

Minutes of the Canadian Division Meeting of the ACA – Sunday, May 29th, 2011, 2011 ACA Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA

Attendance: 10 members (See below)

Chairing: Michael Murphy, Secretary: Michel Fodje

Agenda:

- Sessions to Sponsor for the next ACA meeting in Boston
- Update on Major Facilities (CLS)
- Other

New business

- Michael Murphy informed of need for CanDiv to co-sponsor sessions at the next ACA meeting. The floor was open for suggestions. Three main areas of likely participation were highlighted
 - Co-sponsoring a session with the Materials SIG suggested by Louise Dawe,
 - Co-sponsoring with the Synchrotron SIG (Michel Fodje)
 - With Service Crystallography SIG
- Next Michael Murphy provided an update of the state of the macromolecular crystallography beamlines at the CLS, highlighting the fact that they were functioning well with remote access now available. He also solicited feedback and suggestions for improvement to the capabilities currently available at the CLS. Jim Britten gave an update of the status of the Brockhouse sector beamlines and mentioned that the small-molecule community was delighted and eager to start using the CMCF facilities for data collection while awaiting the completion of the Brockhouse beamlines. Jim also suggested that the small molecule should be informed of beam time availability at the CMCF facilities.
- Michael Murphy mentioned the need for a permanent memorial at the ACA/IUCr to honour Louis Delbaere. It was mentioned that a communication had already been made to the ACA to rename a Poster prize in Louis name, or create a new award. It was discussed briefly if the communication needed to be formalized and Michael Murphy agreed to follow it up. There was some discussion that these activities needed funding, available funding is primarily for student and PostDoc travel, but that the Montreal meeting is expected to replenish the coffers.
- The Montreal IUCr Meeting: Jim Britten (who is on the program committee) mentioned that Mirek Cygler, the program chair is moving and the role may need to be taken over by someone else in Montreal. It was also mentioned that a heavy involvement from the Canadian community is needed at this meeting.
- Education/Teaching: Jim announced the Chemical Structure Workshop being organized in Montreal this year. He mentioned that the workshop follows the Canadian Chemical Society meetings. The workshop is already organized for this year but they are soliciting instructors who can help teach at the workshop in the future as it moves across the country. Michel also mentioned the MX Data collection school held this year and to be repeated annually at the CLS. Mario Bieringer concluded the topic by highlighting the strength of crystallography teaching in Canada, and suggested that maybe we should have a symposium about that. Michael Murphy concluded that this could be one of the areas in which we co-sponsor a session for the next ACA meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:35

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