

Minutes of the 2017 Annual Business Meeting of the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour, and Cognitive Science

The annual Business Meeting was held June 4th, 2017 at 2:30 PM at the University of Regina, Regina, Saskatchewan. Randall Jamieson (President) chaired the meeting and Chris Oriet (incoming acting Secretary/Treasurer) was the recording secretary.

1. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 Business Meeting

The minutes of the 2016 meeting were approved.

3. Award Winners

The President congratulated the 2017 winners of the following awards:

D.O. Hebb Distinguished Contribution Award: Gordon Winocur, University of Toronto

Richard C. Tees Leadership Award: Colin McLeod, University of Waterloo

DiLollo Early Career Award: Morgan Barense, University of Toronto

CJEP/CPA Best Article Award: Mitch LaPointe, McMaster University

He also announced the names of the inaugural class of 28 CSBBCS Fellows who were appointed in 2017: Alan Kingstone, Albert Katz, Brian E. Kolb, Caroline Palmer, Carolyn Harley, Catherine Penny, Colin M. MacLeod, Daniel Voyer, Derek Besner, Douglas J. K. Mewhort, Frances Wilkinson, Jamie I. Campbell, Jo-Anne LeFevre, Julien Doyon, Lola L. Cuddy, Melvyn Goodale, Michael E. J. Masson, Murray Singer, Peter Dixon, Pierre Jolicoeur, Raymond M. Klein, Richard E. Brown, Richard C. Tees, Robert J. Sutherland, Stephen J. Lupker, Valerie A. Thompson, Vincent Di Lollo, and William E. Hockley.

The President announced the 2018 winners of the D.O. Hebb Student Awards:

Best talk: Melissa Meade, University of Waterloo

Honourable mention: Ali Hashemi, McMaster University

Special Mention: David Sidhu, University of Calgary

Best poster: Alison Heard, University of Calgary

Honourable mention: Caroline Dupont, Université de Montréal

Winners are chosen by a panel consisting of an equal number of Full and Associate Members, plus one member of the CSBBCS Executive. Winners will receive a cheque for \$500, a commemorative plaque or certificate, and a 1-year CSBBCS membership. Honourable mentions will receive a cheque for \$100 and a 1-year CSBBCS membership.

4. President's Report

CONFERENCE ABSTRACTS IN CJEP: The President reported that CSBBCS has ended its agreement to publish the CSBBCS conference abstracts in CJEP and noted that we will archive our meetings on the society website as the official record instead.

TRAVEL AWARDS FOR STUDENTS: The President announced the winners of the 2017 travel awards: Anna Maslany, Jennifer Sedgewick, Ali Hashemi, Landon Churchill, Matt Cook, Jeremy Marty-Dugas, Felix Ayesu, Megan Siemens, Mona Zhu, and Steven Lamontagne

2017 CSBBCS FELLOWS: The President acknowledged the inaugural class of CSBBCS fellows and encouraged the membership to think about who might have been missed that we could honour in a future year.

WICSC MEETING AND SUPPORT: The President reported that based on the outcome of an e-mail vote taken by the membership, it was decided that CSBBCS would support WICS Canada through a contribution of \$7500/year for five years, time reserved for hosting an event at the annual meeting, and a presence on our webpage. Members were presented with a variety of options, with 60% of those who voted favouring the maximum contribution of \$7500 per year. The group will use the money to support young scientists, to hold a preconference symposium, meeting, and a social event at our meetings. Other uses include networking opportunities for women scientists

LETTERS: Letters were sent on behalf of the Society to Canada's Fundamental Science Review panel. The President reported that although the Panel's report addressed most of CSBBCS' concerns, the Minister of Science was not very enthusiastic about implementing its recommendations. The President reported that a letter was also sent to NSERC asking them to reconsider the rule that applicants are only allowed one attempt at applying for NSERC Postdoctoral Fellow awards, and recommending an increase in the duration of CGS-M funding beyond the current 1 year award duration.

MIDCAREER AWARD: The President reported that the Executive discussed the proposal for a mid-career award brought forward by a member, but decided not to pursue this idea given difficulties with defining "mid-career". Instead, it was decided that the Executive should invite suggestions for a keynote speaker at each Business Meeting to honour mid-career individuals. To that end, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Be it resolved that there be a call for nominations for a keynote speaker at the annual meeting. **CARRIED.**

REFUNDS: The President noted an increased frequency of requests for refunds of conference registration from those who decide not to attend the conference after registering, and indicated that CSBBCS does not currently have a policy regarding this. To address this problem, the Executive proposed the following:

MOTION: Be it resolved that conference fees are fully refundable until 30 days prior to the start of the meeting, 50% refundable between 30 and 15 days prior to the start of the meeting, and nonrefundable starting 15 days prior to the start of the meeting. **CARRIED.**

D. O. HEBB DISTINGUISHED CONTRIBUTION AWARD: The President noted concerns raised by members that although our Hebb Award winners are undoubtedly highly distinguished scientists, they are often not active participating members of our Society. The following motion was made to address this concern:

MOTION: Be it resolved to include the following phrase in the decision instructions for the D. O. Hebb Distinguished Contribution Award: "Normally, the awardee shall have conducted a significant proportion of his/her research training or disciplinary work within Canada and have a record of sustained participation in the CSBBCS." **CARRIED.**

AWARD DECISIONS COMMITTEES: The President noted that circumstances sometimes prevent us from being able to assemble awards committees according to the criteria specified by their Terms of Reference (e.g., leaves of absence or departures from academia). To this end, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Be it resolved that when a decision committee member cannot fulfill their role that the current CSBBCS President will serve in their place and if a second committee member cannot fulfill their role, the current CSBBCS President Elect will serve in their place. **CARRIED.**

5. Report from WiCSC

Penny Pexman reported on behalf of WiCSC. She noted the organization now has more than 160 members, and has received 460+ likes on Facebook and has more than 330 followers on Twitter. She acknowledged the volunteers who make up WiCSC's social media team and advisory board. She reported that the WiCSC event at the Regina conference was a great success, and included a presentation to the winner of the WiCSC Mentorship Award and a panel discussion about work-life balance, followed by a mixer. She also noted that

WiCSC awarded three travel awards and described several other initiatives undertaken or in progress including:

- A manuscript reporting data on gender in the Canadian research context
- Redesigned WiCSC Collaborative Funding Award to support junior scientists
- “Women in Cognitive Science” profile series on social media

6. CJEP Report

Penny Pexman reported that the winner of the CPA/CSBBCS best article award in CJEP for 2016 was Mitch LaPointe for his team’s paper, *An Attentional Bias for LEGO People Using a Change Detection Task: Are LEGO People Animate?* She noted that CJEP’s impact factor for 2015 was 1.45, and that the total number of submissions in 2016 increased to 207 from 144 in 2015 and included 9 submissions in French. The rejection rate for 2016 was 63%, and the average time to first decision was 29 days. A special issue on the production effect in memory was published in 2016 and a special issue on everyday attention will be split across the May and September 2017 issues. A special section on numerical cognition appeared in the March 2016 issue. Finally, CJEP will participate in an APA journals pilot project on the use of Open Science Foundation badges.

7. Secretary/Treasurer Report

The Secretary/Treasurer reported that the Society continues to be in excellent shape financially. The U. of Ottawa conference took in about \$13,000 less in income than was needed to put on the conference. Taken together with reduced income from the Regina conference and anticipated expenses associated with hosting the St. John’s meeting at the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre, the Secretary/Treasurer estimated that the Society’s balance will decrease by about an additional \$20,000 in 2017. Finally, he reported that in 2017 the Society had 264 members, including 139 Full Members, 125 Associate Members and 13 Emeritus Members.

8. Conference Report

Chris Oriet, the lead organizer of the 2017 meeting, reported on the conference at the University of Regina. He reported that the U of R welcomed 180 registered guests, and hosted 5 keynote addresses, 16 symposium presentations, 76 talks, and 73 poster presentations from a total of 335 authors. He also thanked the volunteers who made the meeting possible.

9. Election Results and New Executive

The President thanked outgoing Executive Members Jean St. Aubin (Past President), Glen Bodner (Member-at-Large), and Peter Graf (Secretary/Treasurer) for their service to

CSBBCS. He reported that one nomination was received for the position of President Elect; William Hockley (Wilfrid Laurier University) was thus acclaimed to the position. One nomination was received for the position of Secretary/Treasurer; Valerie Thompson (University of Saskatchewan) was thus acclaimed to the position. Two nominations were received for the Member-at-Large position; Geneviève Desmarais was elected to the position.

10. Future Meetings

2018: St. John's (Aimée Surprenant)

2019: University of Waterloo (Myra Fernandes)

2020: Simon Fraser University (Tom Spalek)

2021: McGill University (Debra Titone and Jelena Ristic) and Concordia University (Aaron Johnson) (Tentative)

11. Other Business

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

12. Adjournment