

The following are motions to be voted on by the CSAS membership at the Annual General Meeting in Guelph, Tuesday July 10th. Motions 1 and 2 are new; Motions 3 and 4 were presented at the 2000 Annual General Meeting and in the September 2000 newsletter.

Notice of Motion

Notice of Motion 1

Background:

Organization of annual meetings is a tremendous commitment and with the limited size of the animal science community the task can fall repeatedly on the same individuals. The CSAS executive needs to take a more active role in co-ordinating and organizing the annual meeting, including fund raising, choice of venue, program, and so on. In order to do so, we need to expand the CSAS executive to include two Directors-at-Large who would act primarily as the annual meeting co-ordinator on behalf of the Society. These Directors would work together with the local organizing committee to facilitate organization of the meeting, including aspects of fundraising, venue, program, etc. These positions would have a 2-year term and would be elected in alternating years, such that one director is replaced each year. This replacement would coincide with the annual meeting that the Director is involved in organizing.

Motion:

Whereas the CSAS has a long tradition of holding an annual conference and wishes to continue to organize a world-class meeting that attracts members that often have to choose between the CSAS annual meeting and other scientific meetings, and

whereas the CSAS executive needs to take a more active role in the organization of the annual conference to ensure the needs of the Society are addressed and to provide assistance and financial security to the local organizing committee,

Be it moved that the constitution of the CSAS be changed such that two Directors-at-Large, with a 2-yr appointment, be added to the executive with the primary duty of co-ordinating and organizing the annual meeting, including fund raising, venue, and program.

Moved by Karen Beauchemin

Seconded by Tim McAllister

Notice of Motion 2

Background:

The CSAS Constitution and Bylaws outline the duties of each of the executive committee members. In some cases the duties are no longer appropriate. For example, we no longer need a Newsletter Editor. Furthermore, we need to assign the duty of Web Site Editor and Journal Liaison so that the Society can publish regularly a page(s) in the Canadian Journal of Animal Science. The executive has developed a revised assignment of duties for each of the executive positions and needs the approval of the membership to make the necessary changes to the constitution.

Motion:

Whereas the CSAS constitution states the duties of the executive Committee members, and whereas the CSAS executive has revised this list of duties to reflect the changing needs of the Society,

Be it moved that the CSAS Constitution and Bylaws be modified to incorporate the relevant duties of each Executive Member.

Moved by Karen Beauchemin

Seconded by Tim McAllister

Notice of Motion 3

Background:

Our challenge as a society is to build upon our strengths to continue to address the needs of our members and to attract new members. In these efforts we need to be creative, yet financially responsible. Creation of the CSAS web-site has allowed us to communicate with members easier, at more opportune times and at reduced cost. Elimination of printing of the newsletter will save the society approximately \$4000 per year. However, the Society still needs to get a firm grip on its finances. For the last 3 to 4 years we have been incurring losses that have been eating into the society's equity. This cannot continue and it is time to evaluate our major revenue source, that being membership fees. Currently a regular member pays \$45 for membership and \$26 for a copy of the journal. Compared to fees for similar societies such as the American Society of Animal Science, our fee structure is a steal.

Motion:

It has been recognized by the Executive Committee of the CSAS that the Society is currently on a course which will result in financial difficulty. Let it be moved that we implement an increase of \$20 for regular membership, \$10 for retired members and keep student membership dues the same.

Moved by Erasmus Okine

Seconded by Karen Beauchemin

Notice of Motion 4

Background:

The Canadian Journal of Animal Science is an integral part of the Canadian Society of Animal Science. CJAS provides a forum for publication of animal science research conducted within Canada; CSAS members routinely act as editors and reviewers for the Journal; and CSAS regularly publishes abstracts, symposia papers, and awards information in the Journal. There is a need to strengthen the ties between the Society and the Journal in order to ensure the Journal continues to reflect the needs of the CSAS members.

Motion:

That the editor of the CJAS hold a position on the executive of the CSAS and the constitution and bylaws of the Society be amended accordingly.

Motion by Tim McAllister

Seconded by Karen Beauchemin.