

Canadian Society for Chemistry – Organic Division Annual General Meeting 2022
Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 16th, 2022
Location: Telus Convention Centre, Calgary, AB

In attendance (17): Marc Mackinnon, Christine Gottardo, Marc Adler, Shawn Collins, Rebecca Davis, Jeremy Wulff, Huck Grover, Sophie Rousseaux, David Leitch, Graham Murphy, Jean-Philip Lumb, Thomas Back, Michel Gravel, Alison Thompson, Jeffrey Atkinson, Matthew Maddess, Kaitlin Isfeld, Hunter Sturm

Call to order at 12:32pm

1. Welcome and Introductions

Prof. Davis convened the meeting and welcomed those in attendance. Introductions were made to the members of the executive who were in attendance:

- Past Chair: Christine Gottardo
- Current Chair: Rebecca Davis
- Vice-Chair: Shawn Collins
- Treasurer: Jeremy Wulff
- Secretary: Michel Gravel
- Member-at-large: Jean-Philip Lumb
- Member-at-large: Danica Rankic (absent)

2. Approval of the Agenda

- Minutes of the preceding Business Meeting and matters arising.
- Report of the Chair.
- Financial Report by the Treasurer-Program Chair.
- Proposed Program for the following year.
- Nominations for and election of the new Officers.
- New Business.

Motioned by Christine Gottardo. Seconded by Marc Adler.
Passed with none opposed. No abstentions noted.

3. Approval of the minutes of the Previous Meeting August 25th, 2021.

Motioned by Christine Gottardo. Seconded by Marc Adler.
Passed with none opposed. No abstentions noted.

4. Matters arising from minutes

- A selections sub-committee was formed to propose a slate of candidates for the vacant positions on the executive(*). The sub-committee was formed of Christine Gottardo, Shawn Collins, and Tabitha Wood.

5. Report from the Chair (R. Davis, Chair)

- Proposal to Introduce New Position into the Executive:

- Communications Officer
The Communications Officer is responsible for outward messaging for the division. The Communications Office shall maintain and update the CSC Organic Division website; manage social media for the division (e.g. Twitter); maintain and operate the division listserv; help draft internal and external statements made on behalf of the division and/or the Executive Committee and Chair the Committee for the Virtual Seminar Series. There is no term of service for the Communications Officer; the Communications Officer will be expected to remain in the position unless a new Communications Officer is voted in by a majority of a standing Executive Committee, which can happen at any time.
- This new position is to be approved in one week by the membership, according to the division's constitution.

- Virtual Seminar Series
 - Purpose: To highlight the research of Canadian Organic Chemists and provide researchers across Canada with access to high impact Organic Chemistry.
 - Set to begin September 2022
 - Held once a month
 - CSC computer infrastructure can be used, with little work required from organizers
 - Each will include invited talks from Faculty and Students/postdocs
 - Proposal to Create Committee to Run Seminar Series
 - Role of Committee Members:
 - To set the schedule of invited speakers and host speakers,
 - Chair of this committee will be the Communications Officer
 - Need 3-4 members for committee (ideally across Canada)

It was pointed out that rules will be required to prioritize the expected large number of possible speakers.
David Leitch volunteers to set up the committee.

- Procedures and Policies of the Division
 - Executive will publish a Policy on funding amounts for Conferences
 - Executive will publish a policy of poster awards amounts and categories for CCCE
 - The Executive of the Organic Division recommends that the division does not allow symposia named in honour or memoriam of an individual.
**Motioned by Jean-Philip Lumb. Seconded by Graham Murphy.
Passed with none opposed. No abstentions noted.**

- Organic Division Awards
 - R.U. Lemieux Award
Andrew J. Bennet, Simon Fraser University
 - Bernard Belleau Award
Gonzalo Cosa, McGill University
 - Alfred Bader Award
Cathleen Crudden, Queen's University
 - Keith Fagnou Award

Rylan J. Lundgren, University of Alberta

- It was noted that the Bader and Belleau awards are endowed, but not the other three. The OR division currently has a large reserve and a big part of it could be used toward endowment of these awards.
- There were 97 posters overall at the 2022 CCCE OR poster session, across several symposia. Prof. Davis extended thanks to all the judges who assisted with the evaluation and to Jeffrey Van Humbeck for organizing the poster session. For the graduate posters, the judges awarded three 1st-place awards. The winners were:
 - Tegan O'Brien (Barriault Group, Ottawa), \$150
 - Jacob Rothera (Eichorn Group, Windsor), \$150
 - Austin Pounder (Tam Group, Guelph), \$150
- The winner for the undergraduate poster award has not been determined yet.

6. Financial Report (J. Wulff, Treasurer)

- \$15k was transferred in 2021 to support the Alfred Bader award (as reported in previous minutes)
- \$2.3k was spent in student awards and prizes
- ~\$1k was spent on CSC conference speakers' registrations
- Deficit of \$940 for 2021 (income = \$17,697.76, expenses = \$18,638.47), but our total assets remain high at \$92,540.81.

Adoption of financial report

Motioned by Thomas Back. Seconded by Jean-Philip Lumb.

Passed with none opposed. No abstentions noted.

7. Symposia for Upcoming Conference (Organic Division Program Chair – J. Wulff)

- The guidance from CSC remains that no more than half of the speaking slots going to invited speakers, and to avoid symposia in honour of individuals (adopted earlier, *vide supra*).
- A special cross-discipline symposium is being organized on the theme of Chemistry & Society. It is proposed that the OR division participates in this symposium.
- 17 symposia are proposed for CSC 2023 (compared to 13 for CSC 2022):
 - (OR) Poster session
 - (OR) General Symposium in Organic Chemistry
 - (IN/OR) Innovative Approaches to Mechanistic Analysis [Hein & McIndoe]
 - (OR/BM) Frontiers in Peptide and Protein Science [Lubell & Perrin]
 - (OR/BM) Synthetic Methods for Drug Discovery [Meanwell]
 - (OR/PTC) AI and Machine Learning in Drug Discovery
 - (OR) Tactics and Methods in Organic Synthesis [Gravel]
 - (OR) Sulfur and Selenium in Organic Synthesis [Schwan]
 - (OR) Biological, Biochemical, and Chemical Methods in Organic Synthesis [Wicks]
 - (OR) Total Synthesis of Complex Molecules North and South of the Border [Lumb & Brown]
 - (OR) Green Chemistry [Buckley & Nichols]

- (OR/MT) Organic Materials
- (OR/MS) Post-Polymerization Functionalization
- (OR/PTC) Physical Organic Chemistry [Davis]
- (OR) Increasing Participation of Underrepresented Groups in Organic Chemistry [Le]
- (OR) Impact of Industrial/Academic Collaborations [Maddess]
- (OR) Chemistry in Society

It was noted that the title “Tactics and Methods in Organic Synthesis” is particularly boring and uninspiring.

- In the current draft, all the usual topics of organic chemistry appeared to be well represented.
- The list will be finalized by the end of June 2022.

8. Ratification of New Members (Nominations Chair)

- A motion was considered for the following individuals to serve as the 2023 CSC Organic Division Executive, effective January 1, 2023:
 - chair: Shawn Collins
 - vice-chair: Jeremy Wulff
 - treasurer: Michel Gravel
 - secretary: Matt Maddess
 - past chair: Rebecca Davis (not an elected position)
 - member-at-large: Jean-Philip Lumb (elected)
 - member-at-large: Danica Rankic (elected)

Motioned by David Leitch. Seconded by Christine Gottardo.

Passed with none opposed. No abstentions noted.

9. New Business

- It is proposed to endow more awards than the current two. Our significant reserves can be used as leverage to that effect. Members of the executive will approach possible partners for the endowments.
- Members of the division are encouraged to contact the executive with idea to better serve the community.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.