

MINUTES  
CANADIAN SOCIETY OF ANIMAL SCIENCE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN, Marquis Hall, SASKATOON, SK  
June 11, 2003

1. Call to order: The Annual General Meeting of the CSAS was called to order by Shannon Scott at 12h20 on Wednesday June 11, 2003.

2. Approval of Agenda (S. Scott).

Motion for approval of the agenda as printed.

M/S/C J. House, D. Ambrose

3. Approval of minutes from the 2002 Annual General Meeting, held at Quebec City on July 22, 2002 (C. Girard).

Minutes of the 2002 Annual General Meeting were posted on our Website.

Motion for acceptance of the 2002 minutes.

M/S/C J. Wilton, J. House

4. Old business arising from the minutes

a. Clarification about the fee increase proposed by AIC (S. Scott)

Last year, T. McAllister talked about a possible 23% increase in AIC fees. In fact, it was a miscalculation from AIC. Then, there will be no such increase from AIC.

5. Secretary-Treasurer-s and auditor's report

a. Treasurer's report for 2002:

The Secretary-Treasurer-s report was given by C. Girard. There was a net income of \$12,898 during 2002. This increase was mostly due to an increase of the revenue from the membership fees. Many people joined the Society in order to participate to the joint ADSA/ASAS/CSAS meeting at Quebec City, last year at a lower cost. From this income, the Society made a donation of \$7,000 to the CSAS Toole-Sackville Conference Reserve.

b. Auditor-s report for 2002

The Auditor-s report was given by C. Girard who thanks P. Sharpe and S. K. Ho for the audit in 2002.

c. Appointment of Auditors for 2003. P. Sharpe and M. Ivan volunteered to audit the 2003 financial statements of CSAS in 2004.

d. Budget projections for 2003-2004:

The major difference as compared to the 2002 budget is a decrease in revenue. In our projections for 2003, revenue from membership fees is expected to decrease because the large increase last year was mostly due to the attendance to the ADSA/ASAS/CSAS joint meeting in Quebec City. Moreover, projections for profit from the Annual CSAS meeting, held in Saskatoon are lower

than last year. Except from an increase of the cost of the liability insurance, expenses should be rather similar to last year. Therefore, anticipated profit would probably be lower than in 2002.

Adoption of the Secretary-Treasurer's reports.

M/S/C C. Girard, M. Duggan

#### 6. Notice of motion (S. Scott) (Appendix B)

S. Scott read the notice of motion about an increase of membership fees.

There was a question about the cost of the website as compared to mailed newsletters. Answer: the Website costs less. The main point for the increase in membership fees is to increase the conference reserve

Vote. Motion carried

#### 7. Reports

##### a. Memberships (J. Small/R. Berthiaume) (Appendix C)

The winners for recruiting new members are *ex aequo* A. Mustafa and P. Thacker.

Directory of the members of the Society will be available in PDF format soon.

Clarification: Winners of the CSAS Fellowship Award certificate will receive a plaque and a cash award but a CSAS subscription is not included with an honorary membership.

Adoption of the Membership report.

M/S/C R. Berthiaume, P. Sharpe

##### b. Honours and Awards (L. MacLaren) (Appendix D)

As for last year, this year, there will be 5 awards and 8 book prizes (one for each faculty of agriculture).

Adoption of the Honours and Awards report.

M/S/C L. MacLaren, K. Plazier

##### c. Website (Appendix E)

Time to time while trying to access the CSAS site, it is possible to arrive on "old CSAS annual meeting sites". AIC cannot remove those links; the local committees have to remove the old links once the conference is over.

We are in process to develop links for access to AAFC and Canadian universities sites for "job searches".

Adoption of the CSAS website report.

M/S/C E. Okine, L. Goonewardene

##### d. Nominating committee (S. Scott for T. McAllister) (Appendix F)

S. Scott read the report prepared by T. McAllister and thanked all candidates who let their name stand for nomination. She reported that the new executive includes: Erasmus Okine as President, Duane McCartney as President Elect, Paul McCaughey as Vice President, Johanne Chiquette as Eastern Director, Kees Plazier as Western Director, John Basarab (2-yr term) as Director-at-Large.

Adoption of the Nominating Committee report.

M/S/C S. Scott, J. Kennelly

e. CJAS (M. Price) (Appendix G)

M. Price presented the new associate statistical editor, L. Goonewardene. His job will be to give advices in situations where the author and the reviewer disagree about statistical matters. This year, as his first assignment, L. Goonewardene reviewed the papers published in the journal in 2002. The major outcome of this review is a generalized misuse of GLM in situation where Mixed models would have been more appropriate. This misuse of GLM could lead to misinterpretation of results.

Adoption of the Journal report.

M/S/C M. Price, K. Wittenberg

f. AIC

i. Recognition of outgoing and new AMO representatives (S. Scott).

S. Scott acknowledged those who represented us (all societies) on the board, V. Stevens who was replaced by D. McKnight during the year.

ii. AIC restructuring (R. Koller, P. Ag.) (Appendix H).

R. Koller represents the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists on the board. He summarized the propositions for restructuring of AIC. In the name of CSAS, E. Okine will prepare comments for AIC in September. Those who have comments or suggestions are invited to contact E. Okine before September.

iii. AIC Twinning Project – CSAS/GSAP (Ghana) (J. Baah). (Appendix I)

The project is described on the website.

g. Annual meetings

i. Conference 2003 (J. McKinnon)

J. McKinnon acknowledged the organizing committee and their partners. There was a very good response from all sectors (governments, industries).

Motion presented by E. Okine:

We, the members of the Executive and all the members of the CSAS want to place on the record our sincere appreciation and thanks to the co-chairs (John McKinnon and Phil Thacker) and all the members of the local organizing committee for a splendid job in organising this meeting.

Carried by acclamation.

ii. Conference 2004 (D. McCartney) (Appendix J).

The annual meeting will be held in July 2004 at Edmonton, it will be joint meeting with other Canadian Societies. The theme will be "The Science of Changing Climates – Impacts on Agriculture, Forestry and the Ecosystem"

iii. Conference 2005 (S. Scott) (Appendix K)

S. Scott described some options. She contacted ASAS for their schedule for the next years. In 2005, their meeting will be held at Cincinnati with ADSA, in 2006, it will probably be at Minneapolis. The CSAS would like to have a joint meeting with the

American Societies approximately every 3 years. Options: 1) in 2005, joint meeting with ASAS/ADSA and 2006, CSAS on our own, maybe in Maritimes; 2) in 2005, CSAS meeting in Canada and in 2006, joint meeting with ASAS.

Feedbacks from the members: most of them preferred a joint meeting with ASAS/ADSA in 2005. No one expressed preference for option 2.

h. Professional Societies – A plan for the Future (S. Scott) (Appendix K)

S. Scott participated to a workshop on the future of the professional societies. All of them agreed that there is a need for an united voice for the agricultural societies.

i. Outgoing President's Report (S. Scott) (Appendix L).

S. Scott expressed her congratulations to the outgoing members, T. McAllister, J. Small, L. MacLaren and D. Yungblut and she welcomed the new members, P. McCaughey, J. Chiquette, K. Plaizier and J. Basarab.

8. Installation of the New President (S. Scott).

Shannon Scott installed Erasmus Okine as the new president. She provided some encouraging words as she handed over the gavel of office to the incoming president, Erasmus Okine.

E. Okine thanked S. Scott for her works as president and asked for her help and expertise for next year.

9. New Business (E. Okine)

a. Foragebeef.ca (D. McCartney) (Appendix J).

D. McCartney presented very briefly the new website.

b. H. Dove, from CSIRO in Canberra, stressed the links between the Australian Society and CSAS and he reminded the CSAS members of the World Animal Production Conference to be held in Brazil.

S. Scott precised that K. Beauchemin will be the CSAS representative at this meeting.

10. Appointment of Nominating Committee and CSAS Archivist (E. Okine)

The New CSAS Nomination Committee for 2003/2004 will be composed of S. Scott (Chair and Past-President), Christiane Girard (Secretary-Treasurer), H. Petit, J. House, T. Van Lunen and D. Ambrose.

D. Veira proposed M. Ivan as the CSAS archivist. M. Ivan generously accepted to serve as CSAS archivist.

11. Adjournment (E. Okine).

Motion to adjourn at 13h35.

M/S/C J. Kennelly, K. Wittenberg.

Christiane Girard

June 11, 2003