

Statistics Section of the CSEE-SCEE

AGM 2026

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Executive

Chair: Marie Auger-Methe

Treasurer: Guillaume Blanchet

Secretary: Simon Bonner

Attendees

Pedro Peres-Neto

Marie-Josée Fortin

Gabrielle Bibeau Lapierre

Adrien Royer-Carochelle

Simone Fugere

Adrien Croteau

Alexandra Grant

Deirdre Loughnan

Jens Ulrich

Hanna Jackson

Eric Pedersen

Christophe Rouleau-Desrochers

Federico Riva

Ben Bolker

Alexandra Fuster

Favia Lertzman-Lepofsky

Fonya Irvine

Matthew Nagy-Watson

Yolanda Morbey

Cameron Duncan

Delany McTavish-McHugh

Brianna Kolman

Sophia Stoltz

Jen Baron

Maria Camila Diaz Corzo

Victor Rincon- Parra

Alexandra Anderson

Jimmy Issa

Peter Molnar

Matin Krboseh

Vianey Leso Barajas

Julien Martin

Madeline Ramsden

Dale Pebesma

Melissa Chen

Valentin Lucet

Yan Yin Jenny Cheung

Agenda

1. Welcome (Marie)
 - MAM provided an overview of the agenda and welcome message.
2. Mission & Vision (Marie)

- MAM summarized the mission and vision of the new section.

3. Potential Activities (Marie)

- MAM outlined activities that the executive committee has proposed for the new section and invited discussion.
- Marie Josee-Fortin gave support for the symposium and for the datathon.
- Eric Pedersen proposed a weekly online “study hall” as an informal place for discussion.
- Pedro Peres-Neto suggested the forecasting projects similar to other societies (e.g., Canadian Ecological Forecasting).
- Vianey proposed short courses that are accessible to all (specifically students).
- Maintaining a review of statistical methods used in ecology that could potentially be turned into a review paper.
- Jimmy voiced support for the workshops to help people develop their skills.
- MAM asked how we should handle the call for workshops.
- Peter commented that there are/could be goals beyond training. One suggestion was to maintain a list of experts on our webpage.
- Maintaining a list of methodological developments by section members that “advertise their methods”.
- Don Jackson seconded the idea of having a list of experts on the webpage.
- Eric Pedersen suggested that we consider local groups that can build community.
- Hanna Jackson asked for clarification about the symposia.
- Yolanda Morbey suggested that symposia proposals should be prioritized to include junior faculty and connections across institutions. Also commented on SWEET funding and suggested that we could also fundraise.
- Proposal for lightning talks or “looking for collaboration” talks .
- Hanna Jackson recommended that symposia could include more lecture style talks rather than research talks.
- Ben Bolker encouraged people to think about what they can commit to and how they can help the section.
- Federico Riva commented that a symposia that is too theoretical may scare off general CSEE members.

4. Interim Committee & Elections (Simon)

- SB: gave a bit of history of section
- SB: described the interim executive committee, and election (3 years, staggered)
- Peter Molnar: only 3 people on the executive committee,
- Student: graduate student rep should be considered. This may require a vote to adjust the bylaws.

5. Membership & Joining (Guillaume)

- GB provided instructions on how to join the section and make a donation.

6. Other Business

- VLB gave a preview of the 2027 ISEC.
- MAM provided the contact information and links to the Google group for the Canadian Community of Statistical Ecology.

7. Adjournment