

## Acadian Entomological Society 74<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting 11 August 2015

Details: 22 people attended.

1. Call to order  
First: Chris Cutler  
Second: Kirk Hillier
2. Approval of Agenda  
First: Chris Cutler  
Second: Drew Carleton
3. Approval of minutes from 2014  
First: Chris Cutler  
Second: Drew Carleton
4. Business arising from the 2014 Minutes
  - a. Student representative: change to the bylaws required.

Motion 1: section 11.6 Student Affairs Committee shall be added:

*“The Student Affairs Committee will consist of at least two members and will serve to represent students of entomology in the Atlantic Provinces. Activities of the committee at AES Annual Meetings can be facilitated through the AES.*

Some discussion regarding make-up of members across the region and cap on committee numbers. Chris emphasized that the wording in the motion give us and students flexibility in this and other regards.

First: Chris Cutler  
Second: Zach Sylvain

Motion passed

### 5. President's Report

President's report

- +50 people registered for this year's meeting. Very pleased with this turn-out for such an important year for our society. Let's keep it up.
- Congratulate all the students for their talks and posters – fantastic work.
- Chris C. thanks the CFS and the Hugh John Flemming Forestry Complex for accommodating us, and Drew Carleton and Andrew Morrison for facilitating all local arrangements, at CFS and the King Street Ale House
- Thanks to Drew and Andrew for helping to organize the meeting.
- Thanks to King Street Ale House for their hospitality at the mixer and banquet tonight

- MANY thanks to our sponsors for this meeting, who contributed >\$4500, door prizes, coffee breaks, and registration items: BCS, Syngenta, WBPANS, Jasper Wyman and Sons, FPL, Sylvar, BAP, CFS. Hopefully we can continue to attract sponsors in coming years.
- Many thanks to our plenary speakers, Dr. Peggy Dixon and Dr. Dan Quiring, for their insightful and entertaining historical perspective talks on Agricultural and Forestry entomology in the Atlantic region
- Thanks to judges: Jeff Ogden, Rob Johns, Peter Mayo, Andrew Morrison, Zach Sylvain, Chris Cutler, Don Ostaff and Allan Crooker
- Thanks to D. Carleton, Z. Sylvain, Andrew Morrison, Chris Cutler for moderating sessions
- Thanks to Allyson Heustis and Mallory McDonnell for taking pictures.
- Outreach by Chris Cutler and Drew Carleton to our Maine colleagues
- As you know from your registration packages, two Honorary members have been nominated. Thanks to those who put forth the nominations, and the members of the Membership Committee: K. Hiller, C. Noronha, R. West, and Andrew Morrison.
- Thanks to Drew Carleton for leading the charge on getting our logo updated. The logo was designed by Gillian Goldie from This is Duke, a Saint John based marketing and creative agency. Likewise, thanks to Printworks Screen Printing for their work on the T-shirts.
- Finally, thanks to all our Executive members, Trustees, and Editors of the JAES journal. Without their efforts, there would be no AES

Motion to accept the President's report: Chris Cutler

Second: Holly Blaquiere

#### 6. Journal Editor's Report

See attachment (D. Ostaff report).

Items in the report were reiterated by Don. Drew emphasized how JAES is a quality option for publication, particularly undergraduate or "side projects"

Motion to accept the Journal Editor's report: Don Ostaff

Second: Peggy Dixon

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

See attachment (A. Morrison).

Andrew emphasized a more detailed Treasurer report would become later, incorporating costs/revenues associated with the Annual Meeting.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report: Andrew Morrison

Second: Heather Crozier

8. Regional Director's Report

See attachment of report provided by Gaetan Moreau. Chris reiterated items mentioned in the report.

Motion to accept the Regional Director's report: Chris Cutler

Second: Sara Edwards

9. New Business

a. Bylaw amendments

We are suggesting a change to the bylaws allowing us more flexibility in voting on Honorary Member nominations. Section 4.2(a) currently reads:  
*4.2 Honorary Member (a) Election of honorary members shall be effected as follows: Nomination by at least three members of the Society in good standing and submitted for consideration to the membership committee which will pass to a general meeting of the society those names which meet with their unanimous approval. **Election shall be by secret ballot, requiring 75% of the members present at a general meeting***

Proposed change:

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Chris discussed how the goal of this motion is simply to provide flexibility in procedures for electing Honorary Members.

Motion to accept the proposed Bylaw Amendment: Chris Cutler

Second: Catherine Little

Motion put to vote, passed by show of hands.

b. Elections

Vice-President. At the time of the business meeting, no nomination or interest in the VP position was expressed. Chris emphasized that this was in essence a 4-year commitment since the VP is promoted to President after 2 year. Discussion of whether this precludes interest of e.g. graduate students or post-docs who may not be in the region for 4 years, and whether the Bylaws related to this stipulation should be changed.

Kirk Hillier graciously put forward his name for VP. Dan Quiring officially nominated Kirk, and Peggy Dixon seconded the nomination. The election of Kirk Hillier as VP of the AES was by show of hands, and was unanimous.

c. 2016 Annual Meeting

No decisions were made on the 2016 Annual Meeting. It was discussed this that this may not be held given ICE 2016 is in Orlando and members may opt to save for that important meeting. Peggy Dixon indicated interest in helping organize an Annual meeting in NL in 2016. She and others acknowledged the challenge in attracting members to attend given the expense of traveling to NL ICE symposium or mixer? Decision on whether or not a 2016 AES Annual Meeting will be held, and if so where, will occur in the fall 2015 or winter 2016.

10. Motion to Adjourn

First: Chris Cutler

Second: Kirk Hillier

## **Treasurer's Report 2015 – Andrew Morrison**

### **General Finances**

We are in good financial standing and have a decent surplus of cash. Details are summarized on the next page.

Major expenditures for 2015 include the 2015 AGM, AES logo updating, AES website support and new AES T-shirts. The cost of the T-shirts will be recovered as we sell them with a portion of the proceeds going towards the AES "student fund".

### **Memberships**

Membership as of Aug 25, 2015 was at 61 members (students and regular), up from the previous year's membership of 37 and the highest it has been in quite a few years.

### **74<sup>th</sup> Annual AGM**

Approximately 52 attendees of the AGM in Fredericton, NB Aug 10-12, with two days of talks and posters. Almost half of the attendees are students.

I would like to remind everyone of the impending deadlines for the upcoming joint annual meeting of the ESC and SEQ at the Marriott Château Champlain, Montréal, in November.

## **Regional Rep Report 2015 – Gaetan Moreau**

The call for contribution ends August 31st and early registration ends September 1st. No abstract is required, only the title of the presentation and some keywords are needed.

Maybe the most important point that members should know about is the sale in January of the headquarters building. I was part, a long time ago, of the first serious discussions about a potential sale of the headquarters building and it is with great pleasure that I see the end of that old saga. Because the building was sold for a very good price, the Society is in good financial health.

Gaétan Moreau, Regional rep to the ESC

### **Editor's Report 2015 – Don Ostaff**

This report gives the status of the Journal of the Acadian Entomological Society since last year's AGM in Truro, NS:

**Published** – 3 *Notes* and 4 *Manuscripts with Abstracts*

**Currently with Reviewers** – 3

**Currently with Authors** – 2 (both with Major Revisions and a re-submit required)

I would like to thank our Associate Editors (Chris Cutler, Rob Johns, Chris Majka, Gaétan Moreau, and Peter Silk) for their assistance in moving our manuscripts through the review process.

Again as suggested in previous years, some discussion should center on how to encourage more submissions. What are the feelings of the group about the review process, i.e., Are the reviews too critical? Are the types of manuscripts too restrictive? Is the process too long? (**Editor's**

**Note:** I have tried to impress upon the Associate Editors the need for keeping their reviewers to the time frame for the review process. I will continue to do this.)

In addition, should the publication fees be increased? We have not had any increase in fees since the inception of the Journal in 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Ostaff  
Editor, JAES