



Agricultural Institute of Canada
Annual General Meeting
Agriculture Building, University of Saskatchewan
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
July 17, 2012

Present:

Members:

Tom Beach
Vijaykumar Bhosekar
Tom Bruulsema
Lianne Dwyer
Bryan Harvey
Les Henry
Shahrokh Khanizadeh
Lynn Lashuk
Al Scholz
Eddie Sottie
Doug Yungblut

Canadian Agricultural and Rural Extension Society – Brian Nedohin
Canadian Society of Agronomy – Malcolm Morrison
Canadian Society for Horticultural Science – Samir Debnath

Guests:

Shabtai Bittman
Jessy Marie Hawkes
Yunfei Jiang
Jane King
Deanna Nemeth
Sahota Tarlok Singh
Jinghan Su

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm by Lianne Dwyer, AIC Vice President, who welcomed members and guests.

2. Introduction of Members of the 2011-2012 AIC Board of Directors and Staff

The members of the AIC Board of Directors and staff present for the AGM were introduced. Board members: Lianne Dwyer, Shahrokh Khanizadeh, Lynn Lashuk and Al Scholz.
Staff: Doug Yungblut, Tom Beach

3. Greetings

A. Greetings from AIC Foundation

A written report on the activities of the AIC Foundation was included in the registration package for the meeting (attached).

B. Greetings from Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists

Al Scholz brought greetings from the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Bryan Harvey, seconded by Lynn Lashuk, that the agenda be approved as presented.
Carried

5. Approval of Minutes of the 2011 AIC AGM

Samir Debnath noted that he is affiliated with the Canadian Society for Horticultural Science, not the Canadian Society of Agronomy.

Motion: Moved by Al Scholz, seconded by Doug Yungblut, that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on July 17, 2011 be approved with the correction noted above. **Carried**

6. President's Remarks

Lianne Dwyer gave greetings from AIC President Digvir Jayas, who was unable to attend the meeting. She noted in particular that AIC wishes to thank the many volunteers from the membership - individual and association - who contributed so much to AIC's programs and strategic planning work in the past year.

She also expressed appreciation to Dr. Jayas for his leadership and commitment as President of AIC in 2011-2012.

7. Program Reports

A. Accreditation

The accreditation program report was presented by Tom Beach (attached).

B. Scientific Journals

The report on AIC Scientific Journals was presented by Lianne Dwyer (attached).

It was noted that there is a need to follow up with the Canadian Weed Science Society regarding appointing an editor to share the workload for the *Canadian Journal of Plant Science*.

The Canadian Society of Agronomy would like the scientific societies to have more control over decisions relating to the journals, and for AIC to clearly identify the amount of profits that will be reinvested in the journals. This will be discussed further with the Scientific Journals Committee.

C. International Program

The international program report was presented by Tom Beach (attached).

D. Gender Equality Mainstreaming

The gender equality mainstreaming report was presented by Lynn Lashuk (attached).

8. Audit Report

The report on the 2011 audited financial statements was presented by Al Scholz. He noted that total revenues decreased in 2011 compared to 2010 mainly due to the end of the International Twinning Program. Journal subscription revenues remained approximately the same as 2010 and page charges increased. Membership revenue declined from 2010. There was a surplus of \$58,118 for the year however this included a “paper” adjustment that was required to adjust the International Twinning Program overhead revenue from 2006 which was not recorded correctly at that time.

In response to a question, it was noted that the journal income and expenses are not reported separately in the audited statements, which reflect all activities of the organization. Financial statements specifically for the journals are provided to the Scientific Journals Committee at their fall meeting.

Motion: Moved by Al Scholz, seconded by Brian Nedohin, that the 2011 audited financial statements be accepted as presented. **Carried**

Motion: Moved by Al Scholz, seconded by Bryan Harvey, that Deloitte & Touche be appointed auditors for the 2012 financial year. **Carried**

9. Report of the Nominating Committee

Al Scholz presented the report of the Nominating Committee on behalf of the Chair, Dr. Richard Heck. There was one vacancy on the Agricultural Institute of Canada Board of Directors for the year 2012-2013 and the Nominating Committee was pleased to present Dr. Julie Small as the nominee to the Board for a three year term. Dr. Small is an Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada Research Scientist based at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College (NSAC). She is also President of the Canadian Society of Animal Science; her term in that position will end at the society’s AGM this month. In accordance with AIC By-laws, AIC members were invited to make further nominations to the Board. As none were received, Julie Small is acclaimed to the AIC Board.

10. Appreciation of Volunteers and Sponsors

Lianne Dwyer reiterated AIC’s thanks to the many volunteers who make the activities of the organization possible.

11. Awards Announcement

The 2012 awards were announced by Lianne Dwyer. Ms. Shifaya Marikar of Sri Lanka is the recipient of the International Recognition Award for an individual and the Tanzania Society for Agricultural Education and Extension is the recipient of the International Recognition Award for an organization. The awards will be presented later this year. Information on the award recipients will be included in the next AIC Monthly Report and on the AIC website.

12. Call for Resolutions

No resolutions were made from the floor.

13. AIC Restructuring and Strategic Planning Discussion

Doug Yungblut outlined the responses received to AIC's survey of agricultural science professionals and specifically the program areas that were of most interest to respondents and there was a short follow up discussion.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm on a motion by Al Scholz.