

**Pacific Regional Society of Soil Science
Annual General Meeting
March 15, 2008
Kwantlen College, Langley Campus Auditorium**

Meeting to order: 11:30 pm

Agenda for AGM

Motion to accept agenda. Moved by Christian Evans, seconded by Amber Daniels.
CARRIED

Review of 2007 Minutes

Corrections: Sara Roland should be changed to Sara Rowland, Sara Lamangna should be Sarah Lamagna.

Motion to accept 2007 AGM Minutes as amended.

Moved by Geoff Hughes-Games, seconded by Amber Daniels. *CARRIED*

President's Report – Christian Evans

There were several new members on the executive this year. A lot of information was moved online. More information is also being added to the website. If member are interested in adding additional information, let us know.

Bookstore Report – Andy Jakoy

We moved last of books from the portables and the storage area in the MacMillan basement into room 112 in MacMillan. There were three SLI report requests, but buyers were not charge because the SLI reports are about \$2 apiece.

Field Trip Report – Melissa Iverson

The PRSSS annual field trip took place in September, with approximately 15 people in attendance. Don Livingstone and David Clark of Dillon Consulting gave us an excellent tour of the Expo Lands from Quebec Street (near Science World) to Granville Street. We discussed the industrial history of the area, contamination issues, and remediation strategies.

Treasurer's Report – Sarah Lamagna

Balances as of December 31, 2007:

Membership Account: \$1,475.53

Bookstore Account: \$2,319.70

Workshop Account: \$3,221.36

Motion to accept the Treasurer's Report by Sarah Lamagna, seconded by Lesley Dampier. *CARRIED*

Website Report – Christian Evans

There is a new bookstore page and the membership form available on all pages. There is also a new field tour page. Looking forward to new colours on the website next year!

New Business

Lesley Dampier moves to add new business, seconded by Amber Daniels.

Brainstorming on how to spend excess money:

Suggestions for spending money:

Coffee/beer with potential new members – Amber Daniels

Don't spend money, maintain it as a "safety" margin – Art Bomke

Travel vouchers for workshop, will perhaps lure more folks from Prince George (UNBC)

– Christian Evans

Promotions. How can we increase membership? Perhaps look to increase out-of-university membership – Orlando Schmidt

More money going out than coming in with membership – Grant Kowalenko

Suggestions for making money:

The availability of soil surveys unclear – perhaps we should make this information more clear in order to increase bookstore sales – Liz Freyman.

The bookstore catalogue is available online in PDF format – Christian Evans.

Way of cutting costs, email newsletter instead of print – Lesley Dampier

We are making money on the workshop instead of losing money – Lesley Dampier

Corporate membership fee, substantially greater than normal membership

Poster competition with cash award – Mike Van Ham

Mary Modifipor – put money in investment account, equal to the subscription of 15 members, society gets interest – *this issue should be addressed at the next executive meeting.*

Andy Jokoy moves bookstore account as a buffer (Value of remaining books in the bookstore = approx. \$4000). Geoff Hughes-Games seconds. *CARRIED*

Sara Rowland votes against - bad practice may cause bookstore closure and therefore not serve current members.

Elections

President:

Christian Evans, president elect,

Christian accepts the nomination. *CARRIED*

President-Elect:

This position assists the President and will becoming President in 2008-2009. The elected individual must be willing to stay on for two years.

Maja Krzic nominates David Poon. David accepts the nomination. *CARRIED*

Secretary:

Maintain records and membership lists. Maintains list serve and distribution. Records minutes of executive meetings and distributes to executive.

Rachel Strivelli nominates Alicia Hall. Alicia accepts the nomination. *CARRIED*

Treasurer:

Manage three accounts and finances. Receives membership forms. Provides annual report to Ministry of Finance regarding the financial status of the organization. Provides reimbursements to Executive members and stores all financial records.

Christian Evans nominates Erica Milligan. Erica accepts. *CARRIED.*

Directors:

Roles are not ultimately defined. Directors help with events, website, newsletters.

Lesley Dampier nominates Julie Sabau. Julie accepts.

Rachel Strivelli nominates Ashley Peterson. Ashley accepts.
Christian Evans nominates Melissa Iverson. Melissa accepts.
Geoff Hughes-Games will remain as a director
Amber Daniels will remain as a director

Geoff Hughes-Games moves that we accept all slated names. Seconded by Christian Evans. *CARRIED*

Newsletter Editor:

Amber Daniels nominates Rachel Strivelli. Rachel accepts.

Bookstore Director:

Andy Jakoy will remain as bookstore director.

Meeting Adjourned 11:54 am