

CSAFM AGM 2005 – Vancouver CMOS

Present: Andy Black, Elizabeth Pattey, Kai Morgenstern, Alan Barr, Philippe Rochette, Ian Strachan, Jon Warland, Herb, Kent Johnson (MSC), Paulo Delannoy (NatResCan)

1. Called to order at 5:35

Motion to adopt agenda: Andy, 2nd Phil

Motion to adopt 2004 minutes: Alan, 2nd Andy

3. Exec Reports

a) President

- No plan made to spend down \$10k. But given the discussion of potential changes to the society this maybe not so bad.
- No new logo has been made.
- Letter to Bob Sweetman has now been framed and will be presented at his retirement party.

b) Treasurer

Rob did not submit a report but can be forwarded to membership after the fact with an audit for next years meeting.

c) Western Director

No report.

d) Eastern Director

Main duty this year was the organization of the 2005 sessions.

4. Other reports:

a) Newsletter editor

All agreed that the editor has continued an excellent job, however, we need to discuss the rationale for having the newsletter.

b) Web editor

URL change made to reflect society name change. Standard needs to be updated greatly. It is not accomplished best using the current system of webmaster and web editor. The content needs to be up to date, the look has to be slick. Can we have a link to CSAFM from CMOS? This would give us greater visibility. Links to researchers' websites, research projects, calls for funding student opportunities. List current pubs – past two years; gives everyone opportunity to showcase material. Have a featured research project every 3-6 months on the front end. Could send e-mail automatically with content updates so that people go to site to see the changes.

Jon: will get the website information and password. Committee struck: Jon, Philippe, Kai, Andy will advise on design and content subject to final approval of executive.

c) CJSS Associate Editor

Monique Leclerc has resigned as CJSS Associate Editor

5. Ad hoc committee on relationship with CJSS.

Ad hoc committee has recommended the dissolution of the formal tie between CJSS and CSAFM. Unanimous acceptance of report. Jon thanked committee for their work.

6. No student presentations and no nominations for Fellow and Graham Walker.

7. Future of the society

Lively discussion ensued. The members present suggested meeting with AFM with CMOS in Toronto as an alternative. The group decided that we would like to meet with CMOS as frequently as possible. Strengthen ties with CMOS but realize that the membership is largely driven by Ag and Forest Met, and that we wish to meet with Ag For Met conference. Want to revamp treasurer's position such that membership is decoupled.

Suggestion was made to move this to the Directors responsibilities.

Future CMOS meetings:

2006: Toronto

2007: St. John's

8. Nominations for Executive 2006

President elect: Ian Strachan

Western Director: Dave Spittlehouse

Eastern Director: Elyn Humphries

Treasurer: Rob Gordon (acclaimed)

9. Other business

JW passed the baton to Elizabeth Pattey.

10. Adjourn

Motion: EP 2nd: Herb. Adjourned at 19:45.