



Canadian Forum for Biological Control

Forum Canadien pour la Lutte Biologique

Minutes of the 15th Annual General Meeting Canadian Forum for Biological Control Monday, October 1, 2007

Delta Bessborough Hotel
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

- 1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 8:10 pm by Kevin Floate. Twenty members were present, including Kevin Floate (President), Bruce Broadbent (Treasurer), and Rosemarie De Clerck-Floate (Past-President). Apologies were forwarded by Colleen Hyslop (Vice-President), James Coupland (Secretary), Graeme Murphy (4-yr Director-at-Large) and Jean-Louis Schwartz (2-yr Director-at-Large).
- 2) **Additions to and Approval of Agenda.** There were no additions to the Agenda. By a show of hands, the minutes were accepted without amendment.
- 3) **Approval of 2006 minutes.** The minutes of the 2006 AGM were circulated to the Membership prior to the AGM via email on January 21, 2007. They were posted on or about the same date to the CFBC website (<http://www.biocontrol.ca/cfbc/>). By a show of hands, the minutes were accepted without amendment.
- 4) **President's Report.** In my report last year, I mis-identified 2006 as the 12th anniversary of the CFBC. In fact, last year was our 14th anniversary, following the inaugural meeting of the CFBC in Saskatoon in 1992. In keeping with our mandate to promote biocontrol research and implementation, the CFBC is sponsoring this year, a symposium titled "*Effectiveness of commercial natural enemies / microbial impact performance*". This symposium will be part of the joint meeting of the Association of Natural Bio-control Producers (ANBP) and the International Organization of Biological Control's (IOBC) Global Working Group on Arthropod Mass-rearing and Quality Control, being held in Montreal, 28 October to 1 November, 2007.

A call for nominations for the new Executive was circulated in June. One of the positions to be filled was that of President, which was left vacant when our Vice-President, Colleen Hyslop, had to unexpectedly step down due to an overseas posting. However, we received nominations for this and all other positions, which have been filled by acclamation.

Kevin Floate, President, CFBC

5) **Treasurer's Report.** The Treasurer's report (Appendix I) was presented by Bruce Broadbent. Copies were distributed to attendees. By a show of hands, the report was accepted without amendment.

6) **New business.**

i) Revision of By-Laws. Kevin Floate presented proposed revisions of the CFBC by-laws for discussion by attendees. The revisions were circulated to the Membership for comment prior to the AGM via email on June 22, 2007. These actions followed from a request at the 2005 meeting that the Executive review the by-laws, propose changes as appropriate, and then send the proposed changes to the Membership for consideration.

The revisions were generally acceptable, but further minor changes will be made to incorporate comments raised at the meeting. Once completed, the revised by-laws will again be circulated to the Membership for comment prior to a vote for acceptance at the 2008 AGM. [**ACTION:** Kevin Floate, Bruce Broadbent]

ii) Election of New Executive. A call for nominations to fill upcoming vacancies in the Executive was circulated to the Membership prior to the AGM via email on June 22, 2007. Each of these positions was filled by acclamation. The new Executive is as follows:

President (08-09) - Bruce Broadbent Secretary (08-09) - James Coupland
Vice-President (08-09) - Leslie Cass 4-yr Director-at-Large (08-11) - Tobias Laengle
Past-President (08-09) - Kevin Floate 2-yr Director-at-Large (08-09) - Michelle Roy
Treasurer (08-09) - Gary Peng

iii) Website. Kevin Floate discussed the possibility of upgrading the Forum's website. The website is hosted by the Biocontrol Network at: <http://www.biocontrol.ca/>. However, the link to the CFBC content is easily overlooked and the status of the Biocontrol Network's website may be in jeopardy given that federal funding for the Network has not been renewed. Working as a group, student attendees were asked to bring forward to the Executive, suggestions to improve the value and visibility of the CFBC website. [**ACTION:** Connie Chan, Samantha Magnus, Lars Andreassen, Wade Jenner]

iv) Newsletter. Kevin Floate announced that the CFBC has the opportunity to contribute articles to the *Biocontrol Files*. The *Biocontrol Files* is the quarterly newsletter of the Biocontrol Network, and is co-published with Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada and the World Wildlife Fund Canada. Attendees were encouraged to send their ideas for articles to the CFBC Secretary.

v) Mandate. Bruce Broadbent raised the possibility of broadening the mandate of the CFBC. The CFBC by-laws currently state that "*the objectives of the Society shall be to study, advance, and promote/advocate biological control in Canada.*" Attendees thought that this mandate was of sufficient breadth to make any further broadening unnecessary at this time.

vi) Awards. Rose De Clerck-Floate noted that the CFBC offers a 'Presentation Award' sponsored by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, to recognize the best poster or oral

presentation on the topic biological control at an annual meeting. The award was last presented in 1995. Rose suggested that the CFBC reinstitute the presentation of this award.

Tom Lowry suggested that the CFBC could sponsor a poster award for which candidates would submit PDFs of posters to the Executive for judging. Peter Mason suggested that perhaps the CFBC sponsor two awards, one for presentations at annual meetings of the Entomological Society of Canada and one for presentations at annual meetings of the Canadian Phytopathological Society. It was recommended that the CFBC Executive follow up on these suggestions. [**ACTION**: CFBC Executive]

vii) Venue for CFBC meetings. It was suggested that the CFBC could alternate their meetings between the ESC and CPS, or hold a 'stand-alone' meeting every third year. It was recommended that the CFBC Executive follow up on these suggestions. [**ACTION**: CFBC Executive]

7) **Adjournment**. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.