

Minutes of the Executive/Business Meeting Organic Division, Canadian Society for Chemistry

Halifax, N.S. 2006

Present at Executive Meeting: Francis Beaulieu (MAL), Bruce Grindley (Treasurer), Phil Hultin (Secretary), Soledade Pedras (Vice-Chair), Mark Workentin (Chair).

Regrets: Vic Snieckus (ACS rep.)

1. Items arising from the 2005 Executive/Business Meeting and report from the Chair (Mark Workentin):

Conference Support

As agreed in 2004 only the four regional undergraduate chemistry conferences would be automatically sponsored each year, if requested. A condition of the sponsorship is that the money must be used for student awards and a report must be provided to the Chair. This year money was sent to support:

A. WCUCC (hosted by King's University College in Edmonton) May 2006

Organic Oral Prize Winners

1st - Charles Yeung - University of British Columbia

2nd - Kristen Clary - University of Calgary

3rd - Thomas Tam - University of Alberta

Organic Poster Prize Winner

1st - Robert Vendrmelli - University of Winnipeg

B. 34th SOUSCC (hosted by York University), March 2006

105 lectures and 175 participants.

1st Prize Organic Chemistry - Evan Mercier, Brock University

2nd Prize Organic Chemistry - Maria Zlotorzynska, University of Ottawa

1st Prize Organic Synthesis - M.E.A. Heska, Brock University

2nd Prize Organic Synthesis - X.L. Li, University of Toronto

3rd Prize Organic Synthesis - A.A. Tjeng, University of Windsor

C. APICS/CIC (hosted by Mount Allison University), May 2006

Report to follow.

There was no request from the organizers of the Quebec Undergraduate Student Chemistry Conference.

Additionally, we agreed previously that other requests would be handled case-by-case and subject to the availability of funds. Because funds in the general account were available, the following were also supported as special events:

Undergraduate Student Poster Session Awards at the 89th CSC Conference in Halifax.

We agreed to match the amount being provided by the Chemical Education Division for prizes (\$150) to organic posters.

Banff Symposium on Organic Chemistry (BSOC), November 2005

\$500 for student prizes

24 graduate student and post-doctoral fellow oral presentations 49 poster presentations, no report on prizes.

10th International Conference of Molecule-based Magnets: \$200 for student prizes

To be held in August 2006 in Victoria

8th Organic and Bioorganic Chemistry Workshop for Leading Young Canadian Chemists

Seed-money (\$2000) for this event was provided. This biennial event was held just prior to the CSC Meeting. This year's participants were:

Participants	Mentors	Organizers
André Beauchemin (U. Ottawa, ON)	Cameron Black (Merck	Guillaume Bélanger
Shawn Collins (U. Montreal, QC)	Frosst, QC)	(U. Sherbrooke, QC)
Jennifer Love (U. British Columbia, BC)	Yvan Guindon (IRCM,	Keith Fagnou (U.
Costa Metallinos (Brock U., ON)	QC)	Ottawa, ON)
Mark Nitz (U. Toronto, ON)	Fred West (U. Alberta,	
Andrea Schmitzer (U. Montreal, QC)	AL)	
Mark Stradiotto (Dalhousie U., NS)		

Other news

- Ichikizaki Fund. This year there were 10 nominees. A ranking of these candidates with recommendations were sent to Mrs. Ichikizaki by the Chair. Nine of the ten were funded, although not all received their full request. Some had the funding amount cut due to the large number of applicants from Japan and Canada. They tried to give more funds to the younger, never been funded before applicants. Congratulations to the winners!
- This year's Lemieux Award Winner is André Charette (U de M). Congratulations André.
- MSW initiated a project to amend the Organic Division Constitution, to reflect changes that have occurred in our structure over the years and to make it gender neutral. MSW was told that the National Office was working on a generic reworking of all the constitutions and to not move to make changes. Nothing has happened with the national office and MSW will bring this up at the Divisional Chair Meeting on Tuesday.
- As discussed last year, our long serving Members-at-large Stephen Horne and Francis Beaulieu are stepping down and have proposed replacements (see item 5). The division is grateful to their contributions over the years. Thank you. We need to discuss the term of these positions. I suggest for this initial change over one be a 4 year and the other a 5 year term. This will allow good continuity and also that both members-at-large will not turn over on the same year.

- The formal Financial Statement required by the national office was submitted by the Chair in April. The information was based on the 2005 Financial Report (see attached) provided by Soledade Pedras and the report on our Special Investments (see attached) provided by Jim Charlton. It is requested by the national office that the treasurer submit this formal statement, but the timing of our transfer of duties does not really coincide with this reporting structure. Additionally, the spreadsheet provided by the national office is not user friendly. Bruce should fill out the form with Soledade next year. Our 2006 divisional grant, which is contingent on submitting this statement, is \$2558.00. The check should have already been sent to Bruce. (Bruce, have you received it?)
- The Division grants are calculated from a total budget amount for the year (2006) \$22,431.60 distributed amongst 16 subject divisions. Each division gets a base amount of \$400. Then the remaining portion is calculated proportionally based on the number of CIC members in the Division on December 2005. For the Organic Division that was 830 members, each receiving \$2.60.
- Please encourage all colleagues to check their membership renewal and indicate that they are members of the organic division. The divisional grant goes to support our activities.

2. Financial Report 2005 (Soledade Pedras)

- See attached Appendix 1 from Soledade for details
- Note that Bruce should be aware that there will be invoices that will come from this year's meeting for the Lemieux Award (travel and administrative costs) and possibly the business luncheon that should be cleared before transfer of funds to Phil Hultin.
- Jim Charlton is still handling our special investments. We thank him for his continued service in this regard. Because of a healthy balance carry forward from 2005 the investment income was reinvested and not used to pay the expenses from the Lemieux Award or the student prizes. Details are provided in Appendix 2.

3. Report on 2006 CSC Halifax Meeting (Bruce Grindley)

The Organic Division has 5 organic symposia, including a general symposium and 6 joint symposia. They are:

- OR1 Carbohydrates and Drug Discovery (Joint with BM)
- OR2 Heterocycles and Heteroatom-Containing Rings
- OR3 Innovative Chemistry in Novel Media
- OR4 Macromolecular and Supramolecular Chemistry (Joint with IN and MS)
- OR5 Natural Products (Joint with BM)
- OR6 NMR of Biological Molecules (Joint with BM and PT)
- OR7 Organic Materials for Optical, Electronic or Photonic Applications (Joint with MS and MT)
- OR8 Organic Reaction Mechanisms
- OR9 Peptide Science (Joint with BM)
- OR10 Recent Advances in Organic Synthesis
- OR11 General

In the organic symposia there are a total of ca. 117 oral presentations over 4 days and ca. 154 posters over 3 evenings.

Total fund raising to the Organic and Biomed divisions amounts to ca. \$26,750 K as of May 18, 2006. There was some discussion of the relationship between Organic Division and "Central" conference/CIC fundraising. It was noted that some corporate donors might want to " earmark" all or part of their donation to a particular divisional program - but that they might need to be told that this is a possibility.

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There are about 115 banquet tickets sold.

The division thanks Bruce for taking on the added responsibility to organize the organic program. We also thank all the symposia organizers for the work.

4. Status report on Upcoming Conferences

2007 CSC Conference in Winnipeg May 26 - 30, 2007 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre. (Phil Hultin)

- Phil provided a list of proposed symposia and their organizers for the Organic Division program. (see attached Appendix 3)
- He would like to add another physical organic symposium. Ideas? Organizers?
- Mark Workentin agreed to solicit a volunteer to organize a 3-4 half-day symposium on organic reaction mechanisms or a related physical organic topic - will try to have a volunteer by the end of the Halifax conference.
- PGH noted that organizers for the "general" symposia have not yet been lined up, but will be sought from among the newer researchers in western Canada.
- A priority is being placed on mixing invited and contributed talks in the symposia for the Winnipeg meeting.
- The Executive gave general approval for the proposed Organic program.

2008 CSC Meeting - Edmonton (Mark Workentin)

Dennis Hall was approached to organize the Organic Division program and he has subsequently agreed and thus will serve this coming year as secretary.

5. Proposed slate of the New Executive for 2005

- Chair: Soledade Pedras (U of Saskatchewan)
- Vice Chair: Bruce Grindley (Dalhousie University)
- Treasurer/Program Chair: Phil Hultin (University of Manitoba)
- Past Chair: Mark Workentin (Western)
- Secretary: Dennis Hall (University of Alberta)
- ACS Representative: Victor Snieckus (Queens University)
- Member-at-large: Rejean Ruel (BMS)- rejean.ruel@bms.com
- Member-at-large: Tyler Nortsen, Xerox Research Centre - tyler.norsten@xrcc.xeroxlabs.com

6. Report on ACS Business (Vic Snieckus)

Vic is away and can not attend the meeting, but has asked us to discuss the following:

- Attempts to obtain Canadian pharma support for Graduate Student Fellowships, the program run by ACS DOC with pharmaceutical industry have somehow disappeared from agendas of both Executive Committee meetings. I wish to revive this by attacking the CDN industries, i.e. Merck Frosst, AstraZeneca (will be there later in summer), BI, BMS (have discussed it with Alain Martel), and some smaller companies, eg Dalton, Torcan.
 - PGH indicated strong support for this idea. There are no generally available industrial fellowships for graduate students in organic chemistry, unlike the situation in the USA. Canadian companies that benefit from the education of organic chemists in Canadian Universities should provide support for these students and the labs that produce them.
- We should take a survey of the Org Div membership regarding the impact of the letter of agreement between ACS and CSC for more cooperation. What has been the impact for organic chemists? What % belong to the ACS DOC? What are the benefits (aside from Org. Syn. volumes)? How many go to national ACS meetings?
 - MSW will raise this point with the National Office at the divisional meeting.
 - The reason for the above question is the following: Huw Davies (U. Buffalo) and I held a joint ACS CSC Regional meeting as part of NERM, Rochester a year ago inviting organic chemists from the vicinity, eg. U Toronto, MacMaster, York, U Waterloo, Guelph, Queen's, SUNY Syracuse, Albany, and several others. We had a great meeting. Huw and I have obtained support from the ACS (about \$10 K as I recall) for a second meeting of this type which we are in progress of organizing. The idea is obviously to have a "hands across the friendly border" type of symposium which would not only be useful in its own right but catalyze similar symposia along the US- CDN border.
- I wish to revisit also the idea of having the National Organic Chemistry Symposium in Canada somewhere and to present this for inclusion on the ACS DOC Agenda at the SF meeting.

7. Other business

Bruce will provide Phil Hultin, the treasurer-elect, with the details for setting up the bank account for next year, with the appropriate National Office personnel with joint- signing privileges.