calgary. These awards were valued at \$ 250 each and covered through GIC interest. Two Wiley book awards were also presented in Calgary.

9. Other Business

A vote was conducted to elect for a vacancy in the member-at-large category, due to the recent departure of Sue Abrams. Nominations for Dr. John Balsovich (NRC, Saskatoon) by Sue Abrams and

Dr. Francis Belleau (Brisol-Meyers Squibb, Candiac) by Vic Snieckus were made. M. Majewski and J. Lessard acted as tellers for the vote. Dr. Belleau was declared the winner.

10. Ratification of New Executive

A motion was passed (Jean Lessard, seconded by Andrew Wee) to ratify the new Organic Division Executive as follows:

Brian Keay – Past Chairman
Marek Majewski – Chairman
Andre Charette – Vice-Chairman
Steve Withers – Program Chairman -Treasurer
Prabhat Arya – Secretary
Vic Snieckus – ACS Representative
Stephen Horne – Member-at-Large
Francis Belleau – Member-at-Large
Jim Charlton – Organic Division Representative, CSC Board of Directors

11. Potential Joint ACS/CSC Division of Organic Chemistry Fellowships

B. Keay reported that V. Snieckus has proposed an idea whereby the three ACS Organic Division student awards, currently administered exclusively to American students, would be awarded to 2 Americans and one Canadian each year under a uniform set of guidelines with one selection committee. It was noted that Dennis Curran requires a formal letter from the CSC Organic Division in order to proceed with these discussions in the ACS Organic Division. A motion was passed (J. Charlton, seconded by Norm Hunter) to proceed with the preparation of a letter in support of this proposal to Dennis Curran.

12. Ratification of the Actions of the Executive

It was called for a motion to ratify the actions of the Executive – motioned by Dale Ward, and seconded by Cornelia Bourne.

13. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.