

Canadian Society for Chemistry – Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Section

Minutes for BM Executive Meeting,
Room 104, Rogers Centre, Ottawa, ON

16 June 2025

Present: Dusin King (Chair), Chris Boddy (Treasurer), Lakshmi P. Kotra (Secretary), Kirsten Wolthers (Past-chair), Tabitha Wood (Member at large- website), Ed Kroll, David Palmer, Stephen Bearne, Arej Aoqadqi, Dustin Dunkin, James Jaquith, and others – total attendance of at least 20 members.

Meeting was called to order at 12:49 PM.

1. Chair presented the Agenda for this AGM (attached) to the attending members and requested for any changes or discussion on the agenda. With no changes to the agenda, a motion was made to approve the Agenda for the AGM, was seconded, and was approved unanimously. The Agenda was adopted.
Moved: LP Kotra, Seconded: C. Boddy
2. A copy of the minutes of the meeting for the AGM on April 23, 2024 (attached) was presented by the Chair for discussion. No changes were recorded, and a motion was made to approve the minutes and was seconded and approved unanimously.
Moved: K. Wolthers, Seconded: C. Boddy
3. Treasurer presented the Financial Report for the year 2024-25. Budget process has changed through CSC Executive and is being streamlined addressing issues over the past 12-24 months. Budget process is under control at this time, and BM Division is in good financial health. There is a balance of approximately \$52,000 at the time of this meeting in the Division treasury. Fund raising was strong during the year, including for the mixer. Three small meetings were supported by the Division during the year, as well as prizes for the poster presentations.
4. Chair's report on the BM Division activities was presented by the Chair including promoting BM Division activities. The Division supported the SOC Conference, WCMC Conference and CSC Organic/Bioorganic award. Division activities supporting early career researchers are strongly encouraged. Three poster awards for graduate students were supported by the Division. The Division also supported Melanie O'Neill New Investigator award, Bernard Belleau award, and BM Lectureship award. The terms of reference for the awards nominations are updated to include EDI, and now have prescriptive guidance. A longer time is now included for the adjudication of the nominations for these awards, and self-nominations are encouraged. Membership are encouraged to refer to the terms of each of these awards. These are now formally adopted and posted on the website.
5. T. Wood provided a report on the division web page and the new developments for the web presence of the division. There were changes made to the website, AGM minutes

are now available with a single click on the Division site, updated terms of references are available online as well as new student awards are shared.

It is suggested that a hyperlink to the Division homepage be included in all Division e-mails, for easy access to the members. All are encouraged to send comments to T.Wood in relation to the Division website.

6. Division Executive for the following year (2025-26) are brought forward. The Chair position is for 2 years, and D. King will continue in this position for 2025-26. Past Chair, K. Wolthers will continue in the position as well. L.P. Kotra will be the Treasurer of the Division. Elections for the open position, Secretary of the Division are held in this AGM.

A duly brought forward nomination for the Division Secretary for Samy Cecioni (U. Montreal) was moved and seconded. S. Cecioni was elected unanimously as the Secretary for 2025-26 term.

A duly-brought-forward nominations for additional Members-at-Large for LP Kotra and Dustin Dunkin were moved and seconded, and were unanimously elected.

Moved: LP Kotra, Seconded: D. Palmer

Executive for 2025-26 will be:

Chair: D. King (SFU)

Past-Chair: K. Wolthers (Queens U)

Treasurer: LP Kotra (Univ of Toronto)

Secretary: S. Cecioni (U. Montreal)

Members-at-large: T. Wood, J. Shin, A. Ross, J. Sorensen, LP Kotra, D. King

7. New Business: Chair asked for any new business and additional discussions on the division matters.

A very active discussion on the division-related conferences/symposia for x2026 in Toronto occurred. An idea for a potential collaboration for an event with the Society for Chemical Industry Canada (SCI Canada) was presented, to involve chemical industry in life sciences.

A strong interest in symposia or workshop or a similar event on translational/regulatory activities of concern to the industry such as CMC, events on starting a company or issues of start-up companies and supporting events for early career researchers was expressed.

C. Boddy announced that there is room for additional poster judges at the 2025 Conference for anyone interested.

8. A motion to adjourn the meeting was brought forward and was seconded. Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Moved: LP Kotra, Seconded: C. Boddy.