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President's Report

Greetings. This report is my inaugural message as APBBC president and I must admit I am somewhat daunted by the group of professionals I have been selected to represent. In my years of meeting and working with many biologists around British Columbia, I remain in awe of the knowledge, skill and caliber of people practicing biology. Indeed it is the professionalism and high standard of conduct demonstrated by our membership that played a large role in attaining our College of Applied Biology Act. Each of you deserves credit for supporting the Association and its values. Well done.

The governance of our profession is now the responsibility of the College. Achieving the Act has been a primary focus of the APB for many years and now the APB must redefine its role as an organization. We have the time, energy and flexibility to devote to other matters such as advocacy, and formalizing continuing education programs. There are many ways the organization can serve its members, and the Board would appreciate hearing more from you. Many members have already expressed ideas and volunteered for committees to pursue these matters. Please help keep these efforts going!

In closing, I would like to thank Mel Kotyk for his leadership of the APB over the past few years. He did a wonderful job not only in the legislative drive, but also in all other aspects of leading this organization. The past years have been a true test of patience and persistence, blood, sweat and tears. He will do a fine job as he faces the new challenge of leading the College Council and getting the College of Applied Biology up and running. Thank you all.

Carol Lamont, RPBio
President

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Scholarship Winners for 2003 !!

The Board of directors of the APBBC approved the awarding of the two APBBC scholarships for \$1000 to Heather Bryan and Sandra Webster.

Heather Bryan is an undergraduate registered at UVic in the B.Sc. program with an honours in biology and a double major in Environmental Studies. Heather comes by her interest in Biology honestly, being the daughter of Jim and Anthea Bryan of Penticton B.C., both professional biologists. Although still an undergraduate, Heather has worked on a research project on the inter-tidal size distribution of limpets and a study, funded by the Raincoast Conservation Society, to determine the diet of adult wolves and pups by analyzing fecal samples. She has also worked at a health clinic in West Africa, at the Vaseux Lake Bird Observatory, on the B.C. Owl survey, the Grassland Point Count Survey, and on the point count survey in Olympic National Park for the Institute for Bird Populations. On top of this, Heather has worked for 3 years as a tree planter and enjoys white-water kayaking, training for triathlons and playing piano. Her academic record is outstanding, and her future plans include graduate studies in ecology. Congratulations Heather!

Sandra Webster is an RPBio. on Temporary Withdrawal while a student at SFU pursuing doctoral studies on the survival of juvenile salmon in estuaries. She has a B.Sc. in biopsychology from SFU, and an M.Sc. in animal behavior from McGill. She has worked in Peru, at Puerto Maldonado, as an

ecotourist guide while also studying the impact of human settlement on bird habitat choice. Her involvement with the Marbled Murrelet Nesting/Habitat project over 3 summers was to determine and propose conservation strategies for preserving high quality nesting habitat. Her M.Sc. research was at the Bellaires Research Station in Barbados where she studied how different feeding behaviors of generalist and specialist bird populations has led to different ways of exploiting the same environment. Prior to beginning her Ph.D. work, Sandra also worked as a consultant to determine the possible effects of an underwater gas pipeline, from the USA to Vancouver Island, on the flora and fauna of the Saanich First Nation. She also enjoys outdoor activities such as hiking, kayaking, SCUBA diving, skiing and climbing. She is fluent in French and has a working knowledge of Spanish. The letters or reference she received from both her M.Sc. and Ph.D. supervisors attest to her ability, dedication, potential and excellent academic record. Congratulations Sandra!

We wish both students good luck and success in their academic careers. As has been the case in the past, the other applications received were excellent as well, and the decision was very difficult. We also wish good luck to the unsuccessful candidates, and encourage them to apply again next year.

Joyce Boon R.PBio
Chair, Education and Awards - APBBC

The APBBC Science Fair Award for 2003

The APBBC is pleased to offer a \$100 prize to the winner of the regional Science Fair each year. This year one of our directors, Dr. Paul McElligott, was a judge at the science fair and saw first-hand the work of Clara Westwell-Roper who was the winner. Her project title was "The Cytological Intranet" and she worked on this project at the Jack Bell Research Centre. She was studying an intracellular enzyme called p38 MAP kinase, an important enzyme in the immune response. She found that p38 MAPK negatively regulates nitric oxide production in murine macrophages, and also affects the activation of several transcription factors. Nitric oxide is involved in the pathogenesis of numerous inflammatory diseases. Clara is working at an honors or graduate level while

still in grade 12. She will be attending UBC this fall. We expect to see great things from her in the future and wish her success in her university career.



Clara Westwell-Roper

Summary of the Board of Director's Meeting

Held June 27th, 2003 APBBC offices Victoria, BC

Present: Rick Crozier, Mel Kotyk, Joyce Boon, Brian Churchill, Derek Ellis, Lindsay Jones, Carol Lamont, Paul McElligott, Kat Enns, Linda Michaluk, Linda Stordeur, Rosemarie Hooper

Apologies for Absence: Greg Ashcroft, Chris Clement

The first order of business for the 2003 Board was to elect the President and Vice President. **Carol Lamont** was elected President and **Paul McElligott** was elected Vice President. The Board welcomed new Board Member **Kat Enns** from Castlegar. A 2003/2004 meeting schedule was set.

With the passing of the OIC enacting the *College of Biology Act* in June, much of the discussion at this meeting focused on preparing for the transition of the APB into two organizations, the Association and the College. This included the preparation of a membership ballot outlining a funding budget proposal for the College, and discussion of a needs analysis regarding policy and guideline development. A separate APB strategic planning session will be held August 27 to further develop, and complete the transition strategy.

In anticipation of the Minister's approval of the first College Council, an initial Council meeting

agenda was discussed so as to facilitate the motions required at the inaugural meeting of the College.

Regular Committee reports were received from **Rick Crozier** (Regional Involvement), **Carol Lamont** (Discipline) **Lindsay Jones** (Office and Treasurer), **Derek Ellis** (Board of Examiners), **Paul McElligott** (BioLine), **Linda Stordeur** (Registrar). **Joyce Boon** continues to work with the Ethics committee on the development of the Ethics exam. **Joyce** will also lead a small committee to develop guidelines for the types organizations the APB will support financially, and the amounts of money that should be allocated to support awards and bursaries.

Date Of Next Meeting:
Thursday, August 27/28th, 2003
APB Offices Victoria.

REFERENDUM RESULTS



The APB recently conducted a referendum called the College of Applied Biology Funding Referendum. The date for receiving ballots on the referendum was 5.00 PM August 21st, 2003. 1197 were mailed out to eligible members with 433 returned and counted, and 5 returned too late to be counted. This constitutes a return rate of 37% which is the highest return we have had on a mail-out ballot question. The results were:

- ▶ 421 in favour (97%)
- ▶ 10 opposed (2%)
- ▶ 2 unmarked

Summary of the Board of Director's Meeting

August 28th, 2003

Present: Carol Lamont, Paul McElligott, Mel Kotyk, Joyce Boon, Brian Churchill, Chris Clement, Rick Crozier, Kat Enns, Lindsay Jones, Paul McElligott, Derek Ellis, Linda Stordeur, Linda Michaluk, Rosemarie Hooper.

Apologies for Absence Greg Ashcroft.

Discussion at the August meeting of the Board involved reviewing the outcome of the previous day's strategic planning session and an update of member services currently being investigated related to insurance and affinity programs. In addition, the Board discussed a future budget approach, which would involve the completion of tasks for the College such as the development of standards and the development of a Continuing Professional Development program in exchange for an operating grant. In exchange for such a grant, the APB could offer free membership to any member of the College requesting APB membership. This would enable the APB to demonstrate its value to RPBios and other applied

biology practitioners over the next several months while it engages in setting its strategic direction.

It was reported that the referendum involving the transfer of initial funds to the College was approved by 97% with 37% of the membership participating in the mail-in ballot.

Two scholarships were awarded based on the recommendations of the Awards committee to **Sandra Webster** (grad student) and **Heather Bryan** (undergrad student).

The next Board meeting will be held at the APB offices October 24, 2003

The Role of the APB in the Sponsorship of Activities Promoting Biology

Each year, the APBBC sets aside a small amount of money to sponsor activities, which in the opinion of the Board promote the understanding of the role of science, especially biology, in the province. We have sponsored the Westland TV series for a number of years, and we have also sponsored a number of science camps for children.

One of the summer camps that we have supported is called Science Alliance. This is a program centred in Prince George that gives northern children an opportunity to have a hands-on experience in science and technology during the summer. An enthusiastic group of young people run this camp, and we feel that our small donation to help one youngster attend is a positive activity for our

association. The board is in the process of setting up guidelines for directing our consideration of requests, given the increasing number of calls for donations and sponsorships. If you have any thoughts on how these guidelines should be structured, please email jaboone@ouc.bc.ca.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS

The APBBC, each year, has a number of awards which are available to members of the Association. The Ian McTaggart-Cowan Award For Excellence in Biology is sponsored entirely by the APBBC. The Association also co-sponsors with the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters, the W. Young Award for Excellence in Integrated Forest Management, and with the Alberta Society of Professional Biologists, the D. Alan Birdsall Memorial Scholarship. An award entitled The Biologist of the Year Award was

added in 1993. This award recognizes shorter term contributions to biological science and the application of biology, and recognizes local or regional achievement, rather than provincial or national achievement.

In 1995, a new class of awards was introduced, The Meritorious Service Awards, which are available to members of the Association who have made contributions above and beyond that expected of members. This is the first call for nominations for these awards for 2003.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1) THE AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN BIOLOGY:

This award is presented periodically to a member in good standing of the APBBC in recognition of a significant contribution to the biological sciences in B.C.

- This award is not an annual award, but is granted when a member, or in exceptional circumstances two or three members, have made an outstanding contribution to biology.
- Each nomination must have the written endorsement of at least five registered members of the APBBC.
- Each nomination must include a complete description of the biological contribution made by the nominee, a brief biographical sketch including education and training, professional responsibilities and accomplishments and any previous awards and honours.

Closing date for nominations is December 31, 2003

2) W. YOUNG AWARD FOR INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT:

This award, sponsored jointly with the Association of B.C. Professional Foresters, honours a B.C. individual or association that has demonstrated significant accomplishments in integrated fisheries, forestry or wildlife-forestry management. Nominations should be made by five members in good standing of the APBBC or of the Association of Registered Professional Foresters (or a combination of both) and include a biographical sketch of the nominee and their contribution to integrated resource management.

Closing date for nominations is December 31, 2003

3) THE BIOLOGIST OF THE YEAR AWARD:

This award is distinct from the Award for Excellence in Biology in that it recognizes shorter term contributions to biological science and the application of biology in a local or regional area. The award will be presented at the AGM for outstanding contributions by a member or a team to applied biology and to the advancement of professional biology. The basic requirement shall be the application of biology to resource management, to education, to research, to advancement of the profession, for service to the Association or service to his or her local community. Nomination shall be made by five members in good standing of the APBBC along with documentation about the contributions of the individual to the advancement of professional biology.

Closing date for nominations is December 31, 2003

4) MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARDS:

The Board of Directors of the APBBC each year, honours those members of the Association who have made contributions to the APB which are outstanding, above and beyond the contributions normally expected of members. These contributions should be in association with the setting and achievement of goals of the APBBC and the advancement of the Association as a professional organization. The recipients will be acknowledged at the Annual General Meeting each year, and their service will be recorded on a meritorious service plaque in the office of the APBBC in Victoria.

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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR AWARDS – continued

Nominations for this award should be submitted, by two members in good standing of the APBBC, to the Chairperson of the Education and Awards Committee by January 31 each year. The nominations should include supporting information which will help the Committee to evaluate the contributions of the nominee.

A subcommittee of the Board chaired by the Education and Awards Chairperson, and consisting of at least 2 other Board members, will evaluate the nominations and recommend to the Board, the recipients for that year.

Persons who are currently serving on the Board of Directors, or on standing committees, will not be eligible for awards until their term(s) of office end.

Nominations should be submitted by January 31, 2004

Nominations for all the above awards should be submitted to:

Joyce Boon, R.P.Bio.,
 Chairperson,
 Education & Awards Committee, APBBC.,
 c/o Biology Department,
 Okanagan University College,
 3333 College Way,
 Kelowna, B.C. V1V 1V7

For more information about any of these awards, or their conditions, please call:

Joyce Boon at Okanagan University College
 Phone: (250) 762-5445 local 7545
 Fax: (250) 470-6004
 Email: jaboone@okanagan.bc.ca

O F I N T E R E S T

There is one other award that may be of interest to some of our members. This award is not handled by the APB, and we don't have any other information. Please contact the University of Alberta if you think you might be eligible.

D. ALAN BIRDSALL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: this \$2,000 scholarship is awarded to a University of British Columbia student or fellow registered in or admissible to a full-time

thesis program leading to a doctoral degree or post-doctoral fellowship at the University of Alberta in ecology and resource management, preferably in applied fisheries management.

Applications for this award should be made by letter before January 31, 2004 to:

Chair,
 Department of Zoology,
 University of Alberta,
 Edmonton, Alta.

EDUCATION EVENTS



“Education Events” will list in brief various learning opportunities of interest to biologists. Please help us by notifying the Education Events writer,

Darren Hebert, R.P.Bio.,
 Tel: 250-740-6377 Fax: 250-740-6480,
 HebertD@mala.bc.ca

You may also post events on the APBBC web page, available through the APBBC office. We will retrieve the notice and print it here.

The listings are chronological. For more detailed information, refer to the contact and information sites, or check out the web site at www.apbbc.bc.ca

Call for Letters of Interest: Climate Change – Impacts and Adaptation

The Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Program is now soliciting Letters of Interest that identify research opportunities in the areas of agriculture, fisheries and non-commercial food supply (e.g., hunting and harvesting). Deadlines are August 1, 15 and September 12, 2003 respectively.

Information: http://adaptation.nrcan.gc.ca/proposal_e.asp

Conferences/Workshops – 2003/04

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| <p>Oct 29–Nov 1, 2003. 20th Annual meeting - Aquaculture Association of Canada. Victoria. http://web.mala.bc.ca/faep/AC2003.htm</p> <p>Nov 3–6, 2003. 2003 AWRA Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. http://www.awra.org/meetings/California2003/call.html</p> <p>Nov 23–26, 2003. Banff Mountain Summit 2003 - Mountains As Water Towers. http://www.banffmountainfestivals.ca/festivals/summit/</p> <p>Feb. 25–27, 2004. 56th ABCPF Forestry Conference & Annual General Meeting. Vancouver. http://www.rpf-bc.org/agm.html</p> <p>March 2–6, 2004. Species at Risk 2004: Pathways to Recovery. Victoria, BC. http://www.speciesatrisk2004.ca/</p> <p>April, 2004. Forest Land-Fish Conference II: Ecosystem Stewardship Through Collaboration. Edmonton, Alberta. http://www.tucanada.org/forestlandfish2/</p> <p>April 3–6, 2004. 11th Canadian National Conference and 2nd Policy Forum on Drinking Water. Canadian Water and Wastewater Association (CWWA). Calgary, Alberta http://www.cwwa.ca/11firstannouncement.htm</p> <p>May 2–6, 2004. Fourth World Fisheries Congress. Vancouver. http://www.worldfisheries2004.org/</p> | <p>May 13–15, 2004. Land Summit 2004 Conference. University of British Columbia.</p> <p>June 6–10, 2004. North American Benthological Society 52nd Annual Meeting. University of British Columbia. http://faculty.forestry.ubc.ca/richardson/NABS2004.htm</p> <p>June 16–18, 2004. 57th Annual Water Resources Conference: Water and Climate Change; Knowledge for Better Adaptation. CWRA. Montreal. http://www.ouranos.ca/acrh/</p> <p>June 28–30, 2004. Riparian Ecosystems and Buffers: Multi-scale Structure, Function, and Management. American Water Resources Association. Olympic Valley, CA. http://www.awra.org/meetings/Olympic2004/summer2004.doc</p> <p>Aug 23–27, 2004. Restoration on the Edge: International Conference on Ecological Restoration. Victoria. http://www.serbc.info/SER-I%202004.pdf</p> <p>Oct, 2004. Environmental Impacts of Backcountry Recreation. Columbia Mountains Institute of Applied Ecology. Revelstoke. http://www.cmiae.org/</p> |
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BioNotice / BioServe

All members in good standing are automatically subscribed to the APBBC listserve, **BioNotice**. This listserve has been developed to send out announcements relating to the business of the APBBC. It is a closed system and not available to anyone outside the Association. Members will not be able to send out notices or respond to issues using BioNotice.

BioServe is there for members to use to respond to any issues they wish to draw to the membership's attention. It serves the same purpose as a "chat room".

If you are not on either of these listserves and wish to be, contact Pat at the office either by email apbbc@apbbc.bc.ca or by phone 250-383-3306.

Training Courses – 2003

Bamfield Marine Station offers a wide variety of summer courses, information available here: http://www.oceanlink.island.net/BMS/courses/summer_2002.html

B.C. Institute of Technology offers a selection of part time courses. For information see: <http://www.renewres.bcit.bc.ca> OR <http://www.eng.bcit.bc.ca/renewres/>

The Columbia Mountain Institute of Applied Ecology, offers a wide range of professional learning activities. Revelstoke, B.C. Box 2568 Revelstoke, B.C. BOE 2S0. Phone 250-837-9311; Fax 250-837-4223; email cmi@revelstoke.net; For information on events see their website - <http://www.cmiae.org/>

The Forestry Continuing Studies Network (FCS Network) is a not-for-profit society dedicated to delivering natural resource continuing education to professionals, technicians, First Nations, forest workers and the general public. For information on events see their website - <http://www.fcsn.bc.ca/>

FORREX - Forest Research Extension Partnership: <http://www.forrex.org/home/home.asp>

Malaspina University-College Fisheries and Aquaculture Extension Program offers a selection of community-based fisheries and aquaculture courses and programs: <http://web.mala.bc.ca/faep/>

The Northwest Community College Field School offers practical continuing education opportunities for technical and professional development in the natural sciences, or interested amateur naturalists. The Northwest Field School is located in Smithers, British Columbia. For more information or an application package, please contact the Smithers Campus of Northwest Community College at 250-847-4461 or smithersinfo@nwcc.bc.ca.

Simon Fraser University Continuing Studies <http://www.sfu.ca/cstudies/science/calendar.htm>

UNBC Continuing Education offers a wide variety of courses, information available here: <http://www.unbc.ca/conted/courses.htm>

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USGA Natural Resource Mgmt. Training: <http://www.fort.usgs.gov/products/training/training.asp>

Wildland Hydrology Centre: http://www.fisheries.org/Professional_Development/Continuing_Education/Wildland_Hydrology/Current_Wildland_Hydrology_Courses.htm

Other Providers:

The American Fisheries Society offers or advertises a number of educational services. For information see: http://www.fisheries.org/Professional_Development/Continuing_Education/index.shtml

The Ministry of Forests online training catalogue: <http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hfd/mtc/>

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Inventory of Watershed Training Courses: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/catalog.html>

Stewardship Centre: http://www.stewardshipcentre.org/code/main/cs_frset.htm

Centre for Water and Environmental Sustainability. Research and Education transfer for sustaining water and environmental resources. <http://www.cwest.orst.edu/index.htm>

Oregon State University Extension Services: <http://osu.orst.edu/extension/>

USDA Catalogue of On-line publications: <http://www.fs.fed.us/pnw/current.htm>

NRC Research Press: http://www.nrc.ca/cisti/journals/rp2_home_e.html

The virtual library of Ecology and Biodiversity: <http://conbio.net/vl/>

Professional Biologists – the Past, the Present, the Future...

A Joint note from Carol Lamont and Mel Kotyk

The Past

► **1979 APBBC formed under the Society Act**

The APB was set in place to provide an accountability framework for the practice of professional biology. A Code of Ethics was adopted by the membership, and was enforced by the APB by way of the Discipline Committee

► **1987, Right to Title for RPBio secured under the Occupational Title provisions of the Society Act**

Although this gave members of the APB the appearance of a Right to Title association the fact that the APB was constituted under the Society Act meant that it was set up more along the lines of a company (i.e. in the members' interest) than a self governing professional association (i.e. in the public interest)

to await the formal election of a Council prior to making the public appointments. It must be noted that although the APB Board members have been appointed to the interim College Council, they also retain their duties and responsibilities to the APB Board which will continue to function.

► **July 22, 2003 – first Council Meeting held**

A teleconference call was held for the appointed Council members to ensure a smooth transition from the APB to the College for those elements that transferred, i.e. adoption of Rules, title provision, governance of members, registrar function, and appointment of officers. The Council also approved entering into a contractual relationship with the APB for office space and administrative staff resources, and established an action plan for the next several months

The Present

► **November 21, 2002 – College of Applied Biology Act passed**

The Act provided for the establishment of the College of Applied Biology as the governing body for Professional Biologists, and transferred the right to title provisions from the APB to the College. The College Act is therefore a right to title act which establishes the College as a self governing professional body – the only one of its kind in North America.

► **June 19, 2003 – College Act enabled**

As a result of the Act being passed and enabled, all APB members in good standing were automatically enrolled in the College of Applied Biology

► **July 21, 2003 – Interim College Council appointed**

The Act was set out so that the interim council was to be appointed by the Minister from the elected directors of the APB so as to ensure that the members retained control over the College. The Act also provides for up to 3 members of the public to be appointed to the Council and government has agreed

► **August 27– APB strategic planning session**

The strategy session provided the means for the Directors to begin to think of concepts to take to the members for review and discussion.

► **August 28 - APB Board of Directors Meeting and College Council Meeting**

– APB News - The College Act provides for the continuation of the APB as a society with the exception of the title protection and governance functions, clearing the way for APB to determine what it will do, and how it will fund its actions.

– College News – the College Act provides that the members must vote on the College dues. A provisional budget was considered, and a dues notice accompanied by an agreement with the APB was approved by the Council for consideration by the members.

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Professional Biologists – the Past, the Present, the Future...continued

The Future?

APB

- Strategic Plan - The APB membership will have to determine its future direction. This may mean defining in action oriented terms what is meant by “acting in the members’ interest”. The Board of Directors will be sending out the results of their preliminary Strategic Planning Session for member comment and input so that the membership can set a direction that is right for them.

Goal – plan adopted and implemented Feb 2005

College

- Rule Ratification – the Act provides for the college members to ratify certain rules, including: those setting out the election, terms of office and duties of the elected president, vice presidents and councillors; and rules pertaining to the general meetings (including Annual General Meetings)

Goal – rule consultation undertaken and vote taken by Jan 2004, with elections held by April, 2004

Carol Lamont, RPBio
President
Assoc of Prof Biologists

- ASTTBC Discussion – the Act provides for Technicians and Technologists to be granted College membership. The College will enter into discussion with the ASTTBC after the election of the Council. This is to ensure that these very important discussions are undertaken by a Council that has been elected by the membership rather than one that has been appointed by the Minister.

Goal – discussion to begin by July 2004

Clearly there are many more tasks for both organisations and their members in the short and long term. These few items are provided for information and as a “heads up” to where member involvement is going to be required in the near future. Your organisations are only as strong as you make them. Professional Biologists have a proud past and stand to have an exciting future.

Mel Kotyk, RPBio
President
College of Applied Biology

Road Show Report

All in all the Road Show that was undertaken in the spring of 2003 was very successful. 27 presentations were given to a total of 340 members (22% of the membership of the day) in Burnaby, Vancouver, Fort St John, Victoria, Nanaimo, Campbell River, Kamloops, Summerland, Kelowna, Surrey, Smithers, Prince George, Williams Lake, Cranbrook and Nelson. The presentation lasted approximately 1 ½ hours, with the first 40 minutes consisting of a formal presentation (either overheads or PowerPoint), followed by a Question and Answer session.

The participants were interested in the ramifications of the new *College of Applied Biology Act*, with special attention directed to the insurance needs of RPBios. Members were particularly interested in the discipline provisions of the Act and how they com-

pared and differed with the provisions of the APB constitution. Although there was limited discussion as to the future direction of the APB given that the College is now responsible for protecting the RPBio title and member governance, it was clear that some members were starting to consider the value of retaining the APB as an organization whose prime responsibility will be serving the interest of its members.

The Road Show proved a valuable communication and connection tool and road shows should be undertaken in the coming years.

Linda Michaluk, RPBio.
Executive Director

And the Winner is...

Before you can have a winner, you have to have candidates. This is a “heads up” that for the next round of elections we will need to have candidates for both the College Council and the APB Board. Now is the time to be thinking seriously of either running for one of these bodies or nominating those who you feel will represent your interests.

There is, however, one wrinkle. Before we can hold elections for the College Council, the rules pertaining to the Council and to the Meetings of the College have to be ratified by the membership. The rules which are based on the Constitution, Bylaws and Policies of the APB have been posted on the web for some time (<http://www.cab-bc.org/files/consolidated%20rules%20sept%202003.pdf>). Rules 1, 3 and 4 which require member ratification will be arriving soon in your mailbox in ballot form.

We are endeavouring to have the ballots out to you with the dues notices, so expect to see this information around the middle of November. The Dues Deadline will be the end of December, and the deadline for receipt of ballots will be announced in the voting package.

Linda Michaluk, RPBio
Executive Director
APB/College of Applied Biology



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President's Message

Welcome to the first newsletter of the College of Applied Biology. It was a momentous day for all biologists in British Columbia when the government enacted the *College of Applied Biology Act* and established the College through the appointment of an interim Council. The "Biologist Act" we have been working towards for over 20 years is now a reality. Now that we have it, the real work can begin, but first a bit of background.

As you may recall, the purpose of the College is to uphold and protect the public interest by:

- (i) Preserving and protecting the scientific methods and principles that are the foundation of the applied biological sciences,
- (ii) Upholding the principles of stewardship of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and biological resources, and
- (iii) Ensuring the integrity, objectivity and expertise of its members.

This is a subtle, but important shift from the approach applied to the APB under the Society Act. Any non-profit Society under the Society Act has as its priority the promotion of the specific interest under which it was formed (i.e. eliminating Cancer to promoting Rhododendron cultivation). However a Professional Association under self-governing legislation has as its priority the protection of the "public interest", and more specifically in our case, to protect the public from poor science, poor stewardship or unethical behavior.

I was honoured to have been appointed the interim President of the College, with Carol Lamont and Lindsay Jones as interim Vice-Presidents along with Greg Ashcroft, Joyce Boon, Brian Churchill, Chris Clement, Rick Crozier, Kat Enns, and Paul McElligott as interim Directors. One of our first tasks, as outlined to you a few weeks ago, was to develop a preliminary budget and corresponding fee schedule for your vote in accordance with the Act. The fee schedule ballot has been mailed to you and we are now waiting for the result. The second key responsibility of the interim Council will be to start the process that will end with the rules pertaining to the duties and election of an elected Council coming to you for ratification so the College can hold its first election.

The College has also started on a suite of start-up initiatives from letterhead/logos to the very critical issues of finances and governance. You were recently sent a copy of the draft Rules by which the College will be governed. Please read them carefully as we will be asking for your input on many issues over the coming weeks and months. I realise that this can be pretty dry reading, but it is essential that you are comfortable with the Rules and this is the easiest time to make any desired adjustments. Please visit our website www.cab-bc.org for important information and a copy of the Act, Rules, and upcoming events and workshops. The website is a work in progress and will evolve over time.

Please spread the word that the College is in place and the term R.P.Bio. is now fully recognised as a Professional designation. Congratulations, we are officially out of the gate.

Mel Kotyk, RPBio
Interim President
College of Applied Biology

Summary of Inaugural Council Meeting

Held July 22nd, 2003 VIA TELECONFERENCE

Present: President: Mel Kotyk President, Vice President Carol Lamont; Councillors: Joyce Boon, Chris Clement, Rick Crozier, Derek Ellis, Katherine Enns, Paul McElligott.
Staff: Linda Michaluk, Linda Stordeur, Pat McLellan
Apologies for Absence: Greg Ashcroft, Brian Churchill, Lindsay Jones

The first meeting of the Council of the College of Applied Biology was undertaken via conference call to permit the required enabling motions to be considered promptly so as to provide for the smooth functioning of the College.

The meeting was called to order at 1304 hrs by **Mel Kotyk**, President of the College Council. **Mel** announced that the Minister, in appointing the interim Council, accepted all of the names and positions recommended by the APB Board of Directors. In so doing, the Minister has appointed all of the elected APB Board of Directors to the Council of the College of Applied Biology. Other executive appointments made by the Minister included **Carol Lamont** and **Lindsay Jones** as Vice-Presidents.

Motions passed at this first meeting were limited to those motions to allow the College to meet the terms of the Act, and included actions such as the naming of **Linda Michaluk** and **Linda Stordeur** as Officers (Executive Director and Registrar respectively), the adoption of Rules (based on the Constitution and Bylaws of the APB), naming of Credentials and Discipline Committees and their chairs, and establishing a contract with the APB to provide staff and office facilities.

In addition, the following action plan was adopted:

- That the Interim Rules be distributed to members and other resource associations and interested parties so as to begin discussion on their content
- That a proposed operating budget be prepared so as the annual fee can be recommended to members for ratification as required under Section 4(3)(c)
- That although all Interim Rules are to be distributed, emphasis will be directed toward communicating with members on those rules pertaining to the Council as required under Section 5(5) of the CAB Act, so as to ensure that the membership has the opportunity to provide input prior to proceeding to the membership for ratification
- That those Interim Rules that do not concern the election and structure of the Council, or the establishment of the annual fees will be left to be finalized by the elected Council.

In order to minimize costs where ever possible, an additional decision was taken to hold the Council College meetings on the same day as the APB Board meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 1345.

Discipline Update

- 1 Citation issued
- 1 complaint under consideration by the Discipline Committee

Chris Clement, RPBio
 Chair – Discipline Committee



College of Applied Biology Summary of Council Meeting

Thursday, August 28TH, 2003
CAB/APBBC Offices, Victoria, B.C.

Present: Mel Kotyk, President. Councillors: Joyce Boon, Brian Churchill, Chris Clement, Rick Crozier, Derek Ellis, Katherine Enns, Lindsay Jones, Carol Lamont, Paul McElligott.

Staff: Linda Michaluk, Linda Stordeur, Pat McLellan

Apologies for Absence: Greg Ashcroft

Much of the work of the second interim Council meeting involved the setting up of initial appointments, policies and procedures.

The Interim Council elected the final College executive positions: **Carol Lamont** was named Executive Vice President of the College and **Lindsay Jones** has agreed to serve as Secretary/Treasurer. Council began working towards the first elections with by agreeing to a timeline (early 2004) and a committee to pursue further preparation for these elections.

Cost sharing arrangements with the APB were discussed and an agreement was approved in principle for the sharing of space, staff and other services. The dues referendum for 2004 was prepared, discussed and recommended to the membership.

A number of policies related to the operation of the Council were received for information, adopted or referred to the appropriate committees

for recommendation. Based on a recommendation from the Discipline Committee, Council issued a citation for conduct unbecoming a practicing member. Follow up on this will involve a Discipline Panel appointed to hear the complaint. The Credentials committee continues its work on the assessment of various degree granting programs in BC colleges and universities to determine which ones will meet the College criteria.

Date of Next Meeting:
Friday, October 24TH, 2003
at College/APB offices Victoria.

Membership Update

The College wishes to welcome and congratulate the following new members

Newly Registered Professional Biologists

Elizabeth KOVICS	1566
Elke WIND	1568
Barbara G. LUCAS	1569
Jim ROBERTS	1573
Jan KIRKBY	1576
Armando TANG	1577
Brenda J. BURD	1578
Jennie CHRISTENSEN	1579
Randall SULYMA	1580
Douglas RAMSAY	1581
David WILSON	1582
Jonathan OLSEN	1583
Nigel CAVANAGH	1584
Stephen J. GORMICAN	1585
Robert B. BRETT	1586
Catherine LITTLEWOOD	1587
Eric HAMELIN	1588
Celine TOTMAN	1589
Kathi ZIMMERMAN	1590
Fraser KOROLUK	1591
Adrienne POLLARD	1592
Tara Dawn SZKORUPA	1593
Tricia A. MILLER	1594
Md. Khalilur Rabbani BHUIYAN	1595
Megan HANACEK	1596
Michael MILLER	1597
Kyle HAWES	1598
Tracy L. SHERMAN	1599
Steve ROCHETTA	1600
Brenda HERBISON	1601
Shelley JEPPS	1602
Jari HEIKKILA	1603
Alan LAIDLAW	1604
Adam COMPTON	1605
Adam CROXALL	1606

Matthew WHEATLEY	1607
Kenneth LAMBERT	1608
Melinda BAHR	1609
Peter COTT	1610
Christopher PICARD	1611
H.R. (Bob) JAMIESON	1612
Lehna K. MALMKVIST	1613
Michael J. JACKSON	1614
Linaea CHAPMAN	1615
Amanda M.E. KELLNER	1616
Susan PACZEK	1617

New Biologists In Training

Clayton CARL	35B
Paul LEVESQUE	89B
Brad NELLESS	113B
Susan WOOD	169B
Christy WRIGHT	170B
Peter WUENSCHHEL	172B
Roger WY SOCKI	173B
Claire BEATON	174B
Denise VIERA	175B
Nadia BAKER	176B
Dan A. BUFFETT	177B
Erin EMBLEY	178B
Dustin FORD	179B
Paula VERA	182B
Dean RICHARDS	183B
Anthony GIANNOTTI	184B
Myra PAGÉ	185B
David DONALD	186B
Tamara ROSS	187B

New Student Biologists

Jerry ERICKSON	10S
Vincent VANBEELEN	11S
Jeannette LOUGH	12S



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