

**Minutes of the annual general meeting of the Society of Canadian Ornithologists
(SCO/SOC)
World Trade Center, Veracruz, Mexico
Wednesday, 4 October 2006, 1735 – 1852h**

46 in attendance

1. Francis moved to accept the minutes of the 2005 AGM. Seconded by Houston. **Carried.**

2. President's report (including other business). Presented by Francis.

ACE-ECO update. Nol confirmed she will remain on committee.

Lank: Can SCO-SOC be brought in to OSNA?

Francis: Something that will need to be looked at, not sure if cost-effective.

ACTION ITEM: With the SCO-SOC now having a journal, council will investigate the merit in joining OSNA.

Robert: Who is translating the journal?

Francis: It's being done professionally. If there are issues, contact M.-A. Villard.

Dunn: What about advertising?

Francis: We are taking advantage of free ad space, and will be looking in to more active advertising options.

Dunn: OSNA newsletter? Francis: Yes.

Sealy: July and October issues of the Auk will have ads.

NAOC update. 1200 abstracts, possibly largest ornithological conference ever.

IOC update. Hannon chaired program committee.

3. Treasurer's report. Presented by Francis on behalf of Lamothe.

Francis **moved** to accept 2005 financial report, seconded by Cooke. **Carried.**

Auditors: Francis moved that Francine Nadeau be appointed as auditor for the 2006 financial reports. Seconded by DeVink. **Carried.**

Francis **moved** that the Taverner award be increased to \$750. Seconded by Bird. **Carried** unanimously.

Dunn: What about the original endowments?

Francis: based on amount of award, general revenues have been paying for the bulk of the awards.

Robertson: based on current financials, it appears the Speirs and Taverner endowments of \$3000 and \$4000, respectively, are intact and invested separately.

Hussell asked whether we even need a vote.

4. Membership report. Presented by Francis on behalf of Beaudet.

Hussell **moved** that:

Council be authorized to create a category of Lifetime Membership equal to 20 times the regular annual membership, if it determines that this will not create any detrimental effects to our tax or charitable status.

Seconded by Nol. **Carried** unanimously.

Lein noted that other societies have at 30 times basic membership.
Martin recommended leave at 20 for now, and change down the road if need be.

Francis **moved** to accept membership report. Seconded by Bird. **Carried.**

5. Picoides report. Presented by Francis on behalf of Warnock.

6. Elections results. Hannon presented the results of the election.

New Vice President: David Bird

New councillors:

John Chardine, Nicola Koper, Joe Nocera, Ryan Norris and Andrea Pomeroy

Hannon thanked outgoing councillors:

Marc-Andre Villard, Rob Butler, Bob Clarke, Marc Belisle and Past President, Jean-Pierre Savard.

7. Committee reports.

Student awards. Clark thanked members of committee and listed winners. Also thanked membership for passing motion on increasing Taverner award.

Clark offered to follow-up with students to get their reports, and possibly post on the web.

Toms: What about Canadian students studying abroad?

Francis/Clark: Restricted to the conditions set at the time of endowment.

Speirs and Smith Award. Francis reported. Pomeroy asked for good pictures of previous winners.

8. Future meeting:

2011: Francis **moved** that the SCO participate in the 5th NAOC in 2011. Seconded by Bird. **Carried** unanimously.

Cooke noted that it has not been held in Canada yet.

Clark offered that he hopes someone/group would put forward a Canadian bid.

2007: Possibly Edmonton, and status of CWS bird technical committees not sure. Francis called for interest.

Hannon asked if there was a policy to hold every 2 years with the AOU.

Martin stated there was no such policy.

Clark asked about options for holding more centrally near Ottawa that might help CWS personnel attend.

A straw vote followed, to see if more could attend a location in central Canada versus the west. Generally, more hands indicated that central Canada would be easier to attend.

Lein noted that if we interested in partnering with AOU in 2007, would have to move quickly.

2008: AOU in Portland

Clark **moved** that SCO/SOC attempt to partner with AOU for 2008 meeting in Portland. Seconded by Francis. **Carried**.

9. Other business

An expression of how younger members could help with the society. Contact information is available on the web site.

ACTION ITEM: Council will make sure that our list server is operating (and it was noted that it is not used very much).

Hannon moved to thank Charles Francis for all his hard work related to this meeting. Seconded by Robertson. **Carried** (with applause).

Robertson **moved** to adjourn meeting, seconded by Bird. **Carried** at 1852h.