



**CANADIAN BIOMATERIALS SOCIETY
SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE DES BIOMATÉRIAUX**



**Annual General Meeting
May 28th, 2015**

12:30 - 14:00

Minutes

Minutes taken by Stephanie Willerth, reviewed by Isabelle Catelas and Lauren Flynn.

1. Approval of the Agenda (Isabelle Catelas)

Motion: To pass the approval of the agenda by Isabelle Catelas (sent in advance by E-mail to the CBS members), moved by 1) Mahmoud Rouabhia and 2) Brian Amsden.

2. Approval of the minutes from June 6th, 2014 (Isabelle Catelas)

Motion: To pass the approval of the minutes from last year's AGM by Isabelle Catelas, moved by 1) Lauren Flynn and 2) Mark Filiaggi.

3. President's Report

a. Financial Report (Isabelle Catelas for Roz Labow)

Isabelle gave an update on the financial status of the CBS on behalf of Roz Labow. Overall, CBS is doing very well. Between the Dalhousie meeting, new memberships, and registrations for CBS 2015, new income was generated. A question was raised over whether PayPal should be listed as revenue or as expense. More money was raised through the Dalhousie meeting than initially projected, from registrations combined with funding from the CIHR.

b. Updates of CBS Student Chapters (Representative of each chapter)

- Alberta - Juliana Valencia Serna reported that their Chapter has been raising funds and holding events.
- B.C. - Felipe Eltit reported that their Chapter has a new Executive Committee after turnover due to graduation and is planning to hold several events during the summer, including a BBQ. They have reached out to Simon Fraser University unsuccessfully. They also wished to thank Instron for their sponsorship.
- Montreal - Matthieu Gauthier, the treasurer, mentioned their Chapter held a colloquium attended by over a hundred people along with representatives from MITACS. They also elected a new Board and are being advised by Sophie Lerouge. They are also planning to help with WBC2016.
- Ottawa - Ava Parsian mentioned that their Chapter had organized two welcome events in the Fall (one at Carleton University and one at the University of Ottawa) as well as an event in the Spring, all featuring local speakers (Dr. Maria

DeRosa and Dr. Fabio Variola in the Fall, and Dr. Emillio Alarcon, Dr. Isabelle Catelas and Dr. Fabio Variola in the Spring). They will continue to promote biomaterials in the Ottawa area and invite more speakers for local events. They are also planning to work on the promotion of WBC2016.

- Quebec - Vanessa Montaña-Machado, the Chapter President, highlighted that this Chapter was started in 2014, with official approval in Fall 2015. They have hosted 12 conferences with international speakers and are planning a big event in October. They are planning to work with other student chapters for WBC2016.

Isabelle thanked all the student chapters for their work this past year and encouraged the creation of more chapters in the coming years.

c. Updates on IUS-BSE (Isabelle Catelas)

CBS Representatives for 2016-2020

As per CBS Bylaws, Isabelle Catelas and Larry Unsworth (President and Past-President, respectively) nominated candidates for CBS Representatives to the IUS-BSE. These candidates were the CBS Fellows elected in 2012 for the International College of Fellows of Biomaterials Science and Engineering (ICF-BSE) and the Fellow candidates for 2016. Out of the 6 candidates, 4 accepted the nominations. The CBS Board of Directors (BoFD) then elected 2 of these candidates: Brian Amsden and Gaetan Laroche, who will be the next CBS Representatives to the IUS-BSE. Their term will start at the WBC2016, for four years.

Nominations for President and Secretary of the IUS-BSE

The International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering (IUS-BSE) has asked each Society (through their Delegates) to put forward nominations for the positions of President and Secretary of the IUS-BSE. There are no specific guidelines for these nominations. The CBS BoFD had decided a few months ago to ask the whole membership for nominations, from which it will elect candidates to submit to the IUS-BSE. A nomination call was therefore sent to the membership by Lauren Flynn on May 21, 2015. Hasan Uludag was nominated by Ze Zhang as a candidate for the President position (by email to Lauren). Hasan was also nominated by Larry Unsworth prior to the nomination call (by email to Isabelle on May 18, 2015). Hasan's nomination was discussed at the AGM, and he accepted the nomination. No additional nominations for the President position were received and no nominations were received for the position of Secretary prior to and during the nomination discussion at the AGM.

Nominations were then closed. The Board will vote on the nomination of Hasan shortly.

d. History of the Society on the website (Isabelle Catelas)

With the WBC2016 taking place in Montreal, it would be great to highlight the history of the Society and create a page for it on the CBS website. This was discussed by the Board during a Board meeting a few months ago and questionnaires were to be sent by Larry Unsworth to John Brash and Bob Pillar to start assembling information. Isabelle called for students to help with this initiative. Three students volunteered:

Yi-Nan Zhang (University of Toronto)
Alex Stevens (University of Ottawa)
Erika Siren (University of British)

e. CBS Awards to be attributed at WBC2016 (Isabelle Catelas)

Isabelle opened the discussion on the creation of awards to be given out at WBC2016 and possibly annually after that. These potential awards were discussed by the Board in a recent meeting, and include:

- Young Researcher Award(s),
- Lifetime Achievement Award(s)
- Citizenship to the Society Award(s).

Others could also be created. Discussion ensued over the number of awards and qualifications. A more lengthy discussion took place regarding the Young Researcher Award(s). It was mentioned that a distinction could be made between post-doctoral Fellow vs. Principal Investigator or 5 years pre-tenure vs. after, with, for example, a “light vs. heavy” classification. It was also mentioned that the number of Lifetime Achievement Award(s) should be limited. Based on this discussion, the Board will meet again to make a decision. Decisions will need to be made quickly as potential sessions for award presentations at the WBC need to be scheduled in the WBC program by August.

In the same line of idea (although not an award per se), Isabelle suggested to consider the possibility of creating a “Life Membership” classification in the CBS. She mentioned that the Australasian Society for Biomaterials and Tissue Engineering is considering this classification. She brought this idea to the Board at a recent meeting, and there was a general agreement from the Board.

4. WBC2016 update (Paul Santerre)

Paul Santerre gave a report on the status of WBC2016. They hope to receive ~3,000 abstracts. He asked all members to add the WBC2016 banner to their emails and to post the WBC posters (available at their booth). He also showed the outline of the 5.5 day schedule. Rizhi Wang and Hasan Uludag are overseeing the workshops which will run on May 17, 2016. Members are encouraged to submit recommendations of names to Mark Filiaggi for lunch-and-learn speakers, as these schedules will be built in early Fall 2015. The opening social event will be on Tuesday evening with the scientific program starting Wednesday morning. There is an active LinkedIn group for WBC2016 with now over 1000 subscribers. Sponsorship is on track with Silver, Gold and Leader level sponsors in addition to several Bronze sponsors and exhibitors. All University biomaterials programs are encouraged to exhibit their programs at the WBC event. Members were reminded that the abstract deadline is September 15, 2015. For more details, visit www.WBC2016.org.

5. CBS2017 (Isabelle Catelas)

The conference will be led by Malcom Xing and will be hosted in the Engineering building at the University of Manitoba. Malcolm is working on proposals for sponsorship at the university, faculty and department levels.

Potential sites for CBS2018 were also discussed and include:

- University of Alberta (deemed to be too close to Manitoba where the 2017 meeting will be hosted)
- McGill University (deemed to be too close to the WBC)

- University of Victoria (Stephanie Willerth)
- University of Waterloo (Maud Gorbet)
- Quebec City (Diego Mantovani)

Proposals will be submitted to the Board for consideration.

6. Overview of next year's events and focus (Lauren Flynn, as incoming President)

Isabelle Catelas then transitioned to the new President Lauren Flynn, after thanking all the CBS members and especially the Board members for all their work during this past year.

Lauren said that she is very honored to be able to continue her involvement in the CBS Board and thanked the CBS membership for giving her the opportunity to serve as the President for the coming year. She thanked Isabelle for all of her hard work over the past year and for setting an excellent example of leadership and organization. It's an exciting year for the CBS, with the upcoming World Congress in Montreal. Lauren will continue to work with the CBS Board to provide support as needed to the WBC organizing committee. The Board will also continue to focus on the priorities of Student Engagement, Promoting Communication amongst CBS members, and enhancing connections with Industry. Lauren thanked Stephanie Willerth for her involvement with the CBS newsletters over the past year. Students are encouraged to consider applying to the Visiting Scholar Program. She is pleased to report that there is interest in establishing a new Greater Toronto Area Student Chapter.

With the challenging funding climate and upcoming changes to the CIHR, it is important that the CBS provides support to ensure that the Canadian biomaterials community remains strong and internationally competitive. Some new initiatives that will be discussed with the CBS Board include developing a mentoring network for new faculty members and identifying opportunities to help support Post-doctoral Fellows involved in the CBS.

A conference call will be arranged for July, following the election of the new Board Members, to discuss plans for the coming year and pressing matters, including the CBS Awards at the WBC. Overall Lauren is looking forward to working with the Board and helping make it a great year for the CBS.

7. Elections (Lauren Flynn)

a. Nominations for a Senior Board of Directors (BoD) Member

There is one position open.

- Doug Hamilton was nominated by Brian Amsden, 1st by Mark Filiaggi, 2nd by Isabelle Catelas
- Sophie LeRouge was nominated by Paul Santerre, 1st by Maud Gorbet, 2nd by Isabelle Catelas
- Jay Kizhakkedathu was nominated by Rizhi Wang, 1st by Brian Amsden, 2nd by Malcolm Xing

- Milica Radisic was nominated by Isabelle Catelas, 1st by Paul Santerre, 2nd by Jay Kizhakkedathu

b. Nominations for the President-Elect

- Stephanie Willerth was nominated by Nima Khadem Mohtaram, 1st by Felipe Eltit Guersetti, 2nd by Paul Santerre
- Todd Hoare was nominated by Isabelle Catelas, 1st by Brian Amsden, 2nd by Kim Jones
- Sophie Lerouge was nominated by Houman Savoji, 1st by Maud Gorbet, 2nd by Hasan Uludag

c. Nominations for the Student BoD Representative

- Erika Siren was nominated by Nima Khadem Mohtaram, 1st by Felipe Eltit Guersetti, 2nd Jay Kizhakkedathu
- Ross Fitzsimmons was nominated by Craig Simmons, 1st by Paul Santerre, 2nd by Laura Wells
- Houman Savoji was nominated by Arash Momeni, 1st by Nima Khadem Mohtaram, 2nd by Felipe Eltit Guersetti
- Caroline Loy was nominated by Isabelle Catelas, 1st by Brian Amsden, 2nd by Lindsay Fitzpatrick

Nominations were closed. Lauren will contact all the candidates to ask them if they accept the nomination and will then send an E-mail to the membership for the online vote (hopefully by the end of next week).

8. Closing remarks

Both Isabelle and Lauren gave closing remarks, thanking everyone for attending the AGM and thanking Todd for organizing this great conference.

9. Adjournment

Maud Gorbet moved to adjourn - Paul Santerre seconded this motion. Meeting was adjourned at 1:58 pm.