

## Minutes of the GCTAC budget meeting on March 3, from 10-11:30 am

Attending the online meeting: Tongli Wang, Charlie Cartwright, Jack Woods, Sally Aitken, Alvin Yanchuk, Alan Vyse, Dave Kolotelo, Andreas Hamann, Michael Murray, Pia Smets, Michael Stoehr.

Regrets: Jun Jun Liu, Tory Stevens.

1. Approval of minutes from the meeting on December 3, 2014. Approved.
2. Budget proposal : **Total GCTAC budget 2015-2016**

	approved 2014-15	option A requested 2015-16	option B requested 2015-16
CFCG	\$ 130,421	\$ 170,950	\$ 147,500
TIB	\$ 44,000	\$ 45,000	\$ 35,000
TSC	\$ 28,000	\$ 46,000	\$ 39,000
WBP/MM	\$ 19,970	\$ 21,970	\$ 17,470
total	\$ 222,391	\$ 283,920	\$ 238,970

Moved: Dave K. Seconded: Alan V. Motion carried.

3. Remarks on budget items.
  - Sally A: UBC overhead is now 25 %. The Big Tree Registry has found secure long term funding.
  - Charlie C: WBP germination procedure now optimized (80% success) by Vicki, can be taught to a contractor, extra plant material available for sixth test site.
  - Dave K: WBP areas not yet covered by ex situ conservation are remote, require helicopter or collaboration with e.g. backcountry lodge association. For non-commercial species, where possible, collections for research purposes should be expanded to allow for some extra seed for ex-situ conservation. Coastal areas are well-covered by ex-situ collections, remaining needs are in the north-east. As seed collection for willows is difficult, perhaps we can use cuttings.
  - Jack W: there is a reduction of 10% in the FGC budget overall.
4. In-person meeting in spring, 1.5 days long.
  - One day will be dedicated to Whitebark pine recovery strategy and a half day will be dedicated to progress updates on any other ongoing GCTAC work. Location: UBC. Date: May 2015. Pia will check speaker availability. Pia will check with Joanne Vinnedge to avoid overlap with a summer (August) field WBP workshop that she is organizing.

Minutes by Pia Smets.