

Draft Minutes from the 2015 Annual General Meeting (AGM)

1) Introduction

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 am by President Dr. Vanessa Craig, RPBio. Vanessa Craig confirmed the voting members in attendance had voting cards and welcomed the invited guests, panelists, and speakers attending in person.

2) New Business

There was no new business to add to the agenda.

3) Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Moved by Brian Churchill, seconded by Linda Michaluk to adopt the agenda. Carried.

4) Adoption of 2014 AGM Minutes

Motion: Moved by Mel Kotyk, seconded by Warren Warttig to adopt the minutes as presented. Carried.

5) Moment of silence in memory of deceased College members

Vanessa Craig provided a brief tribute to the two members (Mark Taylor and Susan Stevenson) who passed away in 2014 and called for a minute of silence in their memory at 8:08am.

6) Receipt of Annual Reports

Vanessa Craig highlighted sections of the committee reports as presented in the Annual Report Issue of [College Matters](#).

Motion: Moved by Linda Michaluk, seconded by Ross Murray to accept the annual reports as presented. Carried.

7) Receipt of Audited Financial Statements

Chris Maundrell provided an overview of the financial statements and explained increases in expenses in 2014.

Motion: Moved by Chris Maundrell, seconded by Garry Alexander to accept the audited financial statements as presented. Carried.

Motion: Moved by Chris Maundrell, seconded by Ross Murray to approve Hutcheson & Co as the auditors for the 2015 fiscal year. Carried.

8) Resolutions

The following resolution was submitted prior to the AGM for the consideration of the College and its members:

Moved by Rob Van Schubert, seconded by Ian Redden to amend the undergraduate admissions criteria for applicants with advanced degrees and greater than ten years of applied biology work experience.

The movers and seconders of the resolution were not present, so others in attendance put the motion on the floor:

Motion: Moved by Alan Lewis, seconded by Janet Rynestad to amend the undergraduate admissions criteria for applicants with advanced degrees and greater than ten years of applied biology work experience.

Discussion on the motion:

Vanessa Craig reported that the Council feels the standards in place are rigorous and defensible (from the perspective of protecting the public interest) and is working to address the concerns relating to the need to be more inclusive in terms of who is eligible for membership in the College. The Council recognizes that, in order to be able to include more working biologists within the College, it must review its membership requirements and look for opportunities and options to include more biologists in the College while maintaining high membership standards. One way the College is addressing it is through its new self-directed report option, and there are others that need to be explored. The Council recommended that voting members not support the resolution.

The question was called on the motion.

Motion defeated.

9) College service recognition awards

Departing members of College Council were recognized: Ross Murray, PBIol, RPBio, Warren Warttig, RPBio, and Janet Rynestad, RPBio. Laura Darling, RPBio (not present) was also recognized for her work with the Ethics Committee. Linda Michaluk, RPBio was recognized as the founding Executive Director of the College and for her work in establishing the College of Applied Biology.

10) Recognition of new members

As of 2014, there are 129 new RPBios, 75 new BITs, 10 new RBTechs, 9 new Trainee (RBTechs), and 15 new Students. Kirstie Goodman-Rendall, RPBio, and Linda Takahashi, RPBio, were present and welcomed as new members. All new members were recognized on a PowerPoint presentation.

11) Old business

There was no old business carried over from 2014 AGM.

12) Election results & Introduction of new Council for 2015-2017

The 2015 election results were summarized and the new Council members were introduced: Garry Alexander, RPBio (Vice-President), Raychl Lukie, RPBio (Regional Councillor), Alexandra de Jong Westman, RPBio (Councillor At Large), and Jocelyn White, RPBio (Councillor At Large).

13) Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Guy Gilron to adjourn. Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 am. 