

AGM Organic division 2016, Halifax

Minutes

1. It was decided that no action is to be taken on the idea of compound registry.
2. Conference support: it was decided that there would be maximum 4 contributions at 500 CDN each.
3. Voted that graduate students do not need to be members of the CSC.
4. ISHC – heterocyclic chemistry chapter in Canada (as per Comins). They want more cooperation with the Canadian Chemical Society. Gains: set up conferences in different member countries. As per Vic Snieckus, it is a good thing to be a member to promote cooperation. Rob Britton will work with Vic on a draft document and provide it to ISHC how we will interact with them.
5. Based on a number of abstracts, there is a formula for getting cash (conference surplus formula). It was proposed that instead of cash there is a fee waiver. But this is not a good idea (deemed by OR). Cash is better due to flexibility.
6. Fund raising this year did not go too well (Burnell). Approached 42 companies. Pharma changes priorities and unless the meeting is focused on therapy, they will not support. Aldrich used to support a lot but now due to cost of booth, budget is blown. Total money: 9,663. Balance on 31 of May: 30k, will be less at the end of this meeting.
7. Must increase medicinal chemistry relevance for more successful fund raising.
8. Important for next year: money intended for organic needs to be in organic division.
9. This year: 4 joint and 5 full organic symposia.
10. Must have physical organic symposium next year to ensure better coverage of areas.
11. Vic Snieckus suggested a symposium on prebiotic chemistry. It is unclear who will do this.
12. There was a discussion about not having a general session next year. However, this is somewhat difficult to implement because overflow must go there.
13. RSC wants to participate but there are no concrete steps. Establishment of contacts with RSC is an important objective.