

Canadian Society for Chemical Engineering
Systems and Control Division Executive MeetingWednesday, November 9, 2011
14:00-14:40**1. Opening of the meeting.**

- A conference call beginning at 14:00 was organized for this meeting.
- Attendees:
 - Carl Duchesne, Chair SC division (Université Laval)
 - Vinay Prasad, Co-chair SC division (University of Alberta)
 - Luis Sandoval, Treasurer SC division (University of Waterloo)

2. Review of 2010-2011 SC division activities

- **(Duchesne)** The SC division has 95 members total.
- **(Duchesne)** Contact was made with Sohrab Rohani (Western) and Hector Budman (Waterloo) regarding the organization of the Systems and Control sessions at the CSChE 2011 conference. The scheduling of the D.G. Fisher Award lecture was discussed. No further help was required from the Executive.
- **(Duchesne)** Funding (200\$) was provided for the organization of the 2011 Quebec-Ontario Statistics and Control Meeting held in Quebec City (May 30-31, 2011). Professor and students from Western Canada are very welcome to participate whenever it is convenient for them.
- **(Sandoval)** Funding is sufficient to continue supporting the Stats and Control meeting (2010 and 2011 editions were supported). However, this meeting is held in Quebec and Ontario and there is concern with the fact that Western

universities do not benefit from this initiative. The question is asked on whether we should continue supporting the Stats & Control Meetings.

- **(Prasad)** There is no problem supporting the Stats and Control Meeting. A similar meeting used to be organized by Western universities (U of A, U of C, UBC) some time ago. They are looking for reviving it. Funds from the SC division could be used to support this event as well.

3. Budget

- **(Sandoval)** The main expenses for 2010-2011 were: 1) reception fees during the 2010 AGM, 2) financial support for 2011 Quebec-Ontario Statistics and Control Meeting (200\$), and 3) honorarium for keynote speaker Jose Pinto at CSChE 2011 (400\$). The current balance is about 3000\$. Similar expenses are foreseen for next year's budget.
- **(Duchesne)** Our financial statement is due by March. Christina El-Ghazal (CIC) will provide us with more details in December 2011.

4. Work ahead for 2011-2012

- **(Duchesne)** The first announcement for nominations to the 2012 D.G. Fisher Award should be made by mid-December. Suggestions for selection committee members are requested. A list of emails of some SC division members was put together last year for soliciting nominations but this number of email addresses is much smaller than the number of members (95).
 - **Action:** check with CIC for a more complete list of emails. Send the list to Prasad/Sandoval for a quick check of missing members.
- **(Sandoval)** Are there members of SC division at UBC (host of CSChE 2012) for organizing the Systems and Control Sessions and can we contact them to offer help.
- **(Duchesne/Prasad)** Bhushan Gopaluni is the only known member at UBC.

- **Action:** contact him as soon as possible to offer help. Also start thinking about keynote speakers.

- **(Sandoval/Prasad)** Check if Larry Ricker (Seattle) is still active. He could be solicited to give a keynote.

- **(Duchesne)** Last year Amos Ben-Zvi (past Chair) proposed to award 1-2 prize (a few hundred dollars) for graduate student presentations during Systems and Control Session. This idea was not pursued further this year mainly due the difficult to assign members for the judging task (i.e. members attending other sessions in parallel, etc.).

- **(Prasad)** We should ask attending students to inform us ahead of the conference that they want to compete for the prize. It would them be easier to assign members for judging.
 - **Action:** think about the rules for such a price and discuss this again before the end of the year.

5. Other business

No other point of discussion.

6. Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 14:40.



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