



CANADIAN BIOMATERIALS SOCIETY
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DES BIOMATÉRIAUX



Annual General Meeting

May 17, 2018

12:00 - 1:00 PM (PST)

University of Victoria, Michele Pujol Room - Student Union
Building (SUB), Victoria, B.C.

1. Approval of the Agenda (Stephanie Willerth)

No modifications requested. Proposed: Sophie Lerouge; Seconded: Morgane Laurent

2. Approval of the minutes from the 2017 AGM, May 25, 2017 (Stephanie Willerth)

Minutes were prepared by Maud Gorbet and Sophie Lerouge and reviewed by Stephanie Willerth and Todd Hoare.

Minutes were circulated to the CBS Board of Directors and approved at the BoD Teleconference on September 19th, 2017.

The approved minutes were posted on the CBS website and circulated to the membership on May 15th, 2017.

There was no discussion, including additions or revisions to the minutes. Thus, a motion was introduced to approve them as written.

Proposed: Brian Amsden; Seconded: Nima Khadem Mohtaram

3. President's Report (Stephanie Willerth)

Stephanie thanks the members for allowing her to serve as President and presents the main achievements during this year.

Decision to fully fund the Student Chapters (\$1,000 each). The accountability of the Chapters will be increased by a new template that they will now have to fill out for their annual report.

She thanks to the Newsletter committee for the renewed content and graphics.

Thanks to Paul Santerre and Roz Labow, the money was transferred from WBC2016 to create two WBC Legacy grant programs: the WBC2016 legacy Travel award and the WBC2016 Legacy PDF Award. The CBS Awards Committee was created to analyze the candidatures and determine the winners. She mentions that the other programs offered by CBS should be advertised more intensely to increase the number of applications.

A Twitter account was created with a generic password. Members are asked to encourage students to tweet their events.

She thanks the executive committee, as well as Roz Labow and Todd Hoare for their support in managing the finances and the website.

She mentions that the 2018 Meeting has had a great turnout, in terms of the number of participants.

a. Financial Report (Stephanie Willerth on behalf of Roz Labow)

Roz Labow is absent, but sent slides that are presented by Stephanie Willerth.

The checking account balance is \$10,899 (\$5,476 for Membership, \$6,500 for legacy fund).

The investment account balances are \$188,266 (WBC legacy Student Travel Award), \$43,426 (WBC legacy Postdoctoral Award), and \$198,732 (Previous Investment).

Twelve (12) CBS travel awards were given, based on merit. The amounts were determined by the distance relative to the location of the Annual Meeting.

The student Chapters must submit a request to receive their second \$500 installment, if haven't done it yet.

The general statistics on the CBS2017 meeting are presented (provided by Malcolm) (see in the Appendix).

2017 Annual Meeting broke even (Total revenue of \$48,750 is slightly higher than total expenses of \$47,187).

b. Report from the WBC2016 Legacy Awards Committee (Nima Khadem Mohtaram)

Nima presents the composition of the WBC2016 Legacy awards committee, in addition to judging criteria.

13 applications were received, top 5 candidates chosen. The list can be found on the website.

c. IUS-BSE Report (Brian Amsden)

The President of the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering wants to redefine the term 'Biomaterial'.

Planning of WBC 2020 in Glasgow is underway.

The next meeting (WBC2024) will be in Korea (early stage of organization).

Montreal is providing advice because it was recognized as one of the best organized conferences.

The number of fellows eligible is tied to the number of people working in the area of biomaterials per country. This is restrictive for some countries.

Paul Santerre asks whether the committee has started selecting fellows. No, not yet because the number of fellows is still being discussed. Paul encourages Brian to be proactive in this regard.

d. Local Chapter Updates (Morgane Laurent)

Updates from local Chapters (Montreal, Kingston, Alberta, British Columbia, Ottawa) was provided via 1-2 powerpoint slides each (see in the Appendix).

Stephanie Willerth: Applause and congratulations to students for their productivity.

4. CBS 2019: Quebec City (Diego Mantovani)

Quebec City is ready to welcome you next year. The conference will take place at the Hotel Concorde on May 21-24, 2019.

The website is already online (www.CBS2019.org).

The organizing committee is presented (info on website) and the social activities are briefly discussed (treasure hunt, downtown venue, lots of student activities). None of these activities are definitive.

Diego ask the members to act as ambassadors for the CBS 2019 Meeting, by adding the logo as a slide in their presentations for advertisement of this event (promotional materials can be downloaded on the website).

5. Overview of next year's events and focus (Sophie Lerouge)

Sophie thanks Stephanie Willerth for her work as president this year and presents her focus as president for 2018-2019.

Motion to make more documentation, to facilitate the job of the president and achieve better transmission of knowledge.

Continue to improve website (change of logo? add French?), although there has been already great improvement within the last years.

Enlarge membership of CBS (important people missing?).

Continue the work towards an Entrepreneurship committee (Nima's idea).

Sophie wants to hear ideas from the membership to define priorities for next year. Members are encouraged to meet her during the meeting or send her emails. The participation of all to the CBS is important.

6. Future CBS conference locations (Sophie Lerouge)

After CBS 2019 in Quebec City it will be WBC 2020 in Glasgow

It is time to begin thinking of CBS 2021.

Waterloo has already confirmed its interest to organize it. The decision will be taken during the next AGM (during CBS 2019). Other volunteers should indicate their interest prior to the AGM and present their plan during the AGM.

7. Elections (Sophie Lerouge)

Sophie thanks the board members who have finished their term for their service to the community. She has received several nominations prior to the AGM, which were confirmed by a second nominator during the AGM.

Senior board (3-4 positions available):

- Mahmoud Rouhabia (Laval); Nominated by: Rizhi Wang + Ze Zhang.
- Jianyu Li (McGill); Nominated by: Sophie Lerouge + Stephanie Willerth.
- Mohsen Akbari (Victoria); Nominated by: Houman Savoji + Zeina Salloum.
- Nathalie Fauchoux (Sherbrooke); Nominated by: Sophie Lerouge + Brian Amsden.
- Kyla Sask; Nominated by: Kathryn Grandfield + Thomas Willett.
- Isabelle Catelas (Ottawa); Nominated by: Eric Lehoux, Tom Willett.
- Houman Savoji (Toronto); Nominated by: Mohammad Hossein Mohammadi + Bahram Mirani.
- Tom Willett (Waterloo); Nominated by: Sophie Lerouge, Nima.
- Milica Radisic (Toronto); Nominated by : Sophie Lerouge, ...

Paul Santerre asks whether postdocs be considered senior board? According to the bylaws, yes. Paul suggests to revise it because postdocs are trainees.

President elect:

Only one nomination was received for President elect.

- Nima Mohtaram; Nominated by: Stephanie Willerth + Gad Sabbatier.

Nima is therefore congratulated.

Student rep:

Two nominations received.

- Laura McKiel (Laval University); Nominated by: Rosa Comas, Morgane Laurent.
- Natalia Milaniak (Queen's University); Nominated by: Morgane Laurent, Gad Sabbatier.

Nominees will be asked for a 250 words statement and then an electronic vote will be launched.

8. Closing remarks (Sophie Lerouge)

9. Adjournment

Call to adjourn proposed by Sophie Lerouge, seconded by Stephanie Willerth at 12:58).