



President's Message

Arrival was of course by train. By now most people know my preference to travel in the lap of luxury, lording it in a domed lounge revelling in the company of permanent vacationers and feeding my face in the first class restaurant on wheels. They even have Fort Garry ales. That is my kind of technology, rather than submitting to the squalor of George Bush disease just to sit in an uncomfortable tin tube with no view, that may proffer a nuked plastic lunch if you're lucky.

I phoned in to let Lamine know I'd arrived - well, let the answering machine know that I was going to grab some lunch and would call back in an hour or so. But how was I to know that Marianne-de-la-résidence had given me the wrong number? And the answering machine I got was anonymous. So the dedicated Lamine, having checked to find the train was on time, spent his lunch hour waiting for that bugger to phone in while that bugger was relaxing over something nice at the Beachcomber in the Forks. I did figure it out: while finishing my pint of Fort Garry I read over my notes,

and realized I had were two more phone numbers, and they matched enough to make the first number look suspicious. Sure enough it was the newer of these two that made contact and your president, some meeting notes from Vancouver, and the J. Willard Gibbs Memorial Trophy arrived at the residence shortly after. Meanwhile someone out there was no doubt wondering who he had forgotten to meet from the train that day...

The telephones got us again at the Board meeting. We had a fine turnout for the annual Board meeting except that only two executive members were attending the conference, and for a quorum this meeting needed three.

The Saint-Boniface committee set up an excellent arrangement for Webmaster Bob to complete the quorum by attending over the phone, but the gremlins took a hand and Bob was kept out by an answering machine that was not set up to let him through on a Saturday afternoon. The result was a less than official Board meeting, but the important business was formalized at the AGM, for which Bob flew in to attend

in person and make up the legal quorum.

If the answering machines were obstructive, the web-mail could not have given greater service between the conference and remote members. It was by e-mail we obtained Lawton Shaw's agreement to be nominated for President-elect, and let him know of his subsequent election. It was e-mail that allowed Treasurer Bob, exiled from the conference by other duties, to report the offer from Centennial College to organize the conference for 2009, and to arrange a formal invitation for them to do so.

It just goes to show how useful technology can be - but how careful the user must be to attend to every detail in using it.

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President's Message Cont'd

We can still be the boss, as long as we remember how very particular we must expect our e-Jeeves to be.

The conference went well, thanks to the organization and hard work of Lamine and his team, and a grand ad friendly bunch you are at CUSB! (I bet after that effort you felt you could sleep for a week.) The attendance was not large, with the Vancouver group unable to come, and the Newfoundland contingent and folk from Scarborough held back by spring and summer teaching duties - we missed you. But there were still active members from B. C. through Newfoundland, and the interest was there - from the Wine and Cheese to the Thursday afternoon workshops. With most of the sessions mixed in with the CSC conference crowds at the Convention Centre, to have Thursday to ourselves was refreshing.

I did pay attention to the sessions, honest! At the time of writing I still have almost 50 pages of notes to transcribe. But sometimes it is serendipitous events that help make a conference and are worth reporting as part of the flavour. Just such an event presented itself when the new Honourable Regional Director for B. C./Yukon and I realized we had shared (at various times) the same Ph. D. supervisor. (Yes, I admit to being a PhD dropout - but for valid educational reasons - and in fact twice.) Marten and I attended his lecture, and a scheme was hatched to trap our Colin for a pint. I don't think I'm out of order in explaining that Colin Fyfe is a classic. As soon as he opened his mouth at the lecture it was the same sharp prof I remembered from a quarter of a century ago. (The thing that amazed me there, after 28 years of not looking be-

yond introductory course content, was that I understood what he was talking about.) When we met at the end of the day's sessions, no sooner had we sat down in the pub on the corner than yet another of Colin's ex-students walked in with one of his current ones, so we had the Master - whom we had planned to catch in stereo - in quad instead. And we managed to get him (who as I remember never let us pay when pinting with my student group in Guelph) to let us pick up the tab for once.

One highlight of the conference, involving more than just the members present, was in the willingness of the folk who jumped in to take an active part in the organization. It was great to see the team from NAIT already deep into their preparations for next year's conference. Coordinated by Cindy Rothwell, and with Frances Sutherland as Liaison to the Canadian Society for Chemistry, the group is building an ambitious program that will run immediately before and overlap a little with the CSC conference for the convenience of folk who want to attend both. Orchids too to Patrick Chan and the group at Centennial for picking up the challenge of 2009! Along with Ian (St. John's), and Don (Belleville) and Lamine (Saint-Boniface) we now welcome Marten Lettinga (William's Lake) as the B.C./Yukon Regional Director. And along with Webmaster Bob and Treasurer Bob, who seem to have done almost every job almost forever, and Secretary Brad who jumped in to fill our need last fall, I was delighted to find an old face and a new face joining the executive: Lawton Shaw, a top class editor not so many years ago, is the new President

Elect; and Arlana Moskalyk, yet another member of the NAIT team, has taken up the challenge of editing *C3 News*. I move a toast and a vote of confidence to the whole crew, and an appreciative welcome to the new folks.

I'll finish with a plug for Arlana, who will probably find she has taken on the biggest job - certainly the one that needs most support from the membership. The *C3 News* is the item that most people see through the year, and the most important medium keeping us in touch between conferences. But all Arlana can do is put together material that you the membership submit, and it is up to you to make the *News* a sensible forum for exchanging ideas, raising questions - as much as answering them and offering explanations - and making it look more professional than a stream of my sort of trivial chat. I'm cheeky enough: let me challenge everyone reading this to try and keep Arlana busy choosing which submissions to print, even if it's with quotations from your worst lecture. Any one of you can do better than me!



Our lovely dinner at The Old Spaghetti Factory

Conference Pics:



Fun Run for Everyone!



Our tour stop at the Casino in Winnipeg



Lifting gold at the Royal Mint

Major Emergency at Conference Rez

Scare for Presidential Party Returning from Dinner Engagement



A likely story, you might well say. But with sirens blaring a fleet of fire trucks descended on the new University College of Saint Boniface student residence Casa Bonita from every direction around the Rue Aulneau, where a large part of the conference party was housed. Fire crew were seen entering the building, one with a coil of hose over his shoulder and another with a bloody great axe

In the light of the Great Threat of Potential Terrorist Attacks concern was felt for the security of the Presidential party, including all the attendant executive of C₃, which returned from a dinner engagement at the same time as the fire appliances arrived just minutes after the incident. Although the explanation given was of a false alarm on the second floor, we cannot really be sure: amid the groups of residents milling around, clearly having been evacuated in response to the alarm, was this group of suspicious looking characters caught surreptitiously by nimble cameramen who happened to be on the scene.

The rumour on the grapevine is that these are members of an Alberta cell of the shadowy organization known only as Al

Naitt, who are thought to be conspiring to take control of the next C₃ Conference in Edmonton and possibly infiltrate at least part of the ensuing National CSC meeting. They of course claimed complete innocence, claiming that none of them even lived on the second floor. But a suspected fifth member of cell is still not accounted for.

It was deemed appropriate by the local episcopal authority, the See Sister, that in the interest of the safety of all the identity of the informant should not be revealed at this time.

We await developments.



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2008 C3 Conference Update - “Fueling the Future”

All of us here at NAIT are starting to really get excited about the C3 Conference of 2008. Here is an update on the progression of the conference:

The programming is progressing well. Sessions that we have planned include:

- Green Chemistry - “Roots and Offshoots”
- Innovations in Teaching - “Creative Chemical Communication”
- Showcase of Demos - “Lights, Camera, Action!”
- Nanotechnology - “Small is Big”

We are still looking for interested parties to participate in the conference as speakers. The areas we are interested in filling would be Showcase of Demos and Innovations in Teaching. If you are interested please contact either Cindy Rothwell or Frances Sutherland (address on previous pages).

For all of you whom are planning on joining us at our conference we have a couple of social events planned as well.

The Thursday night that you arrive we will be hosting a wine and cheese during registration.

Of course there will be the annual Fun Run to take place on Saturday 24th. We are hoping that the run will take us through the river valley this year. For those of you who don't enjoy the running we will have a shorter trail for you to walk and enjoy the morning.

Friday night we will be having the main C3 banquet. It will be held at the Chateau Louis Hotel. This is where we have arranged for all of the out of town guests to stay. If you have any questions about the booking of rooms, location, cost, etc. please feel free to contact me (Arlana) at arlanam@nait.ca and I will forward your questions to the appropriate person. There will be entertainment at the banquet but that remains top secret until that

night! I ensure you a good time!

We are also planning a NINT Tour for the C3 conference attendees as well as another social event Saturday night. The details about these have yet to be announced.

I hope that this has sparked your interest and that we hear from you soon. Our registrations packages are to be sent soon. We also are anxiously awaiting the opening of the C3 Conference 2008 website. Stay tuned. Until then if you have questions or concerns please contact any of us involved. Talk to you soon.



Notes from the Editor

Being the editor of the C3 Newsletter has definitely imposed a steep learning curve about the College Chemistry Canada organization. My first C3 conference was this last spring in Winnipeg. This is where I volunteered for this position, despite being under the influence of plenty of wine! At the conference I met many amazing people and made many valuable contacts. I hope that this year brings about many more friendships through the organization. If there is anything that you would like to add to the next newsletter please email me and make your submissions or suggestions. Looking forward to seeing you all here in Edmonton for C3 2008.

Cindy Rothwell and I...proud trophy holders for the 2007 Fun Run.

