

President's Report

For C₃ Annual General Meeting, May 31, 2012

In the 2011-12 year, our executive had monthly meetings by web-conference rather than by teleconference (no meetings in July, August, December). This saved C3 over \$100 per meeting. There were some audio issues during the meeting at times but the web-conferences were nearly all recorded (including transcripts of the chat). The new executive should be able to continue with web-conference meetings especially if my institution continues to support BlackBoard Collaborate. Otherwise, the new executive could look at other options such as Skype or some other free web-conferencing service.

The C3 Website has been utilized with very few issues for the 2012 Conference Registration including fee payment by PayPal and electronic submission of abstracts. So, once again it saved the host institution from creating its own Conference website. The conference fees were collected early enough to cover the 2012 Conference expenses.

I brought the complete stockpile of C3 shirts in hopes of selling off most of it during the Conference.

We have maintained the option of C3 members to become non-voting CIC members under the "C3 teacher" category (about \$45 per year). This allows C3 members to attend the annual CIC/CSC Conferences at the greatly reduced conference fee. A number of C3 members including myself have chosen that option this year. There were some issues with the online CSC Conference registration for those of us (including myself) who had renewed the CIC membership in December. The CIC is now aware of the issue. Hopefully, it will be resolved for future CSC Conferences.

Brian Seivewright ran an excellent conference last year at Dawson College in Montreal. He even managed to run a small financial surplus!

We actually received a number of submissions this time for the general student scholarship after a few years of no submissions. Each of the student nominees was very deserving but after some deliberation, we did come to a decision. Unfortunately, once again no submissions were received for the Chemical Education award. With some chance in the criteria and more networking, we should be successful next year.

Thanks to the hard work by the editor (Arlana), a number of C3 issues were published this year. However, a few more timely submissions from the C3 membership would definitely help. We may also run some archived articles (thanks to Bill Blann's good record-keeping).

It has been an honour to have been able to work with such an active executive. Each member of the executive team performed above and beyond his/her duties. This has made my job as president that much easier.

Respectfully submitted,

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