

Minutes of the 2002 Business Meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science

The Business Meeting was held during the Annual Meeting of the Society at UBC in Vancouver, May 30 – June 1. The meeting convened at 4:30 PM with Mike Masson (President) in the Chair, and Lorraine Allan (Secretary/Treasurer) as the recording secretary.

1. Approval of the minutes of the 2001 Business Meeting

Mike noted that the minutes of the 2001 Business Meeting were available on the BBCS Web site. He asked if there were any corrections. There were none and the minutes were declared as approved.

2. Business Arising

None

3. Reports

a) 2002 BBCS meeting – Jim Enns

Jim presented a humorous and informative powerpoint show in which he thanked the many individuals involved in organizing the conference. The show also provided advice to future conference coordinators on how to organize a successful conference. Click [here](#) for Jim's powerpoint presentation. (Click [here](#) for a "pdf" version)

b) NSERC – Norman Marcotte

Neither of the 2001-2002 co-chairs of GSC 12 (Linda Parker and Doug Grant) were at the BBCS Conference. Norman Marcotte (Director, Life and Earth Sciences Research Grants) attended the Business Meeting and presented the NSERC report. This was a good year for GSC 12. The success rate for Research Grants was high, for both news and renewals, and the mean grant size increased. In the original 2002 Budget, the allocation for Equipment Grants was much lower than in previous years. However, during the January meeting of the GSC, funds were liberated from other NSERC programmes that were underspent, and the budget was increased. The details of Norman's report is available in Appendix A.

The co-chairs of GSC 12 for 2002-2003 are Doug Grant and Cam Teskey.

The grant application procedure is increasing the reliance on electronic means. This year the submission will be electronic, although reprints will need to be mailed. NSERC is cooperating with other agencies for a common electronic CV.

The Research Grants have been renamed "Discovery Grants". NSERC offers a wide variety of grants. All of them are in fact "Research Grants", but in the former usage, the phrase was restricted to just one type of grant. NSERC decided that this was confusing. In their view, the introduction of the term "Discovery Grants" for grants that allow university professors to explore fundamental questions of their own choosing, more accurately describes the nature of the research that is envisioned.

Norman also provided information on the Government's Innovation Strategy (http://www.nserc.ca/innovation/index_e.htm). The goal of this plan is to move Canada with regard to R&D development from 15th place to at least 5th place by 2010. To do this, HQP must be increased dramatically. NSERC held Regional Workshops in May in

Toronto, Montreal, Saskatoon, Vancouver and Halifax. The purpose of these workshops was to develop a strategy for the provision of the HQP Canada needs.

c) Reallocation Committee – Richard Brown

The final report was submitted to NSERC by the January 2 2002 deadline. The Reallocations Committee has met and will present its recommendations to NSERC Council in June. The outcome should be public by mid-June.

d) CPA Board – Mike Masson

Mike reminded the meeting that two years ago CPA voted to give BBCS a seat on the CPA Board of Directors. For the past two years, the BBCS President (Lorraine and then Mike) has filled this role. Rather than orienting a new Director each year, CPA would prefer a three year term for the BBCS Director (which is the normal term for all other Directors). Jennifer Stolz has agreed to fulfill this role for a three year term.

e) Financial Report – Lorraine Allan

BBCS is in excellent financial health. When the report was prepared, revenue was up by about \$6,700 compared to May 2001. Fifty nine individuals paid their dues at the meeting. The financial report does not include these fees. The Financial Report is available in Appendix B.

For many years, BBCS has allocated funds to provide for one course release to the Secretary/Treasurer to oversee operations of the BBCS office. In the past, a motion to this effect was approved annually. This year the motion that was approved was to provide the funds for one course release as long as the funds are needed.

f) Membership Report – Lorraine Allan

The Executive decided that only BBCS members could present papers/posters at the Conference and that only members would be included in the BBCS email distribution list. This resulted in a large increase in paid members. As of May 29, there were 374 paid members. An additional 59 individuals paid their dues at the meeting, and 2 since the meeting, bringing the total paid membership to 435, the largest number of paid members in BBCS's history. Lorraine, on behalf of BBCS, thanked Alan Kingstone for his hard work and many emails which resulted in this substantial increase in membership.

4. Future BBCS Meetings

The Executive recommended that joint meetings with CPA continue **as long as the timing and the location were convenient for BBCS**. Whether the joint meeting would be sequential (as at Laval) or simultaneous (as at UBC) would be determined by the Executive in consultation with the local BBCS organizer. The tentative schedule is:

2003

CPA dates are June 12–14

McMaster (local organizers are Bruce Milliken and David Shore)

2004

Memorial

CPA dates are June 10–12

2005

Montreal, likely U of M

This meeting will be joint meeting with EPS

2006

Calgary

5. Announcements

a) 2002-2003 Executive

President: Alan Kingstone
President-Elect: Frances Wilkinson
Past President: Michael Masson
Secretary/Treasurer: Lorraine Allan
Members at Large
 Jamie Campbell
 Jennifer Stolz
 Janet Werker

Mike thanked outgoing members of the Executive, Doug Mewhort and Isabelle Peretz, for their contributions to BBCS.

6. Hebb Student Awards

Vince DiLollo, chair of the 2002 Hebb Student Awards Committee, presented the awards.

BEST PAPER:

Erin Falconer (UBC) "Role of ovarian hormones in predator odour stress-induced changes in neurogenesis and behaviour"

HONOURABLE MENTION:

Christopher T. Fennell (UBC) "Young word learners' access to fine phonetic detail in word forms"

BEST POSTER:

Athena Buckthought (Carleton University) "Towards a theory and model of human stereoscopic depth perception"

HONOURABLE MENTION:

Brett S. Abrahams (UBC) "Will human nuclear receptor 2E1 'cure' fierce mice of pathological violence?"

Michael Tombu (U. of Waterloo) "Testing the predictions of the central capacity sharing model"

Letters will be sent by the incoming BBCS President to the students, the Chair of the Department, and the VP Research.

On behalf of BBCS, Vince thanked the other members of the 2002 Hebb Student Awards Committee:

Richard Brown (Dalhousie)
Pierre Jolicoeur (Waterloo)
Jo-Anne LeFevre (Carleton)
Douglas J. K. Mewhort (Queen's)
David Mumby (Concordia)

Murray Singer (Manitoba)

7. Other Business

- a) Richard Brown reminded the meeting that the reprint of Hebb's classic book, *The Organization of Behavior*, is now available and can be ordered from Erlbaum at: <http://www.erlbaum.com/Books/searchintro/BookDetailscvt.cfm?ISBN=0-8058-4300-0>. The cost is \$39.95 (US) with a 15% discount for on-line ordering. Peter Milner and Richard Brown wrote a new Foreword to the book which includes a complete bibliography of Hebb's publications.
- b) Richard Brown also noted that Hebb was born in 1904 and suggested that the 2004 BBCS meeting be dedicated to Hebb.
- c) Richard Brown announced that he was a "Friend" of the new Bibliotheca Alexandrina. Information about this library is available.
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- d) Pete Dixon reminded BBCS that CJEP was "our journal", and he urged BBCS members to submit articles to CJEP. He noted that CJEP promises a 2-month review process and a relatively short publication lag.
- e) Alan Kingstone, on behalf of BBCS, thanked Mike Masson for serving BBCS as President.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

APPENDIX A

FIRST-TIME APPL. (FTA) & RETURNING UNSUCCESSFUL NEWS

Number of Applications	48
Number of Awards	33
Success rate	69%
Total Funding	\$675,037
# of FN's & RUN's	36
Number of Awards	28
Success Rate	78%
Average Grant	\$20,698
% of Budget	14.4%
% of GSC's Average Grant (\$27,550)	75%
Funding	\$579,537
# of First-time non-academic (FNA)	1
Number of Awards	1
Funding	\$24,500
# of First-time academic (FA)	11
Number of awards	4
Funding	\$71,000

ADDITIONAL \$ FOR FTA (INCL. RUN)

Budget Available	\$413,000
Funding	\$675,037
Number of FTA's	43
Number of Awards	30
Average Grant	\$20,801
Success Rate	69.7%
Number of RUN's	5
Number of Awards	3
Average Grant	\$17,000
Success Rate	60%

EQUIPMENT

Number of Applications	45
Number of Awards	15
Success Rate	33.0%
Funding Rate	25.5%
Funding	\$489,923
B-List to be funded	\$0

OTHERS

Number of Applications	95
Number of Awards	81
Success Rate	85.3%
Total Funding	\$2,680,690
# of Renewals	80
Number of Awards	77
Increased	70
Same Level	1
Reduced	6
Nil	3
Success Rate	96%
Average Grant	\$33,957
Funding	\$2,614,690
# of Returning Unsuccessful (RU)	15
Number of Awards	4
Remained Nil	11
Success Rate	26.6%
Average Grant	\$16,500
Funding	\$66,000
Total Number of Awards	114
Total Spending for RGP	\$3,355,727
Overall Success Rate (FTA & Others)	79.7%
# of 1 or 2 year awards	6
# of 5 year awards	17

REALLOCATIONS

	P1	P2
Budget Available	\$294,000	\$126,000
\$ Spent	\$295,000	\$126,000
Highest Amount Allocated	\$16,000	\$21,000
Lowest Amount Allocated	\$1,000	\$7,000
Number of Supplements	31	12
Average Supplement	\$9,516	\$10,500

APPENDIX B

FINANCIAL STATEMENT				
May 29, 2001 - May 28, 2002				
Balance 2001			48,137.09	
	Laval		5,000.00	
				53,137.09
Income				
	dues	2001	640.00	
		2002	15,025.65	
		2003	50.00	
				15,715.65
Expenses				
	BBCS Office			
		Admin Stipend	2,400.00	
		Teaching Release	3,921.00	
		Stationary	46.36	
		Photocopy	4.00	
		Postage	57.95	
		Software	48.65	
		Domain Name	23.03	
		Bank Charges	49.65	
	Hebb Awards			
		travel	487.80	
		plaques	156.86	
	CPA membership		185.11	
	Winnipeg Conf		882.02	
	CCR		300.00	
	Basics		350.00	
				8,912.43
				59,940.31