

**The Canadian Society of Plant Physiologists Incorporated
La Société Canadienne de Physiologie Végétale Incorporée**

(CSPP/SCPV Incorporated)

**MINUTES
Annual Business Meeting
London Convention Centre, London, ON
4:15 pm, Tuesday June 27, 2000**

1. Call to order

President **Gregory Taylor** called the meeting to order at 4:15 pm

2. Notice of meeting, and quorum

A notice of the meeting was sent to all members via the electronic Bulletin on May 1, 2000. There was a quorum present of 33 members representing 29 members in attendance and 4 by proxy.

3. Members present

Raymond Cummins, Barry Shelp, Lorna Woodrow, Annette Nassuth, André Laroche, Luc Varin, Ragai Ibrahim, Christopher Todd, William Hunter, Doug Campbell, George Owtrim, Nom Huner, Elizabeth Weretilnyk, Deep Saini, Greg Taylor, David Gifford, Carol Peterson, Brett Ferguson, Frédérique Guinel, David M. Reid, Alan W. Bown, Susanne Kohalmi, Zhongmin Dong, Susan Hughes, Daniel Archambault, Iain Taylor, George Espie, Moira Galway, Mark Bemards

4. Proxies

Held by Secretary: Paul R. Gorham, Ann Oaks

Held by George Espie: Harold Weger

Held by David Gifford: Robert Guy

5. Agenda

A motion by Shelp to accept agenda was seconded by Guinel and was carried unanimously.

6. Minutes

The minutes of the 1999 Annual Business Meeting of the CSPP/SCPV Inc. held at Saskatoon were distributed to the members present. Ibrahim suggested that the minutes should be distributed before the meeting, and the president Taylor assured that this would be done in the future. *A motion by Reid, seconded by Guinel to accept the minutes was carried unanimously.*

7. Reports

a. *President.*

President Taylor presented a written report (Appendix A). He specifically mentioned the efforts for membership renewal made during the last year, citing personalized reminders and the import of CSPMB members as the main reasons why the membership was maintained at nearly the same level as the last year. He gave a brief historical account of the debate in Saskatoon about the change of Society's name. The executive initiated a discussion in the Bulletin on this subject but received few responses, indicating low interest among the members. In the light of our participation in the "Plant Canada" federation, he proposed to table this issue for now and to focus instead on larger issues facing the Society.

b. *Treasurer*

The treasurer Cummins presented a written report (Appendix B). He mentioned that the society now has 1279 entries in its database of plant scientists who can be potential CSPP members, and gave a list of suggestions for improving the recruitment of new members. Campbell asked if there could be legal implications for the auditors arising from their work of conducting Society's audit. Cummins responded that the Society could legally appoint anyone to audit its books, and it is considering purchasing liability

insurance for its auditors. In response to a question from Nassuth, Cummins stated that the cost of a professional auditor would be approximately \$1000, which is more than the cost of insurance. Peterson asked if our income and expenses are nearly balanced, and Cummins responded that they are, but our membership has to remain at the present level to sustain this.

President Taylor noted that Cummins was to end his term as the Treasurer, and thanked him for his long, dedicated services to the Society.

c. *Auditors*

Barry Shelp presented the auditors' report, that is included in the Appendix B. President Taylor gave details of the executive actions in response to the auditors' report (see minutes of outgoing executive). Shelp invited questions on the report from members. In response to a question from Iain Taylor, Greg Taylor responded that the executive had decided not to purchase insurance for directors as recommended by the auditors (item 8). Iain Taylor suggested that the CSPP study the position of other similar societies to find out the best course of action. Woodrow added that the executive studied this matter at the Kingston meeting, and also contacted other societies (e.g. CFBS); we consider this an important matter but there are no other societies like ours that carry such insurance, but some do so just before their meetings.

d. *Eastern Regional Director*

George Espie presented a written report (Appendix C), and gave summary of a report by Bill Plaxton on the eastern regional meeting held in Kingston. He mentioned that Carol Peterson will organize the 2000 eastern regional meeting in Waterloo, and the meeting will be for one day only. Peterson extended a personal invitation to the members to attend the Waterloo meeting.

e. *Western Regional Director*

Gifford presented a written report of a western regional meeting (Appendix D) on behalf of the Eastern Director, Ozga. He summarized that this was a local meeting held at the University of Alberta. The attendance was disappointingly small because not too many from outside this university attended. The meeting made a small profit for the society.

f. *Science Policy Committee*

Greg Taylor read the report (Appendix E) on behalf of the Science Policy Officer, Fortin. Iain Taylor mentioned that in the biomedical area, Canadian Science Writers Association is willing to run workshops for scientists at the meetings, and that he was starting a science news agency and invited participation from members. Greg Taylor requested Iain Taylor to send this information to Fortin. Peterson, Reid, Cummins and Woodrow emphasized the need for media liaison, for the local organizing committee to have media liaison at each meeting through a public relations committee, and for the communications committee to get the Society started on these lines.

g. *Communications Committee*

Woodrow presented a written report (Appendix F). She pointed out that she was no longer sending job advertisements through the Bulletin, but was posting them on the web site. She also noted that the executive had decided in principle to move the web site to a commercial provider, and that the future minutes of meetings would be posted on the web. Greg Taylor asked that the meeting information about the Society's meetings be made more prominent on the home page.

h. *Education Committee*

Moira Galway presented a written report of the education committee (Appendix G). She added that: (i) the education committee invited Iain Taylor to give a lecture on ethical issues in science at the Saskatoon meeting; (ii) the education committee is constrained by the low number of its members and absence of any budget, adding that the societies that accomplish much in education do have an associated budget; (iii) the committee could organize symposia, such as on media relations; (iv) the committee is not in a position to engage in book publishing; and (v) the committee needs ideas for direction, and invites input from members (to be published in the Bulletin).

Bernard mentioned that suggestions from the committee for organizing symposia at the London meeting would have been useful. Cummins and Greg Taylor said that this would be a very useful committee to fund, and Peterson added that this committee should have an open mandate to come with any suggestions. President Taylor thanked Galway for her excellent work on this committee.

i. Nominations Committee

Gifford presented the report of the nominations committee (Appendix H), listing the following slate of candidates nominated to the Society's offices and committee (*New Nominee **Nomination for Reappointment):

Past-President	Carol Peterson (until 2001)
President	Gregory Taylor (until 2001)
Vice-President	Norman Huner (until 2001)
Secretary	Deep Saini (until 2001)
Treasurer	George Espie (until 2002)*
Eastern Region Director	Elizabeth Weretilnyk (until 2002)*
Western Region Director	Carl Douglas (until 2002)*
Senior Directors	David Gifford (until 2001) Alan Bown (until 2002)*
Science Policy Director	Marc Fortin (until 2002)**
Bulletin Editor	Lorna Woodrow (until 2001)
Auditors	Barry Shep (until 2002)** Frédérique Guinel (until 2002)**
Meeting Site Committee	Alan Bown (Chair) (until 2002)* Frederique Guinel (until 2001) Robert Guy (until 2002)*
Nominating Committee	Dave Gifford (Chair) (until 2001) Lorna Woodrow (until 2001) Robert Ireland (until 2002)*
Communications Committee	Lorna Woodrow (Chair) (until 2001) Mike Stasiak (until 2001)
Medal Committee	Brian Ellis (Chair) (until 2001) Bernie Grodzinski (until 2002) Edwin Cossins (until 2003)*
C.D. Nelson Committee	Gregory Taylor (Chair) (until 2001) Kevin Vessey (until 2002) William Plaxton (until 2003)*
Gleb Krotkov Award Committee	Connie Nozzolillo (Chair) (until 2001) Robert Hill (until 2002)* Iain Taylor (until 2003)*
Tree Physiology Award Committee	Doug Ormrod (Chair) (until 2001) Brian Ellis (until 2002) Peter Constabel (until 2003)*
Education Committee	Doug Bruce (until 2001)

1. Election of officers

President Taylor invited any additional nominations for the Society's offices/committees from the floor, and none were received. Ibrahim moved *that the recommendations of the nominations be accepted and the newly nominated/renominated members elected to the respective offices.* The motion was seconded by Espie, and carried unanimously.

2. Notice of motion to strike by-law 2g

Saini read the following notice of motion: *"Please be advised that the Executive of the CSPP intends to introduce a motion at the 2001 Annual Business Meeting proposing to strike the by-law 2g from the by-laws of the CSPP/SCPV Inc. The motion will be voted on by the members at the above-mentioned meeting."* Saini also

informed the members that the by-law 2g states that “members who are one year in arrears in payment of their dues shall be removed from the membership but may be reinstated on payment of current dues and the back dues for one year”

3. Plant Canada (The Federation of Canadian Plant Science Societies)

Saini read the following excerpt from the minutes of the 1998 Annual Business Meeting in Montreal: “A motion that the CSPP be a founding member of a federation of Canadian plant biology societies, and that the CSPP Executive be permitted to send members to meeting of this federation was proposed by Peterson, seconded by Layzell. Carried (unanimously).”

Taylor noted that this was done successfully, distributed the constitution and by-laws of the new federation (Appendix I), and presented their highlights.

Peterson moved that the CSPP/SCPV members ratify through a vote at this Annual Business Meeting that the CSPP/SCPV join “Plant Canada (The Federation of Canadian Plant Science Societies)”. Gifford seconded the motion.

Cummins supported by Ibrahim said that the members needed time to study the constitution and by-laws of the federation, and it would be better to postpone the vote until the next year. A long discussion on this issue ensued with participation by a large number of members. The president called for vote on the motion by Peterson. *The motion was carried with 23 votes in favor, one against and two abstentions.*

The president invited nominations for three Directors to represent the CSPP/SCPV on the board of directors of Plant Canada. The following nominations were received:

Carol Peterson (nominated by Iain Taylor)
David Gifford (nominated by George Espie)
Elizabeth Weretilnyk (nominated by Ray Cummins)

The nominations were approved unanimously.

4. Future Meetings

Taylor presented the following list of future CSPP meetings:

2001	Rhode Island, with ASPP
2002	Possibly at Lethbridge, with Canadian Phytopathology Society (invitation from CPS)
2003	Antigonish, with Plant Canada
2004	At an undetermined location in central Canada, CSPP alone
2005	Edmonton, with Plant Canada
2006	Montreal, with ASPP

5. Authorization to sign

A motion by Shelp, seconded by Huner to authorize the President and Treasurer to sign for the CSPP (Inc) was carried unanimously.

6. Nomination of auditors

A motion by Huner, seconded by Cummins to reappoint Barry Shelp and Frédérique Guinel as the auditors for the CSPP for the year 2000-2001 was carried unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 pm

Gregory Taylor
President

Hargurdeep Saini
Secretary

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(CSPP/SCPV Charity)

**MINUTES
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London Convention Centre, London, ON
6:05 pm, Tuesday June 27, 2000**

1. Call to order

President **Gregory Taylor** called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm

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2. Members present

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4. Agenda

A motion by Guinel to accept agenda was seconded by Huner and was carried unanimously.

5. Minutes

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6. Accept Directors

A motion by Cummins, seconded by Nassuth to accept the directors of the CSPP/SCPV Inc as the directors of the CSPP/SCPV Charity was carried unanimously.

7. Thanks to local organizing committee

Taylor informed the members of the names of the members of the local organizing committee for CSPP and CBA. *A motion by Gifford, seconded by Guinel to thank the members of the local organizing committee was carried.*

8. Confirmation of the Executive's actions

A motion by Shelp, seconded by Weretilnyk to confirm the actions of the past Executive was carried unanimously.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Gregory Taylor
President

Hargurdeep Saini
Secretary

