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40th CSC Annual General Meeting

Tuesday, June 4, 2024

12:30–1:10 PM CT

Pan Am Room

RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by the CSC President, Jennifer Love, FCIC, at 12:30 CT. Love completed a land acknowledgment.

Love indicated that a quorum was present (attendees: 70 in-person).

Love introduced the head table:

Shan Zou, CSC Vice President
Edward Lai, CSC Treasurer
Josephine Tsang, CIC Executive Director
Rose Katagiri, Secretary
Jennifer Love, CSC President

Members of the CSC Board of Directors were sitting in the audience.

The winner of the draw for the prize was David Palmer.

Protocols

Love reviewed the meeting etiquette and protocols.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

MOTION

“To adopt the agenda.”

Moved: Jennifer Love
Seconded: Dietmar Kennepohl

No discussion

CARRIED

3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 39th AGM of the CSC held on June 6, 2023, in Vancouver.

The minutes were approved as presented.

MOTION

“For the minutes be adopted as presented.”

Moved: Jennifer Love



Seconded: Cathleen Crudden

No discussion

CARRIED

4. Reports

CSC President

Love summarized the CSC activities from the report available to the membership online.

CSC Treasurer

Lai discussed key aspects and concerns from his submitted report and the audited financial statement.

CIC Executive Director

Tsang highlighted events, National Team updates, activities, initiatives, and progress that took place since the last report to membership.

CSC Directors

PowerPoint slides containing brief updates for each of the Directors' activities were shown for the membership to read for 15 seconds each in the following order: Vice President, Accreditation, Awards, Conferences, Industry Liaison, Local Sections, Student Affairs, Subject Divisions, EDI, Directors-at-Large, and NSERC Chemistry Liaison.

Questions

- Michael Gravel: What is the health of the balance sheet like, for example is the revenue 30%? Is the CSC back on track after the past 4 years that have been difficult financially?
 - o Lai answered: Yes, the CSC is back on track financially. The CSC netted \$400,000 which is 50-70% of the CSC's revenue. Conference revenue was \$7,000 above budget, although investment revenue was slightly lower than expected.

MOTION

"Adoption of the audited financial documents for 2023."

Moved: Edward Lai

Seconded: Cathleen Crudden

No discussion

CARRIED

5. Appointment of Auditors for 2024

MOTION

"To appoint Parker Prins Lezano to be the auditor for 2024."

Moved: Edward Lai

Seconded: Stephanie MacQuarrie

No discussion

CARRIED

6. Election of Directors for 2024–2025

Zou, CSC Nominations Committee Chair, introduced the process taken for the 2024 election of Directors and led the meeting through the election of CSC Directors for 2024–2025. This year, a call for nominations for six (6) Director positions was posted and circulated via CSC newsletters and website ([CSC Call for nominations](#)) for (self-)nomination until April 5, 2024. The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Prof. Mark Workentin, was approved by the CSC Board in late February. There were notes/suggestions collected from the National Team + CIC ED, Board and past nominating committee. The call for nominations and submissions was reviewed by the committee, the selected individuals were recommended to the CSC Board, and then brought to the membership for a vote due the night before the AGM in June. Zou acknowledged that the process this year was not perfect and Prof. Mark Workentin helped provide feedback on the process to implement next year.

Election Results

Director of Conferences (2024–2027)

Dr. Johanna Blacquiere, Western University

2x Director at Large (2024–2027)

Dr. Sanela Martic, Trent University
Dr. Alex Veinot, Dalhousie University

Director of Local Sections (2024–2027)

Dr. Kevin Stamplecoskie, Queen's University

Director of Student Affairs (2024–2027)

Isabella Liu, Toronto, ON

Election by Acclamation

President (2024–2025)

Shan Zou

Vice-President (2024–2025)

Alex Brown

Past President (2024–2025)

Jennifer Love

Interim Director of Accreditations (2024–2025)

Jay Wickenden

Director of EDI (2024–2027)

Tricia Carmichael

Nominations were asked from the floor and called three times. There were no additional nominations from the floor.

MOTION

"For the slate of Directors for the CSC Board be adopted for 2024–2025."

Moved: Nola Etkin

Seconded: Kazim Agha

No Discussion

1 abstention from Alex Brown

CARRIED

All those who agreed to stand as Directors were thanked for their interest and commitment.

7. Recognition: CSC Retiring Directors and Officers in June 2024

The following Directors are retiring from the CSC Board of Directors and were thanked for their service and commitment.

1. Jennifer van Wijngaarden
2. Kazim Agha
3. Nola Etkin
4. Samantha Smith
5. Saurabh S. Chitnis
6. Stephanie MacQuarrie
7. Zhongxin Zhou

8. Presidential Lapel Pins

Love presented Zou the Presidential Lapel Pins.

9. Looking Forward into 2024

Zou will be starting her term as CSC President. Zou is looking forward to working with the Board, National Team, and CSC members. Zou thanked the National Team, CSC membership, and Board Members for their work.

Zou is committed to forging strong partnerships with external partnerships and to ensure that CSC/CIC remains excellent in the chemistry community.

Zou is excited to work with Josephine Hill, Chair of the CIC Board. Hill highlighted some priorities for her tenure including ensuring the effectiveness of the National Team and the viability of in-person conferences moving forward.

10. Other Business

Zou asked if there was any other business duly brought forward before the meeting. There was no other business.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 13:06 CT.