

SOCIETY SECTION AND CHAPTER NEWS

Canada Chapter Newsletter

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2006 ESA Memphis meeting

The business meeting and mixer were held 7 August at the Marriott Hotel. Approximately 20 members attended. Karen Yee chaired the meeting in the absence of Ken Lertzman. Current membership is 176 for the Chapter. "The Ecological Consequences of Genetic Diversity," co-chaired by Marc Johnson and Randall Hughes, was sponsored by the Chapter. Members were encouraged to contact the Chair or Vice-Chair if they would like a symposium endorsement for the 2007 meeting in San Jose, California.

The Chapter is in the final stages of developing a web site section updating members on recent developments in Canadian science policy. Focus topics will include wetlands, endangered species, environmental site assessments, fisheries and oceans, and climate change. Members are encouraged to contact elected officers if they would like to have further topics addressed. The Chapter is working in partnership with the Environmental Law Club and Dr. Nigel Bankes from the Faculty of Law at the University of Calgary on this initiative.

The Chapter plans to help sponsor 2007 regional meetings such as the Ontario Ecology and Etiology Colloquium and the Pacific Ecology and Evolution Conference. Members planning to attend either of these meeting are encouraged to contact Canada Chapter elected officers for financial and administrative support if they are willing to serve as a liaison between regional meeting organizers and the Canada Chapter.

A closer affiliation with Partnership Group for Science and Engineering (PAGSE) and the Canadian Society of Ecology and Evolution (CSEE) were discussed by E. A. Johnson. In addition, members are encouraged to suggest workshops that they would like to see organized by the Canada Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,
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