

President's Report

For C₃ Annual Board Meeting, June 1, 2011

In the 2010-11 year, our executive and board had seven meetings by teleconference and the last one by Elluminate conference on a trial basis. The latter method will save C₃ over \$100 per meeting. However, it will take some time to work out the kinks with this method. We also dealt with a number matters by email. With nearly a whole new Board and most regional directors being able to attend, we were very effective in making decisions.

The C₃ Website has been streamlined very effectively with the 2011 Conference Registration including fee payment by PayPal and electronic submission of abstracts. So, it saved the host institution (Dawson College) from creating its own Conference website. It also spared them from setting up an account for collecting Conference fees and covering Conference expenses. Dawson College paid the full registration for 16 Dawson College Faculty which was largely sufficient to cover the Conference expenses.

I have brought 12 C₃ golf shirts in two sizes from Thompson Rivers University (and order forms) to be sold at the 2011 C₃ Conference. A significant stockpile was left behind at TRU to be taken to the 2012 C₂ Conference at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

We lost the CIC Affiliate status last year. However, we have arranged full CIC membership for C₃ members under the "teacher" category (about \$45 per year) which allows us to attend the annual CIC/CSC Conferences at the same greatly reduced cost as in the past.

The concerns raised by Lawton Shaw last year as the outgoing President have been large addressed. Thomson Rivers University (with thanks to Bruno Cinel, 2010 Conference Coordinator) was very prompt with submitting its final report and accounting after the 2010 Conference. Thanks to Brian Sievwright, 2011 Conference Coordinator, we have a very well organized 2011 Conference. Moreover, he has volunteered as the Quebec Regional Director after attempts to recruit others for the task. Finally, we are well prepared for 2012 (thanks to Christopher Lovallo as 2012 Conference Coordinator), with Mount Royal College in Calgary hosting the 2012 Conference.

Vacant positions and positions ready to be vacated on the C₃ Executive and Board have all been filled with Bruno Cinel as BC/Yukon Director (and past Conference coordinator), Jimmy Lowe as Interim-Secretary, James Bailey as Webmaster and Brenda Addison-Jones as Treasurer. Bob Perkins and Bob Browne both graciously assisted with a smooth transition, our thanks to both of them.

Meanwhile, Arlana has continued to excel in her position as Newsletter Editor. I really could not have asked for a better volunteer team to work with. One more year is left in my term. Although there definitely is a learning curve, I had the support of the Past President, Lawton Shaw. Likewise, I will be supportive to the C₃ member who becomes President-Elect this year. Next year as Past President, I will continue that support when that same C₃ member becomes the new President. Likewise, the new Editor and new Secretary (two year terms) can count on my support and depend on the experience of the Webmaster and the Treasurer who both have one year left of their two year term.

There is one outstanding issue that Lawton brought up in his report last year which I will now address.

Awards

Although we have generally offered the Host Institution Scholarship each year, we have not been very successful with the General Scholarship and the \$600 Teaching Award. We have increased the scholarships to \$800. So, that should be a little more incentive but we need to promote the General Scholarship and the Teaching Award on the C3 Website well before the deadlines. Perhaps, Regional Directors should encourage their C3 members (through e-mail) to contact their Chemistry Departments to nominate a student for the General Scholarship. To select one winner, we may need to develop an application form.

For the C3 Teaching Award, each Regional Director should encourage anonymous submissions (via e-mail) from their members. If there are multiple submissions, we could have each nominee write a short letter to the C3 Board in support of the nominated C3 member.

Finally, since it is the International Year of Chemistry, we could consider a one-time C3 IYOC monetary award to a deserving student based on an essay on the relevancy of Chemistry in everyday life.

I am looking forward to serving as President for the second year.

Respectfully submitted,

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