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Annual General Meeting of the Catalysis Division, Chemical Institute of Canada
at the 27th Canadian Catalysis Symposium on Catalysis (Sherbrooke)

Time and date: 12:00 – 13:00; 13th May 2024,
Location: Delta Hotel by Marriott, (Hall B&C)

Meeting Chair: Hui Wang
Meeting minutes: Jan Kopyscinski

1) Call to order and acceptance of the agenda (Wang).
2) Approval of minutes of May 18, 2022 AGM: page 2 (all).
3) Action items from last minutes (Wang).
4) Chair's Report (Wang).
5) Vice-Chair's Report on awards: Catalysis medal, R.B. Anderson, CCLA, students (Chin).
6) Treasurer's Report (Kopyscinski).
7) Canadian Catalysis Foundation update (Hill).
8) 2027 NAM in Toronto (Chin).
9) 2026 Catalysis Symposium with CSChE conference? (all).
10) Nominations for Election of Division Executive 2024-2026 (Semagina) and vote (all).
11) Other Business (all).

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Minutes of
Annual General Meeting of the Catalysis Division, Chemical Institute of Canada

at the 26th Canadian Catalysis Symposium on Catalysis
Vancouver, Executive Hotel Vancouver Airport, room Grand A/B
Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 11:00 – 12:00 (PDT)

Agenda:

1) Call to order and acceptance of the agenda (Semagina).
2) Approval of minutes of July 15, 2020 AGM (All).
3) Action items from last minutes (Semagina).
4) Chair's Report (Semagina).
5) Vice-Chair's Report on awards: Catalysis medal, R.B. Anderson, CCLA, students (Wang).
6) Treasurer's Report (Chin).
7) Canadian Catalysis Foundation update and mechanism of the Catalysis Division support (Hill).
8) 26th Canadian Symposium on Catalysis (Xu).
9) 27th Canadian Symposium on Catalysis in 2024 (Abatzoglou).
10) Nominations for Election of Division Executive 2022-2024 (Zheng) and vote (all).
11) Other Business (all).
12) Adjournment.

Attendees:
Lifeng Zhang (U Saskatchewan), Josephine Hill (U Calgary), Bryce McGarvey (Imperial Oil), Nicolas Abatzoglou (U Sherbrooke), Ines E. Achouri (U Sherbrooke), Clemence Fauteux-Lefebvre (U Ottawa), Serge Kaliaguine (U Laval), Sophia Quan He (Dalhousie U), Charles Xu (Western U), Natalia Semagina (U Alberta), Hui Wang (U Saskatchewan), Cathy Chin (U Toronto), Ying Zheng (Western U), Jehad Abed (U Toronto), Kazeem Sulaiman (U Saskatchewan), Robert Scott (U Saskatchewan), Ahmed Abdellah (MacMaster U), Salvador Escobedo (Western U).

1. Call to order and acceptance of agenda (Semagina)

The AGM package including the proposed agenda of this AGM and the minutes of 2020 AGM was distributed to the members (according to the CIC data base in 2022) electronically and also published on the Division website.

Josephine Hill moved to accept the meeting agenda of 2022 AGM; Seconder: Ying Zheng.
Discussion: hear none. Voting for accepting the agenda, Carried.

2. Approval of minutes of June 2020 meeting (All)
Bryce moved to accept the minutes of 2020 AGM; Seconder: Hui Wang;
Discussion: hear none. Voting for accepting the minutes, Carried.

3. Action items from last minutes (Semagina)
None of business was arising from the minutes from the audience.

4. Chair's Report (Semagina)
The Chair thanked the division members for their work and especially the executive members for their service, in particular, the Chair thanks the organizing committee of the 26th Canadian Symposium on Catalysis, especially the conference chair, Charles Xu.
This past year, the Division introduced presentation awards for under-represented groups. There are two categories of the awards, namely student presentation award and student presentation award for underrepresented group. In the coming years, it is suggested that the Division will further promote these awards. The Chair invites the Division members to provide feedback to the executive committee on award promotion.
Discussion is mainly focusing on the need to improve communication with the division members. The Canadian Antispam Regulations have limited the direct communication with the division members.

Special thanks went to NASC for their fund of $1500 USD to support students' activities.

5. Vice Chair's report on Awards (Hui Wang)
The vice chair administrates the awards for professors and students.
At 26th Canadian Symposium of Catalysis, the R. B. Anderson award winner, Professor Jingguang Chen, of Columbia University, USA, of 2019, and Professor Daniel Resasco, of University of Oklahoma, USA, of 2021, are each giving two lectures at the 26th Canadian Symposium of Catalysis. The 2022 Canadian Catalysis Lectureship Award winner has been identified to be Professor Josephine Hill, University of Calgary.

Recipient of CIC Catalysis Division/NACS Conference Award recipient
Mohsen Shahryari

Recipients of student presentation awards at 2021 CCCE

(1) 1st place:
Adam Cook, UOttawa ($250),

(2) 2nd place (a):
Douglas Fansher, USask ($200)

(3) 2nd place (b):
Samuel Griffin, UBC ($200)

(4) 3rd place:
John Monteith of U of T ($100).

The 2022 CIC Catalysis Award was given to Dr. Michael Organ, U of Ottawa.

Vice Chair thanks all the members-at-large and external reviewers for reviewing the nomination. Vice Chair thanks the award committee (Lifeng zhang Drew Higgins) who is currently working under 2022 of Symposium of Catalysis Student Award Program. It is noted that there are five new awards sponsored by the Nanoletters. This work is still on-going.

6. Treasurer's report (Cathy Chin)

Previous Years

Balance numbers of our account: Jan 1, 2018: $3,612; Dec 31, 2018: $4,137; Dec 31, 2019: $6,054.

Year 2020

Beginning balance			**$6,054.87**
2020 Dues, North American Catalysis Society	$3,344.79		
CIC Awards (allocated ScholarOne Costs)	$ 225.00	$800.00	
Allocate Investment Income		$ 161.41	
Allocate decrease in Investment Value	$ 240.19		
Balance on Dec. 31, 2021			**$2,406.33**

Year 2021

Beginning balance			**$2,406.33**
2021 Dues, North American Catalysis Society	$1,256.09		
Deposit - Cdn Catalysis Foundation		$800.00	
Record 2021 Division Grants		$1,005.41	
Student Presentation Award (x4)	$ 750.00		
NACS Conf Award, Mohsen Shahryari	$ 200.00		
Allocate Investment Income		$ 107.30	
Allocate Increase in Investment Value		$ 119.13	
Balance on Dec. 31, 2021			**$2,232.08**

*The 2021 dues to the North American Catalysis Society is USD 1005 (for 39 full time members, 41 student members, and 4 retirees), which translates to CAD $1,256.09.

Year 2022

CCF has made the payment of membership dues to NACS. A check of USD 2560 (88 full time members, 149 student members, and 11 retirees) was sent on January 27, 2022.

We expect to receive USD 1500 from NACS in May 2022 (the amount has been approved) to support the student awards. The entire amount, together with previous CAD 500 will be allocated to support the student awards of CSC2022.

It is noted that no more than CAD 5000 should be kept in the Division Account.

7. Canadian Catalysis Foundation (CCF) update (Josephine Hill)

Josephine Hill, Chair of the CCF, provides an update. It is emphasized that there is a need to minimize transactions between CCF and CIC in order to further streamline the financial operation. The mission of the CCF is to support the Division of Catalysis. It is important to ensure that the fund of CCF is sustainable. Discussion focuses on the possibility of funding workshop for professional development, support industrial members from the small business sector to attend the conference, etc.

8. Updates on 2020 26th Canadian Symposium on Catalysis / ICC satellite (Charles Xu)

Charles thanked all for the support, particularly to the organizing committee for the effort to reach out. There are 150 attendees who attend the conference in person and more than 100 registered for virtual participation. Each session, there are 20-30 attendees (in-person and virtual combined together). More details will be provided in the later meeting report.

9. 27th Canadian Symposium on Catalysis in 2024 (Abatzoglou)

Nicolas Abatzoglou, the chair of the 27th Canadian Symposium on Catalysis, updated the status of the meeting planning. Currently, the proposed dates fall in the last two weeks of May. The meeting organization committee will be formed in the Fall of 2022.

10. Nominations for Election of Division Executive 2022-2024 (Zheng) and vote (all)

Ying Zheng, Professor, Western University, is the chair of the committee for the selection of candidates for the 2022-2024 Division Executive. The members of the selection committee are Serge Kaliaguine, Professor, Laval University and Aicheng Chen, Professor, University of Guelph. The committee presents the following slate of candidates.

Chair: Hui Wang, Professor in the Department of Chemical and Biological Engineering at the University of Saskatchewan.

Vice-Chair: Cathy Chin, Professor of Chemical Engineering and Applied Chemistry and Canada Research Chair in Advanced Catalysis for Sustainable Chemistry.

Past-Chair: Natalia Semagina, Professor at the Department of Chemical and Materials Engineering, University of Alberta. Her group develops advanced catalytic materials for applications in energy sector, environmental care and fine chemicals synthesis.

Secretary/Treasurer: Jan Kopyscinski, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering at McGill University.

Members-at-Large:

1. Nicolas Abatzoglou, Professor of the Department of Chemical & Biotechnological Engineering of the Université de Sherbrooke.
2. Mina Alyani, Senior Process Technical Contact at Imperial in charge of safe operation, energy efficiency and product quality for the jet fuel and premium gasoline production units.
3. Cao Thang Dinh, assistant professor of Chemical Engineering at Queen's University.
4. Quan (Sophia) He, professor of chemical engineering in the Department of Engineering, Faculty of Agriculture, Dalhousie University.
5. Drew Higgins, Assistant Professor of Chemical Engineering at McMaster University.
6. David Simakov, Associate Professor in the Department of Chemical Engineering (University of Waterloo).

All of the above candidates are unanimously confirmed to serve.

11. Other Business (all)

No other business.

12. Adjournment

AGM adjourned at 12:10 pm PST.