



**CANADIAN BIOMATERIALS SOCIETY  
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DES BIOMATÉRIAUX**



**Annual General Meeting  
June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

13:30 - 15:00

Minutes

**1. Opening Event**

Mark Filiaggi received the Ambassador Award from Destination Halifax for organizing the CBS Annual Meeting in Halifax.

**2. Approval to Open Meeting (Larry Unsworth)**

*Motion:* To open the meeting by Larry Unsworth, moved by: 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Amsden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mahmoud Rouabhia - No Discussion, unanimously approved.

**3. Approval of the Agenda (Larry Unsworth)**

*Motion:* To pass the approval of the agenda by Larry Unsworth, moved by: 1<sup>st</sup> Rizhi Wang, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Amsden - No Discussion, unanimously approved.

**4. Approval of the minutes from May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013 (Larry Unsworth)**

*Motion:* To pass the approval of the minutes by Larry Unsworth, moved by: 1<sup>st</sup> Lauren Flynn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mark Filiaggi - No Discussion, unanimously approved.

**5. President's Report**

**a. Financial Report (Larry Unsworth)**

An update from CBS 2013 in Ottawa was given, showing a final profit of \$15,150.

Society cash-in-hand and investments were presented as \$36,570 and \$132,616, respectively. Also, it was noted that \$60,000 were provided in-loan to plan WBC 2016.

A question was asked by Paul Santerre regarding the recent decline in membership compared to 2013, the membership revenues having decreased from \$8,646 (2013) to \$4,275 (2014). It was noted that CBS 2013 in Ottawa was well attended, which increased the membership in 2013, and the decrease this year does not necessarily reflect a trend.

The possibility of increasing allocations for student chapters was also mentioned.

Little profit was projected for the Halifax conference compared to Ottawa last year. The cost for registration was discussed: it was increased by \$50 this year to cover a potential deficit.

Finally, it was confirmed that the goal for the annual meetings is to make them affordable for students, not maximize the profit.

**b. Updates on Student Chapters (Stephanie Willerth): Alberta, BC, Montreal Chapters**

Students presented their chapters. The Alberta Chapter was represented by Kyle Koss and the BC Chapter was represented by Nima Khadem Mohtaram. No one from the Montreal Chapter was present and the Chapter was represented by Stephanie Willerth. The Montreal Chapter will be organizing a student program at the WBC 2016 and Sophie Lerouge will be contacted for support.

**c. Approval of Bylaw updates and next step (Larry Unsworth)**

38 members, 5 members of the Board of Directors (including the Student Representative), as well as the President, Past-President and President-Elect were present.

1. *Motion*: To accept the changes made to the Bylaws, as presented by Larry Unsworth, moved by: 1<sup>st</sup>J. Michael Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paul Santerre - No discussion, 37 votes in favour and 1 abstention: motion passed.

2. *Motion*: To give Past President and/or President the authority to alter the text as needed for final governmental regulations (i.e., fix typos and small textual issues), by Larry Unsworth, moved by: 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Filiaggi, 2<sup>nd</sup> J. Michael Lee - No Discussion, 38 votes in favour: motion passed.

**6. CBS 2015: McMaster/Toronto (LD Unsworth)**

Synchronization of schedule and location may occur with the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences (CSPS) and the Canadian Local Chapter of the Controlled Release Society (CRS) conferences. Arrangements are being made to support a June 2015 schedule. Todd Hoare is the President of Canadian Local Chapter of the CRS and will provide feedback on this. BMES and Biophysics may have conflicting schedules. Days are not yet fixed, but the last week of May/first week of June period is recommended.

Note for CBS 2017: Malcolm Xing volunteered to host the meeting in Manitoba.

**7. WBC 2016 update (Paul Santerre)**

A joint presentation was given by Paul Santerre and Hasan Uludag with contribution from Diego Mantovani and Gaétan Laroche. The framework of the meeting was discussed. A

student club involvement was requested. About 3,000 attendees are expected, but this number could climb to 4,000. Registration will likely be \$400 for members and \$500 for Principal Investigators. Additional fees will be required for extra events. A student volunteer program was discussed and a website survey through the Montreal Chapter was created to obtain public feedback. Modules were discussed for scientific sessions, symposiums, roundtables, workshops, industrial technical forums, tutorials, and lunch and learn sessions. A request for symposia and keynote speakers was made. A schedule was presented. The expected revenues are \$3.6M and the expected expenses are \$3.1M. Help to obtain sponsorship from industry was solicited. Overseas sponsors (India, China, Brazil, etc.) were discussed and recommended. The WBC website is [www.wbc2016.org](http://www.wbc2016.org). A request was made for a YouTube account by Rizhi Wang, and current links to other societies. Facebook and Twitter are already present. In future years, the agenda will include a discussion of an international committee.

## 8. Overview of next year's events and focus (Isabelle Catelas)

Next year's events and focus include: Encourage the creation of additional student chapters, continue to improve the CBS website and resolve problems (Todd Hoare has been actively involved), continue publishing newsletters (Stephanie Willerth has been leading the publication of these newsletters), find strategies to increase general membership, encourage involvement of clinicians in the society's events (e.g., possibly organize a clinically focussed symposium the years of World Biomaterials Congress when CBS does not have an annual meeting), assist in the preparation of CBS 2015 and WBC 2016.

## 9. Elections (Isabelle Catelas)

### a. Nominations for Senior Board of Director Members

Term over for 3 members: Brian Amsden, Mark Filiaggi, Todd Hoare.

Nominations were:

- Malcolm Xing, nominated by Larry Unsworth, 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Filiaggi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rizhi Wang
- Daniel Boyd, nominated by Mark Filiaggi, 1<sup>st</sup> J. Michael Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Willett
- Brian Amsden, nominated by Paul Santerre, 1<sup>st</sup> Hasan Uludag, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rizhi Wang
- Eli Sone, nominated by Paul Santerre, 1<sup>st</sup> Nima Khadem Mohtaram 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Pilliar
- Todd Hoare, nominated by Isabelle Catelas, 1<sup>st</sup> Mark Filiaggi, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lauren Flynn
- Mahmoud Rouabhia, nominated by Rizhi Wang, 1<sup>st</sup> Paul Santerre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brian Amsden
- Thomas Willett, nominated by Stephanie Willerth, 1<sup>st</sup> Felipe Eltit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Robert Pilliar

**b. Nominations for the President-Elect**

Nominations were:

- Lauren Flynn, nominated by Mark Filiaggi, 1<sup>st</sup> J. Michael Lee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mahmoud Rouabhia
- Stephanie Willerth, nominated by Rizhi Wang, 1<sup>st</sup> Nima Khadem Mohtaram, 2<sup>nd</sup> Mehdi Kazemzadeh Narbat
- Sophie Lerouge, nominated by Isabelle Catelas, 1<sup>st</sup> Brian Amsden, 2<sup>nd</sup> Stephanie Willerth

**c. Nominations for the Student Board of Director Representative**

Nominations were:

- Sébastien Meghezi, nominated by Ze Zhang (by E-mail), 1<sup>st</sup> Felipe Eltit, 2<sup>nd</sup> Marie Leroy. Declined the nomination by E-mail the following week because graduating this year.
- Juliana Valencia Serna, nominated by Felipe Eltit, 1<sup>st</sup> Nima Khadem Mohtaram, 2<sup>nd</sup> Giridhar Raghunathan
- Caroline Loy, nominated by Marie Leroy, 1<sup>st</sup> Morgane Laurent, 2<sup>nd</sup> Nima Khadem Mohtaram

\* Elections will take place online in the coming weeks. Members were asked to participate and vote.

**10. Final statement of thanks to Mark Filiaggi for putting this conference together.**

**11. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Larry Unsworth, all in favour to close meeting.