

AIBA

Alberta Introductory Biology Association

Tuesday, May 6, 2014
Mount Royal University

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Heather Addy (UofC), Carol Armstrong (MRU), Randal Arsenault (UofA), Laura Atkinson (MRU), Isabelle Barrette-Ng (UofC), Nina Bernstein (MacEwan), David Bird (MRU), Nancy Brown (MHC), Shannon Brown (RDC), Robert Cuny (Lakeland), Tyler Donner (RDC), Kyla Flanagan (UofC), Delsa Fluney (Lakeland), Carol Gibbons Kroeker (Ambrose), Cindy Graham (UofC), Gary Grothman (St. Mary's), Maggie Haag (UofA), Neil Haave (Augustana), Pliny Hayes (RDC), Dorothy Hill (MRU), Melissa Hills (MacEwan), Katja Hoehn (MRU), William Huddleston (UofC), Sean Irwin (GPRC), Saewan Koh (UofA), Blaine Legaree (Ambrose), Dawn MacRitchie (UofA), Nancy McInerney (RDC), Mary McLean (St. Mary's), Randi Mewhort (MacEwan), Todd Nickle (MRU), Caroline Nixon (Alberta Education), Peggy O'Sullivan (MHC), Ruth Pickett Seltner (MRU), Melanie Rathburn (MRU), Tatiana Rogasevskaia (MRU), Brent Selinger (UofL), Ross Shaw (MacEwan), Karen Sheedy (MRU), Jeff Sheedy (MRU), Carla Starchuk (UofA), Michael Stock (MacEwan), Tomislav Terzin (Augustana), James Thomas (UofL), Kartika Tjandra (MRU), Wendy VanderWel (King's), Margot Williams (MRU), Christine Williams (UofA), John Wood (King's), Sabahat Zia (Freelance Biologist)

Recording Secretary: Peggy O'Sullivan (MHC)

1.0 Call to Order

Todd Nickle called the business meeting to order at 12:30 pm.

2.0 Approval of Agenda

2014 AIBA Annual Meeting Agenda attached

Motion: Nancy McInerney (RDC)

Seconded: Pliny Hayes (RDC)

CARRIED

3.0 Approval of Past Minutes

Posted at:

<http://www2.mtroyal.ca/~tnickle/AIBA/AIBA%202013%20minutes.doc>

CARRIED

4.0 (a) President's Report

(i) The Government Landscape

Dr. Duane Bratt, Chair of Policy Studies (MRU) reported on the current state of the Alberta government and on a variety of educational related items including:

- The importance of continuing post secondary education lobbying with the government especially with the upcoming election
- Government plans on backing off on pension plan reforms
- Government plans for future teacher recertification
- Difficulties post secondary students from outside Alberta and Canada have transferring to Alberta Colleges and Universities because of Alberta government policies

(ii) Memberships

Todd reported that AIBA individual membership fees would remain at \$30.00 for the upcoming year. Pay Pal was particularly easy for administration of memberships. AIBA conference fees have been free to date for individuals but the annual conference may not remain free in the future. It's possible that conferences will be free to members who sign up early and indicate they'll come, but maybe a charge will be added to people who register for the conference late. Institutes are encouraged to sponsor AIBA and their logos are posted on AIBA webpages. Individual memberships for the upcoming year should be sent to Todd at MRU and are \$30.00.

(iii) Attendance at oCUBE

Todd Nickle has been invited to the annual meeting of oCUBE: the Ontario Consortium of Undergraduate Biology Educators to be held in Muskoka, May 20 – 23, 2014. They are the Ontario equivalent of AIBA. Their URL is <http://ocube.wikispot.org/>.

(b) Treasurer's Report

Dorothy Hill (MRU) presented the AIBA Statement of Revenues and Expenses for the year ending December 31, 2013 (attached). She mentioned that the report was prepared with the assistance of Rafik Kurji, Accountant and Member of Board.

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report:

Motion: Nancy McInerney (RDC)
Seconded: Melissa Hills (MacEwan)

CARRIED

(c) Vice President's Report

Pliny Hays (RDC) turned over the floor to Nancy McInerney (RDC) who recognized Maggie Haag (one of the founding members of AIBA). She presented her with a plaque, thanking her for her ongoing dedication and hard work with AIBA.

5.0 New Business

(a) ACAT

Carolyn Nixon (Alberta government) reported on the ACAT meeting of May 5, 2014 at MRU. She mentioned that ACAT representatives discussed the possibility of developing an App wrt transferability between institutes in Alberta. She also reported on interaction/cooperation between BCAT and ACAT.

(b) Outgoing Officers

Dorothy Hill thanked Outgoing Members of the Board, Rafik Kurji and Jim Silovs for their terms on the AIBA board.

(c) Election of New Members of the Board

Two new members of the board were elected to replace the two outgoing members of the board.

Nominations for Members of the Board: Neil Haave and Carla Starchuk

Motions that Nominations cease:

Motion: Gary Grothman (St. Mary's)

Seconded: Shannon Brown (RDC)

CARRIED

Motion to accept slate of officers as accepted

Motion: Dorothy Hill (MRU)

Seconded: Saewan Koh (UofA)

CARRIED

Welcome Members of the Board for 3-year terms:

Neil Haave (UofA)

Carla Starchuk (UofA)

(d) AIBA Annual Meeting 2015

Todd mentioned that University of Alberta would be holding the 2015 AIBA annual meeting and conference. Carla Starchuk, University of Alberta, has volunteered to be the chairperson of the event.

6.0 Adjournment

MOTION to ADJOURN:

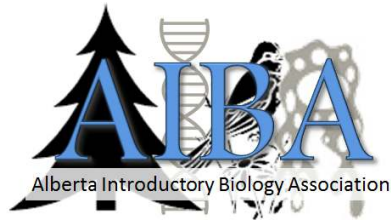
Motion: Pliny Hayes (RDC)
Seconded: Robert Cuny (Lakeland)

CARRIED

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Agenda for 2014 AIBA Conference & Budget and AIBA Statement of Revenues and Expenses follow:



2014 AIBA Meeting (MRU)

AGENDA

May 6th

Mount Royal University

Moot Court

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- 9:00-10:00 NSSE, Innovations, & Barriers(Saewan Koh)
- 10:00-10:30 "The Fine Art of Dying" (Sean Irwin)
- 10:30-10:45 Break
- 10:45-11:30 Program alignment (Maggie Haag)
- 11:30-12:00 Scaffolding Lab Reports (Randi Mewhort)
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch
- 12:30-1:30 Business Meeting / working lunch
- 1:30-2:30 Jay Ingram – Alzheimer’s Talk
- 2:30-2:45 Break
- 2:45-3:15 The reflections on early involvement and the challenges of multigenerational undergraduate research (Tomislav Terzin)
- 3:15-4:00 Unburdening content heavy courses (Kartika Tjandra & Joanne Bouma)

ALBERTA INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION (AIBA)
BALANCE SHEET

For the Year Ended 31 December, 2013

ASSETS	
Cash	1768
Accounts Receivable	496
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>2264</u>
LIABILITIES AND MEMBERS EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	113
Members Equity	
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	2151
Total Liabilities and Members Equity	<u>2264</u>

ALBERTA INTRODUCTORY BIOLOGY ASSOCIATION (AIBA)
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES

For the Year Ended 31 December, 2013

REVENUES

Memberships (49 @ \$30)	1470
Sponsorships (4)	806

<i>Total Revenues</i>	<u>2276</u>
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EXPENSES

Incorporation Expenses (Registration and Name Search)	103
PayPal fees and other bank charges	22

<i>Total Expenditures</i>	<u>125</u>
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EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>2151</u>
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