

Minutes

CAHLN-RCTLSA Business Meeting, 12:15pm – 1:00pm, Tuesday June 8, 2021

CAHLN-RCTLSA 2021 Annual Meeting June 7-9, 2021

The University of Calgary, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

11877 85 Street NW, Calgary, Alberta

Chair: Jennifer Davies

1. Call to Order

- By Jennifer Davies at 12:15pm on June 8, 2021.

2. Agenda Approval

- *Motion to approve Agenda: Huang/Graham. Carried.*
- Minutes from the 2019 meeting were unavailable, not approved.

3. Report of the Secretary-Treasurer – Ursula Viney

- Ursula Viney was unavailable to provide the Secretary Treasurers Report, Jennifer Davies provided the report on behalf of Ursula.
- Profit made from the 2019 meeting was \$7,186.49.
- Bank account GIC for 3 year term, term has ended, funding automatically transferred into chequing account, as of April 30 2021 current balance \$104,403.85.
- Will vote later in meeting for use of funds, returned to vote at end of AGM.
- *Motion to approve Secretary Treasurers Report: Spinato/Pople. Carried.*

4. Report of the President – Jennifer Davies

- Verbal report given by Jennifer Davies.
- Thank you from President Jennifer Davies for all involved in the 2021 CAHLN meeting.
- 105 participants for the virtual CAHLN 2021 meeting, participants were from across Canada and the USA.
- 2022 meeting will be in Abbotsford, British Columbia.
- *Motion to accept the Presidents verbal Report: Trokhymchuk/Maxie. Carried.*

5. Reports of Committees

- Call for committees, no current reports available.
- Bacteriology group will meet on June 9, 2021.

6. Future Meeting Venues

- **2022 - Abbotsford, BC**
- **2023 – TBD**

- Call for hosting the 2023 conference, Atlantic Canada previous conference was a multi lab group effort, one lab cannot host meeting alone, Ottawa suggested, hosting was on a rotating schedule.
- Saskatoon nominated, will wait on board approval and will confirm with the group, Jennifer Davies will contact Yanyun Huang.

7. Nominations

- **Election of Officers**
 - a) **Past President – Neil Pople, MB** –to remain
 - b) **President – Jennifer Davies, AB** –to remain
 - c) **President Elect – TBD 2022 Posting Site, BC** -motion to open nominations, Chelsea Himsworth nominated, *Motion to approve nomination: Spinato/Huang. Carried.*
 - d) **Vice President – 2023 Posting Site** –will be discussed after site confirmation for 2023 meeting
 - e) **Secretary-Treasurer – Ursula Viney, BC** –to remain
- *Carried.*

8. GIC Discussion and Vote – Ursula Viney

- \$75,000.00 of funding in chequing to move into a one year GIC account, will examine funds in the future for networking.
- Approximately \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00 funds available for CAHLN 2022 meeting.
- *Motion to approve moving funds: Tomczyk/Barham. Carried.*

9. Workforce Development – Melanie Barham

- Melanie Barham is chairing the committee for workforce development with the USAHA and AAVLD, a brief poll was sent out before the AAVLD conference last year including the CAHLN list serve, almost every Canadian laboratory and government agency who responded with the exception of one or two indicated workforce development is a major challenge, recruitment and retention. Melanie posed the question “is that still an issue? Is there anything that is needed to address this?”. Melanie will be meeting with the USAHA group within the next few weeks.
- First question for group discussion, “is it still a challenge to recruit and retain people in Canada in our laboratories and government agencies?” Canada wide this is still an issue.
- Second question for group discussion, “is this an issue that warrants doing something about, dedicating time and resources? Further discussion? Or is this just an accepted issue with the line of work we are in?” Big topic to discuss in a short meeting, should this be discussed further within the organization? This is a very important question to keep asking.
- This is a concern in the United States, they would like to move forward with initiatives.

- Theresa Burns has offered to host a webinar, roundtable discussion. Melanie will touch base with Theresa to coordinate discussion.
- Survey will be recirculated to Canadian Laboratories and government agencies, Melanie Barham and Jennifer Davies will collaborate.

10. Inadequate Publications on Antimicrobial Resistance in Aquaculture in Canada – Rasaan Ojasanya

- If interested in discussing topic please contact Rasaan Ojasanya directly at raojasanya@upei.ca

11. Adjournment

- *Motion to adjourn, Pople/Tomczyk. Carried.*

Next Meeting, Abbotsford, British Columbia, Date TBD