

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting  
Analytical Chemistry Division, Canadian Society for Chemistry  
Room 201F, MTCC, Toronto, Ontario  
Monday May 31, 2010; 6:00-7:00pm**

Rob McLaren called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. There were up to 29 present at the meeting.

R. McLaren began by introducing the current ACD executive members: Robert McLaren (Chair), Mark McDermott (Vice Chair), Ken Yeung (Secretary/Treasurer), Karen Waldron (past Chair), Kevin Thurbide and Paul Li (Members at large). Not present at the meeting - Nick Toltl, Philip Britz-McKibbin, Jianjun Li and Stephen Duffy (Members at large).

**1. Approval of the Agenda**

Agenda distributed by RM (motion MM, second T McGinitie). Motion carried.

**2. Approval of the Minutes from the previous ACD AGM (Winnipeg, May 28, 2007)**

The minutes from the previous AGM prepared by KT (Hamilton, Monday June 1, 2009) were distributed by RM and adopted as reported (motion KW, second PL). Motion carried.

**3. Business Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**4. Report from the Chair (R. McLaren)**

RM acknowledged the analytical conference organizing committee, especially Mike Thompson, for his hard work and dedication in the organization of the analytical chemistry program.

RM announced the following award winners for 2010:

**Major Awards in 2008 were as follows:**

2010 Maxxam Award (sponsored by Maxxam Analytics) - **Dr. Eric Reiner**, OME.

2010 W.A.E. McBryde Medal (sponsored by MDS Sciex) - **Dr. Xing-Fang Li**, University of Alberta.

2010 Fred Beamish Award (sponsored by Eli Lilly Canada) - **Dr. André Simpson**, University of Toronto.

RM acknowledged the decision by Eli Lilly to continue long term support for the Beamish Award, facilitated by Nick Toltl, despite their recent financial hardship.

**Student Awards**

**Ryan/Harris Graduate Student Award** (2010, in Honor of D.E. Ryan).

The winner was **Dajana Vuckovic** of the University of Waterloo (Supervisor: Prof. Janus Pawlisyn).

RM acknowledged the new donation by Walter Harris to the Ryan/Harris Award (\$12,000).

**Graduate Student Poster Awards** (CSC 2009). Three awards were given. Winners were:

**Zichao Fang** (U. of Toronto, Shana Kelley)

**Pamela Yakabuskie** (U. of Western Ontario, Clara Wren)

**Jennilee Gavina** (McMaster U., Philip Britz-McKibbin)

There will be only two graduate poster awards this year (2010): 1<sup>st</sup> prize (\$200) and 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (\$100). The awards are managed by CIC this year, and CIC limits the number of awards to two. ACD will negotiate with CIC next year for greater freedom in deciding on the number of awards (> 2).

### **Graduate Student Travel Awards (2009/2010)**

One award (\$500) was given out this year, to **Jane Maxwell** (UBC, David Chen) who attended the International Symposium on Microscale Bioseparations (Prague, Czech Republic, March 21-25, 2010).

Due to financial constrain, ACD was not able to provide a graduate travel award for 2011. However, a new donation by Lilly was informed by NT, which will be used to support next year's graduate student travel award.

### **Undergraduate Travel Award (2010).**

The award was advertised in newsletter but no applications were received.

### **Undergraduate Regional Conferences**

\$200 or 250 was given out to the following three conferences:

SOUSCC, held at U. Western Ontario on March 20, 2010. Winners: Tomasz Czarny (Western), Katarina Markovic (York)

WCUCC, held at U. Lethbridge on May 7, 2010. Winners: Jesse Vanderveen (Best Lecture, King's University College), Brittany Dever (Best Poster, Thompson Rivers University)

ChemCon (CIC-APICS), held at Dalhousie U. on May 13, 2010. Winners: Emma Hebb (Acadia, lecture), Chris Earle (Memorial, poster)

A total of six analytical awards were given out in these conferences.

### **ACD Newsletters**

Two newsletters, fall and spring, were prepared by KT. They were distributed to the analytical professors via email, and hopefully were passed along to the students.

## **5. Treasurer's Report (K. Yeung)**

The financial report for the calendar year 2009 was distributed. The GIC income of 2009 was approximately \$2094.40 based on a return of roughly 5%. All GICs were re-invested in 2009 and the rate was roughly 1%, and thus a project income of \$500 in 2010.

A new donation was received from Walter Harris for the Ryan-Harris award (\$12,000). Up to \$1,500 will be used to supplement the award expenses (\$1,000 for 2010 and \$500 for 2011), while the rest will be invested (GIC) and merged with the previous \$17.5K Ryan/Harris fund in future (Total = \$28K).

The Graduate Travel Award was created in recent years to make use of the ACD account surplus from previous GICs investment at high interest rates. One graduate travel award was given out in 2010 (Zhang, \$500), but there were no additional funds for future grad travel awards. Fortunately, Nick Toltl arranged a donation from Eli Lilly to the ACD that can support 1 or 2 awards in 2011.

Due to financial constrain, ACD is unable to provide bar service at the AGM, nor ACD dinner supplements to students.

KW noted a slight decrease in the CIC grant in the past 3 years, and asked if the number of ACD members had indeed declined. KY: ACD received statistics regarding the number of ACD members every year; however, the information was not available at the meeting.

KW also inquired about the lack of applications for the undergraduate travel awards in the past two years. RM: A reminder call was not sent this year. It was sent last year with no applications. To encourage more professors to nominate their student, ACD will no longer limit one application per department or university, and will no longer distribute the call through the Canadian Chemistry Chairs.

The Treasurer's report was accepted (motion MM, second C Lucy, motion carried).

#### **6. CSC 2010 Conference Report (M. Thompson)**

M. Thompson presented the statistics of the 2010 conference. The attendance of the 2010 CSC is approaching 2400, which was the record high in the history of this conference. A total of 9 symposia (including joint) were held in analytical chemistry, consisting of approximately 200 abstracts. Attendance in lecture rooms was very high, and was completely full in some talks.

KW commented that it had been difficult to ask for larger rooms from CSC in the past for the Analytical sessions, as they go by previous statistics.

#### **7. CSC 2011 (Montreal) Analytical Program Report**

Analytical rep not present.

KW commented that three people had agreed to co-organize the ACD symposium: Cameron Skinner (Concordia U - cskinner@alcor.concordia.ca), and co-chairs Angel Filosa (Boehringer-Ingelheim) and Lekha Sleno (UQAM). They have not decided on the topics of the symposia, and are asking for suggestions. A call for Analytical Symposium proposals was issued by KW on behalf of Cameron Skinner, proposals are to be submitted to Skinner as soon as possible, and by the end of summer at latest preferably.

#### **9. Nomination/Election of New Members to the ACD Executives**

The 3-year term of core ACD executives is up in 2010. The following arrangement is proposed:

RM: Chair → Past Chair

MM: Vice Chair → Chair

KY: Secretary/Treasurer → Vice Chair

Nick Toltl (currently member at large) has been identified as a candidate of the secretary/treasurer position. He has been an active member for a number of years, and has been managing the RH award for many years. Other nominations were solicited from the floor. No suggestions were made.

Additional Members-at-large: Jean-Francois Masson (UdM), Charles Lucy (Alberta), Cameron Skinner (Concordia, Conference Rep)

A motion to accept the full slate of ACD executive positions as outlined above for a three year term was made. (Motion Aaron Wheeler; Second Richard Oleschuk) Motion carried.

#### **10. Other Business**

Information about ACD dinner was provided.

C Lucy, on behalf of everyone at the AGM, formally acknowledged the generous and well-appreciated financial support from Eli Lilly to ACD and to the CSC conference in general.

KW proposed to send a formal letter to Walter Harris in expressing our appreciation for his generous donation. RM agreed that it was part of the plan and would be done shortly.

KW congratulated Xing-Fang Li once again on her award, and acknowledged that she is the first women to win a McBryde Award.

## **11. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm. Motion MM, second C Lucy.