

Probability Section Minutes of the Section AGM May 2006

1. Agenda

The President, Andre Dabrowski, welcomed those present to this inaugural meeting of the Probability Section. With the general agreement of the members present, it was decided to adopt a simpler agenda than that previously posted on the Section web site. After a formal election of officers, the President would outline progress to date and open a discussion of goals and objectives for the Section. Formal approval of the by-laws of the Section would be sought electronically after the meeting.

2. Election of Officers.

The floor was opened for nominations. Since no additional candidates were proposed, the interim executive was acclaimed into the open positions.

President (2006-07): André Dabrowski (University of Ottawa)

Secretary (2006-07): Andrei Volodin (University of Regina)

Treasurer (2006-08): Gail Ivanoff (University of Ottawa)

The President expressed his thanks to Wei Sun (Concordia) for agreeing to fill the duties of Past President during the coming year.

3. Report of the President.

The Probability Section was created by the Board of the SSC at its October 2005 meeting. The Section was created upon the enthusiastic support of numerous probabilists, both within the SSC and those outside. It is hoped that the creation of the section will act as a catalyst for the recruitment of a number of new members to the SSC. Indeed the section already has at least 50 members registered and there is scope for growth. This meeting will begin the organization of the section and the pursuit of projects particular to this section.

In anticipation of the creation of a section, the following sessions were organized. The collection of such talks at the 2006 meeting is quite strong and a pleasant change from past SSC meetings.

4E. Limit Theorems with Applications in Statistics, Deli Li organizer. Speakers; Uwe Einmal, Mei Ling Huang, Teufeng Jiang and Andrei Volodin.

6E. Advances in Markov Processes, Gail Ivanoff organizer. Speakers; David McDonald, Byron Schmuland and Don Dawson.

7D. Probability in High Dimensions and its Applications, Andrei Volodin organizer. Speakers; Evarist Giné, David Mason and Rafal Kulik.

8C. Probability and Finance, Andre Dabrowski organizer. Speakers; Alexander

Melnikov, Wei Sun, and Steve Drekcic.

4. **Future Plans**

Now that it has been created, the Section needs to engage in the usual tasks assigned to sections, and to formulate projects for the future. The president outlined the immediate need for planning of 4 invited sessions for the 2007 meeting in Newfoundland, the opportunity of organizing a workshop in Ottawa for 2008, and the potential of creating a journal in probability in Canada.

In a round of nominations and acceptances to serve, the following committees were struck to address the above topics. Interested members are invited to contact the committees to express their opinions on the topics indicated.

Committee	Members
2007 Programme	Reg Kulperger (UWO) Murray Burke (Calgary) Bruno Remillard (HEC)
2008 Workshop	David Stanford (UWO) David McDonald (Ottawa)
Probability journals	Gail Ivanoff (Ottawa) Byron Schmuland (Alberta) Yiqiang Zhao (Carleton) Andrei Volodin (Regina)