

# MINUTES OF THE 2018 AGM

Canadian Society for Chemistry, Inorganic Division (CSC-ID)

May 30, 2018 Salon 2 Shaw Conference Center, Edmonton, AB

In attendance: 36 (vs 47 in 2017, 39 in 2016, 51 in 2015, 46 in 2014 and 52 in 2013).

Name	Signature	Affiliation
LINUS CHANG		University of the Fraser Valley
Tim Storr		SFU
Marcus Brorer		Caltech
Addison Desnoyer		Manitoba
Dawson Beattie		University of British Columbia
MAREK KRZEWSKI		Concordia U.
Ashlee Howard		Concordia U.
Barry Blight		UNB
Thomas Fontaine		Laval
Yuhang Nan		UPC
Stephen Foley		U of Sask.atchewan
Paula Hayes		U Lethbridge
DAVID EMSLIE		McMaster U.
Thomas Baumgartner		York U
Roland Roeder		Univ of Calgary
Mike Wolf		UBC
Mike Katz		Memorial University
Scott McIndoe		UNW
Charles Walshby		SFU
Jeff Warren		SFU
Pylan Lundgren		Alberta
Jamie Ritch		U of Winnipeg
DAVID HERBERT		U MANITOBA
Danny Leonoff		SFU
Derek Gates		UBC
Sam Johnson		U Windsor
Craig MacKinnon		Lakehead
Andrea Brosnan		U Saskatchewan
Robe		
Robin Hicks		U Victoria
Chris Nelu		U de Moncton
Laurel Schafer		UBC
Mark MacLellan		UBC
Glen Brazeal		Mount Allison
Pierre Kennegill		UBC
Martin Lemaire		Brick

## 1. Approval of the Agenda for the 2018 AGM

Robin Hicks welcomed all the attendees and called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm. He displayed the agenda and asked if there were any points to discuss with respect to the agenda or any additions. There were none and the agenda was approved by consensus.

1. Approval of the Agenda for the 2018 AGM
2. ID poster prize announcement (Rivard/Lundgren)
3. 2017 AGM Minutes (Hicks) **ACTION**
4. Report from the Chair (Hicks)
5. Comments from Incoming Chair (Schafer)
6. Report from the Treasurer (Hicks for Ragogna) **ACTION**
7. Nominations (Reber) **ACTION**
8. CSC Conferences
  - 2018 Report (Lundgren/Rivard)
  - 2019 Program (Fontaine) **ACTION**
  - 2020 Nomination of ID program/mixer chairs (Reber) **ACTION**
9. Report on ICE program (Grosvenor)
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

## 2. ID poster prize announcement (Lundgren)

Rylan Lundgren announced the winners of the poster prizes and thanked all the judges for volunteering their time. There were two undergraduates awarded from Ryerson and four graduate awardees (four-way tie) (two from SFU, one from Calgary and one from Ottawa).

## 3. 2017 AGM Minutes (Hicks) ACTION

[MOTION to approve the minutes from the 2017 AGM.](#)

[Motion: Laurel Schaffer](#)

[2<sup>nd</sup>: Mike Wolf](#)

[PASSED Unanimously](#)

## 4. Report from the Chair (Hicks)

This was Robin's outgoing report. Robin congratulated all the winners of awards, including posters at this CSC, and noted that it was a very good year for Inorganic Chemistry. He congratulated Jillian Buriak (Rio Tinto Alcan) and Eric Rivard (Strem), as well as Gwen Bailey (2018 Award for Graduate Work in Inorganic Chemistry) and Leah Stott (2018 Award for Undergraduate Research in Inorganic Chemistry).

Bumper crop year for inorganic chemists winning other awards that we do not nominally own: CIC Catalysis award: Cathy Crudden; Intellisyn RD research award: Jenn Love; Lemieux award: Hanadi Sleiman; Canadian research and engineering network award: Bob Morris.

Danny Leznoff noted that the CCUCC doctoral prize award was also given to an inorganic chemist.

Robin thanked all sponsors, and especially for the mixer Proton & MBraun for their contributions.

Financial matters: Robin noted that the CIC is directing all subject divisions to not carry more than roughly double their annual expenses, and we had more (roughly 60K in excess funds) so we had to come up with a plan to deal with that excess funding. An endowed fund will be created to provide funding to selected conferences. For example, we can significantly top up what we give to the regional, student-centered inorganic conferences. Robin noted that, as feedback at the subject chairs meeting, CIC was impressed with ID use of the excess money (not creating more awards).

Robin thanked two outgoing members of executive (David Emslie as secretary and Christian Reber, as past Chair). Robin welcomed new members Sam Johnson (Vice Chair) and Marty Lemaire (Secretary).

Robin handed the meeting (and division chair duties) over to Vice Chair Laurel Schafer and welcomed Laurel.

## 5. Comments from Incoming Chair (Schafer)

Laurel thanked Robin and emphasizes that the ID has got it together and is very well organized. Laurel thanked all that came before us and noted that she has adopted a smoothly sailing ship.

Laurel noted that one of her goals is to work to improve engagement with students. She suggested to promote student engagement by including new MAL positions (will be discussed with the executive): One would be a graduate student position and another post-doctoral position. As an executive we will work on how we will nominate candidates for these positions.

Laurel noted that she is interested in promoting engagement with industry—another thing to focus on, beginning with a MAL position, and possibly revisiting our governance model so that we can include this MAL as a recurring executive position.

Laurel said she is looking forward to working with the division.

## **6. Report from the Treasurer (Hicks for Ragogna) ACTION**

Paul Ragogna could not attend the meeting so Robin Hicks provided the report from the treasurer. Robin noted that the financial situation is largely stable, as usual. The net worth of the division reflects the Trust Fund (that is now converting to new endowed fund) and the two sources of revenue for the ID include the divisional grant (~\$1500) & proceeds from conference (~\$3-6K); Robin noted that most of our expenditures support conferences, particularly student-centered conferences, poster prizes, AGWIC and small subsidiary to the AURIC.

*MOTION to accept Treasurer's Report.*

*Motion: Danny Leznoff*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Sam Johnson*

*PASSED Unanimously*

## **7. Nominations (Reber) ACTION**

Laurel noted the present make-up of the ID executive committee and mentioned the new members. She noted that she has spoken to Jennifer Love about her MAL position (RSC Liason) and whether that will continue (she has offered to continue). While there are currently two MAL positions for curriculum, Laurel suggested that we do not necessarily need two members for curriculum but will consult with these members if they want to continue. Pierre Kennephol is stepping down and we are seeing nominations for Webmaster and Treasurer (Paul Ragogna is also stepping down in 2019).

Christian Reber noted that Fred Fonatine accepted IC program chair 2019

Christian noted the Division executive suggestions listed for nominations; Jennifer Scott (treasurer) 2019-2021, (she has accepted to be put forward her name) and Mike Katz has accepted nomination as Webmaster in 2019. Also, Craig Mackinnon and Jenn Love for MAL positions.

Christian Reber called for nominations from floor: There were none

*MOTION Approve Jennifer Scott as treasurer for 2019-2021.*

*Motion: Christian Reber*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Laurel Schafer*

*PASSED Unanimously*

MOTION Renew Jennifer Love for MAL (RSC Liason) for 1 year.

Motion: Christian Reber

2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Hayes

PASSED Unanimously

MOTION Renew Crain Mackinnon for MAL (curriculum) for 1 year.

Motion: Christian Reber

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sam Johnson

PASSED Unanimously

MOTION to renew Webmaster MAL Pierre Kennephol for 1 year.

Motion: Christian Reber

2<sup>nd</sup>: David Emslie

PASSED Unanimously

MOTION Approve Mike Katz as MAL webmaster 2019.

Motion: Christian Reber

2<sup>nd</sup>: Marek Majewsky

PASSED Unanimously

## 8. CSC Conferences

### (a) CSC 2018 Edmonton: Overview of inorganic program (Rylan Lundgren)

Rylan Lundgren summarized the 2018 inorganic division program (for Eric Rivard):

6 IN Symposia with 228 talks

3 General Sessions with 28 talks

BM, MS, OR, ChemEd, PT, AN have 5 symposia joint with IN

Poster session with 107 posters (75 to be judged by 52 judges)

Total approx. 2200 delegates

ca. 20 requested talks converted to posters

Topics of General Sessions: Teaching in Inorganic Chemistry, Polymetallic Assemblies, Ligand Design and Catalysis, Main Group Chemistry, Inorganic Fluorine Chemistry, Silicon Symposium

335 IN abstracts amongst a total ca. 2200 delegates

Robin asked about the number of total sessions, but Rylan didn't have the numbers but will find it out and pass it along. Danny Leznoff asked about the ratio of IC abstracts to total abstracts. Rylan didn't have that info, but according to Pierre Kennephol in the Executive Meeting it was said number of IC sessions increased as the abstracts came in indicating a large number of IC abstracts relative to others (but did not have numbers).

Craig Mackinnon asked if you are a member of multiple divisions where is that abstract counted?

Danny Leznoff said it's the division the talk is given in that gets the credit; or if you give a talk in a joint symposia (say joint IC and materials) each gets half credit.

Danny Leznoff asked about stopping other sessions during the inorganic award presentations?

Rylan indicated there was not enough time and the cost would have been too high. Danny Leznoff

also suggested that the conference app, should be improved for future years. Robin noted that Mark Workentin is seeking feedback about this app for next year's conference, so you can write to him directly with suggestions. Danny Leznoff thanked Rylan and Eric for a job well done.

Paul Hayes suggested that holding the Proto IC mixer and the Bruker mixer on the same day was not a good idea should be coordinated better in the future. Laurel Schafer said that this was part of her job to make sure social activities are distributed evenly. Danny Leznoff suggested that the inorganic mixer usually set up later in the week. Laurel noted that we should work together with our donors and work it out with them first. She is eager to work with the division to do the best for the award lectures, but understood the space and time limitations and challenges.

**(b) 2019 Program (Fontaine)      ACTION**

Fred Fontaine covered the 2019 program symposia and noted that he tried to cover all the important topics. There are several symposia joint with Materials.

At this point ID has 24 half days but he has to see how it works for joint symposia; its about 22 half days of presentations.

Danny Leznoff asked if there is any interest in having international component to the listed topics, for example, German/Canada like at the current meeting. Fred Fontaine was thinking of France. Laurel noted that it is usually a symposium coordinator that would have interest then reaching out to another organization (maybe they have a connection and leverage that connection to bring in more speakers). Robin noted that international symposia is a good idea but we do not want too many symposia, and that it would be better to adapt what we have.

*MOTION To approve list of symposia for the 2019 CSC.*

*Motion: Danny Leznoff*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Sam Johnson*

*PASSED Unanimously*

**(c) 2020 Nomination of ID program/mixer chairs (Reber)      ACTION**

Christian Reber noted that the 2020 CSC will be held in Winnipeg. Scott Kroeker and Dave Herbert are ready and willing to organize the IC program. Christian asked for any comments, nominations or counter proposals, and there were none.

*MOTION To approve Scott Kroeker and David Herbert as the CSC 2020 ID program Chairs.*

*Motion: Christian Reber*

*2<sup>nd</sup>: Paul Hayes*

*PASSED Unanimously*

Danny Leznoff asked if there is a separation of duties (mixer/program)? Christian said it is not organized yet. Robin noted that it is a two-person job and Fred Fontaine noted that it is a big job but now with Proto and Bruker it is much easier to organize the venue, so it shouldn't be a big job and students can help. Robin Hicks said that there was a duties description for the IC section that is passed along to the program chair that outlines what needs to be done, and they can decide.

## **9. Report on ICE program (Grosvenor)**

Andrew Grosvenor discussed the ICE program slide, 7 exchanges, 9 professors involved from 5 universities. There were 28 applications this year, which is close to what we have had in the past.

In terms of funding we are often relying on students earning USRA, but success rate was poor this year (2/7). There is a silver lining in that eligibility requirements changed at 2 universities to allow internal awards to go to these students (USask & UManitoba).

In total since 2004: 117 exchanges in total (49 supervisors); success rate for funding is 73% (USRA) and if you include other awards it is 77%

Andrew noted that he is stepping down as ICE Chair at the end of the summer, and Tom Baker was nominated last year and will take over this summer. Tom Baker is starting a 2-year term ending 2020. If there is interest in ICE, please email Tom.

ICE conference is held at the end of each summer and was in Saskatoon last year and Andrew thanked ID and Materials divisions for supporting the conference (as well as USask and Canadian Light Source). This year's conference will be held at the University of Alberta (hosted by Vlad Michealis and John Veinot).

Laurel Schafer accepted the report and thanked Andrew Grosvenor for his service.

## **10. Other business**

Craig MacKinnon noted that he has been working on the IC lab bank (it has been up for 9 years). It is a Wiki where you can submit experiments, arranged by year, with notes describing what the experiments was demonstrating, etc. Craig described the IC lab bank he set up online and showed the website. Only a few lab experiments had been submitted in 9 years and the website was last accessed 7 years ago.

Craig suggested two options: Option 1 = Do away with it. Option 2 = make it more user friendly—One suggestion (Scott McIndoe) was to move all the information to Google Docs, but Craig noted we would need password protection and there may be copyright issues.

Laurel noted that while this document may die, the VIPER community is alive and well, we should take advantage of VIPER, they have funding for their initiatives.

Pierre Kennephol that VIPER is getting more active over the last two or three years. Laurel suggested putting a link to our Wiki to VIPER.

Robin agreed that VIPER is very successful and there is no point in copying what VIPER is doing, better to find a Canadian niche.

Pierre Kennephol suggested talking to the VIPER organizers and see what kind of collaboration may be possible.

Craig indicated he will allow the site to expire but will save all the files.

MOTION *Allow the IC lab bank site to expire*

*Motion:* Craig MacKinnon

*2<sup>nd</sup>:* Robin Hicks

PASSED *With one abstention*

Last item: Laurel Schafer thanked Christian Reber for all his efforts.

No other business from floor.

## **11. Adjournment**

MOTION *to close proceedings at the 2017 AGM for the Inorganic Division*

*Motion:* Laurel Schafer

*2<sup>nd</sup>:* Everybody

PASSED *Unanimously*

The meeting ended at 6:52 pm.