

Canadian Acoustical Association

Minutes of Annual General Meeting

Concordia University, Montreal
11 October 2007

Call to Order

President Stan Dosso called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with 25 members present. Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 12 October 2006 in Halifax were approved as printed in the December 2006 issue of *Canadian Acoustics*. (*Moved by R. Peppin, seconded Nicole Collison, carried*)

President's Report

Stan Dosso briefly summarized the report he presented at the Board meeting on 9 October, noting that this is his last AGM as President. He emphasized that the society is in good condition, and he thanked all those who have made contributions to our activities.

Secretary's Report

David Quirt presented a brief overview of membership and operational activity. All activities are proceeding smoothly. CAA membership and subscriptions have dropped marginally, from 380 to 370 at the end of September. An itemized account of the administrative budget of \$1290 for mailing and database expenses was presented to the Board of Directors.

Responding to a debate at the previous AGM, the Secretary presented a set of proposals for membership options. There was consensus on the proposed category of Retired Members, but some reservations about the proposal for Fellows. The Board will finalize rules for these categories and establish an Awards subcommittee responsible for the latter, and will publish the proposals in *Canadian Acoustics* to facilitate an informed vote at the next AGM.

(*Acceptance of the report moved by R. Ramakrishnan, seconded M. Cheesman carried.*)

Treasurer's Report

In the absence of the Treasurer, Dalila Giusti, David Quirt presented an overview of her report on CAA finances. CAA is in good financial shape, with total assets of \$227,299 at fiscal year end (before audit). Total assets declined slightly this year, due to awarding almost all prizes in a year when interest on our capital investments and other revenue were low (due to delays in collecting advertising revenue and higher-than average costs in some other expenses such as publishing costs). A change to increase the yield on our investments is underway, with the goal of fully covering the cost of awards.

This year, a small budget deficit is predicted if the conference breaks even and other income and expenses remain the same as last year. In fact, increased website and service costs are expected as we implement online payment. The Board therefore proposed a \$5 increase in fees for Students (to \$25) and for Members and Subscribers (to \$65) this year, with other rates remaining unchanged.

(*Acceptance of proposed fee structure moved by H. Forrester, seconded R. Peppin, carried.*)

Editor's Report

Ramani Ramakrishnan gave the Editor's report. *Canadian Acoustics* production has proceeded smoothly throughout the year, with all issues printed on schedule. A special conference proceedings issue on medical ultrasound was published in June 2007. The process for paper submission/review/publication is proceeding smoothly. Ramani also outlined the project to establish online publication of *Canadian Acoustics* (more detail in minutes of the Board of Directors meeting).

Award Coordinator's Report

Christian Giguère acknowledged the continuing hard work of CAA awards coordinators, and reported the awards to be presented this year.

This year CAA is awarding all prizes except the Directors' Award for best student paper in *Canadian Acoustics*. In addition, there are the

student paper awards for presentations at the conference. (See separate announcement in this issue for names of recipients.)

Past and Future Meetings

Reports were presented on the past, present and future annual meetings:

Halifax (October 2006): Nicole Collison reported for the Halifax team. The attendance of 100 generated a financial surplus of \$4117 and social events such as the pub evening were outstanding. The organized sessions covered a wide range of topics, with 2 well-attended plenary talks and 75 papers (58 published in *Canadian Acoustics*). Online submission of abstracts and papers was implemented at this meeting, and was a huge success.

Montreal (October 2007): Rama Bhat presented a preliminary overview of the 2007 conference. Attendance is expected to be over 120, and the meeting should break even. The exceptionally large number of student papers was noted.

Vancouver (October 2008): An organizing team led by Murray Hodgson is proceeding with arrangements. Details will be on the website and in upcoming issues of *Canadian Acoustics*.

There was applause to express our thanks to all organizers. This was followed by brief reports on two major international conferences that are sponsored by CAA and will be held in Canada:

InterNoise 2009 (23-26 August at the Westin Hotel in Ottawa) is a joint venture of CAA and INCE-USA.

ICA 2013 (2-7 June at Palais des congrès in Montreal) is a joint venture of CAA and ASA.

CAA Website

Stan Dosso noted the excellent quality of the CAA website and the many improvements such as the online submission system for papers that were implemented by Dave Stredulinsky over his many years as Webmaster.

Stan reported that Geoff Morrison has now succeeded Dave as Webmaster.

There are plans for continuing improvements, such as implementation of an online payment capability for membership and other transactions, and online access to *Canadian Acoustics*.

Nominations and Election

CAA corporate bylaws require that we elect the Executive and Directors each year.

This year, Stan Dosso chose not to seek re-election after 4 years as President, and two Directors completed their terms on the Board—Christian Giguère and Anita Lewis. There was applause to recognize their contributions.

The Past President, John Bradley, presented the nominations and managed the election process. In each case, he read the name of the nominee, and then asked if there were other nominees from the floor.

- Christian Giguère for President
- Dalila Giusti for Treasurer
- David Quirt for Executive Secretary
- Ramani Ramakrishnan for Editor
- Finally, John presented names of proposed continuing Directors (Nicole Collison, Alberto Behar, Rich Peppin, Vijay Parsa, Tim Kelsall, Clair Wakefield) and new Directors (Frank Russo and Jérémie Voix).

In each case, there were no other nominations from the floor, so these nominees were declared elected by acclamation.

After completion of the election process, Stan Dosso noted that this completed John Bradley's duties as Past President, and proposed a special vote of thanks for John's 10 years as President and Past President. There was enthusiastic applause.

Adjournment

Adjournment was proposed by Harold Forester and seconded by Clair Wakefield. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.