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Nominations must be signed by five or more ABS members in good standing (ABS Constitution, Article 8, Section 2) and must be received by 1 October, 2012.
Note: Information on the candidates will be posted with the ballot in the November newsletter (posted first on the website at <http://animalbehaviorsociety.org/> → Resources → Newsletters).

2012 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2012 ABS meeting offered another opportunity for interaction with a new scientific society. This year's meeting included one day of overlap with the Human Behavior and Evolution Society. The meeting attracted over 560 ABS attendees, and included 233 talks and 182 posters. The overlap day was highlighted by two

plenary talks and two symposia, including the first President's Symposium. This new tradition, inaugurated by past president Susan Foster, and former president Andy Sih, will become an annual event, culminating in a special issue of *Animal Behaviour*. This year's President's symposium on behavioral plasticity also included an invited poster session on behavioral plasticity and conservation, with sixteen of the post-doctoral and graduate student participants supported by NSF travel funds. In all, the meeting included five symposia, three plenary lectures, a Fellows lecture, and a public symposium.



Past president Susan Foster, co-organizer, with Andy Sih, of the Presidential Symposium (left). John Wingfield (right) was the concluding speaker.

Remembering Ira Perelle

Contributed by Lee Drickamer

A well-attended lunch gathering was held during the ABS meeting at Albuquerque to reminisce about our friend and colleague, Ira Perelle. Anyone wishing to contribute to the fund established in Ira's name can send a check to the Animal Behavior Society, Central Office, 402 N Park Ave., Bloomington IN 47408.

Creating the Animal Behavior Teaching Resources Digital Collection and Education Portal

Contributed by Cynthia A. Wei

Why build an Education Portal?

As researchers, students, and teachers of animal behavior, members of the Animal Behavior Society have tremendous opportunities to educate about animal behavior, as well as to advance public understanding of science. As we well know, animal behavior is a very engaging and popular subject with great potential to inspire students in both formal and informal science education settings. What can we do at ABS to engage students of all ages in learning about animal behavior, the process of science, and scientific thinking?

When the late Dr. Penny Bernstein and I asked this question to the 80+ participants of the 2011 education workshop, *Vision, Change, and the Case Studies Approach*, the clear answer was: **we need an online resource center for teaching animal behavior**. Participants wanted a place where they can find and share great resources for teaching animal behavior- an ABS Education Portal where: 1) ABS members can publish peer-reviewed/user-reviewed teaching materials for animal behavior, such as case studies, outreach activities, field activities, lesson plans, etc., 2) educators can easily search and find high quality animal behavior teaching resources, and 3) educators can find resources about the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Partnering with the Ecological Society of America (ESA)

The development of such a site is not trivial, and the enormous cost and time investment required have been prohibitive for ABS. However, ABS has a rare opportunity to overcome this barrier by partnering with the Ecological Society of America (ESA). ESA, through a grant from the National Science Foundation, has already built the “EcoEd Library”, a digital library for ecology teaching materials. They are now partnering with other disciplinary societies to broaden the scope of their library and to promote education in environmental and organismal biology disciplines; the newly named **LifeDiscoveryEd Digital Library** and the new **Life Discovery- Doing Science Conference** (www.esa.org/ldc) are the products of these partnerships.

ABS has an unprecedented opportunity to develop a collection of animal behavior teaching materials using the EcoEd Library platform *which is already developed*, and we will be able to create our own web

portal linked to the collection, which will be housed in the LifeDiscoveryEd Digital Library. This is our best chance to create an animal behavior teaching resources collection with a feasible investment of time and money, and is also an excellent opportunity to engage with other disciplinary societies like ESA.

A Planning Workshop Summary

To start developing this education portal, a planning workshop was held at this year’s annual ABS meeting in Albuquerque on the evening of June 13, 2012. The 30 participants of this workshop began critical discussions about the building the teaching resource collection. First, participants began defining the types of resources that should be included in the collection and discussing how these resources might be organized and categorized: What constitutes a resource? How will we ensure that people can easily search and find what they are looking for? How will copyrighted or previously published materials be handled? Fruitful as these discussions were, there is a lot more work to be done, and I invite all interested members to **join the ABS Education Portal Working Group** to continue these discussions (contact me at CynthiaAWei@gmail.com).

All Hands on Board! We need your good ideas and resources!

The success of the ABS Education Portal/ Teaching Resource Collection and our partnership with the Life Discovery societies will depend on resource contributions and support from ABS members. **If you have an animal behavior teaching resource you would be willing to submit- or even just ideas for resources- please submit them via our online survey: <http://animalbehaviorsociety.org/survey/abs-teaching-resource-collection-resource-survey>. The survey is brief, and you do not need to submit the full resource yet.** The purpose of the survey is to: 1) get a sense of what kind of resources people would be willing to contribute, 2) gauge the level of support we have from ABS members and 3) to help us decide how to organize the collection.

If you have questions about the ABS Education Portal and Teaching Resource Collection, or the Life Discovery partnership, please contact Cynthia Wei (CynthiaAWei@gmail.com), ABS Education Committee member and ABS Education Portal Subcommittee Chair.

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2012 AWARDS

ALLEE: BEST STUDENT PAPER 2012

The Warder Clyde Allee Symposium for best student paper is always a highlight of the conference. This year twelve finalists were selected from 18 students who applied to participate. All of the presentations were of exceptionally high quality. After considerable discussion, the judges – Beth Archie, Astrid Kodric-Brown, and Dan Rubenstein – awarded this year's prize to **Julia Saltz** (currently at USC, but at UC Davis during the research) for her paper entitled *Social-gene-environment correlation influences the development of individual differences in male aggressiveness in Drosophila melanogaster*. Two honorable mentions were also awarded. These recipients were **Courtney Fitzpatrick** (Duke University) for her paper *The expanded Bateman Gradient: a refinement of sexual selection theory*, and **Noah Snyder-Mackler** (University of Pennsylvania) for his paper titled *Kinship and cooperation in the multi-level society of geladas* (*Theropithecus gelada*).



Past president Susan Foster presents Julia Saltz with the 2012 Warder Clyde Allee Award for best student paper, and Noah Snyder-Mackler with an honorable mention. The winner received a \$500 prize, while each honorable mention received a \$250 prize.

FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL POSTER AWARD

Each year a poster competition, named for a founder of the Animal Behavior Society, is held at the annual meeting ("A founder is defined as a person active in the period prior to 1966 who held at least two administrative positions, elected or appointed, in ABS or the ESA Section on Animal Behavior and Sociobiology or the ASZ Division of Animal Behavior as recorded by the ABS Historian."). This year, 59 posters were entered into the Founders' Award. The

judges were Robert Seyfarth (President-Elect), Melissa Emery-Thompson, Greg Grether, Gail Patricelli, Jeff Podos, Emilie Snell-Rood, and Tim Wright. There were many excellent posters, and a lot of fascinating science shared. The judges identified five outstanding posters (one winner and four honorable mentions) that were notable for their innovative science, and clear presentation. The winner of the Founders Award for 2012 was: **Elizabeth K. Knowlton**, Duke University for *Ants do not traverse the silk of adult female Nephila clavipes webs*. Honorable mentions were awarded to the following four posters: **Mercy Akinyi** (with co-authors J. Tung, M. Jeneby, N.B. Patel, J. Altmann, and S.C. Alberts), Duke University, *Brooming and potential health benefits in wild baboons (Papio cynocephalus)*; **Nicholis Ingle** (with co-authors F.C. Dyer, S. Boyd, and D.J.L. Colbry), Michigan State University, *Coordination of vision and action in chameleons*; **Ipek Kulahci** (with co-authors C.M. Drea, D.I. Rubenstein, and A.A. Ghazanfar), Princeton University, *Ring-tailed lemurs (Lemur catta) recognize others by matching odor and sound*; and **Paula R. Sicsu** (with co-authors R.H. Macedo and E.R. Sujii), Universidade de Brasilia, *To eat or hide? Ladybug ovipositing behavior is influenced by trophic interactions*. The winning poster received an award of \$400 and each honor mention received an award of \$150.



Founders Award recipients (from left): Ipek Kulahci, Paula Sicsu, Mercy Akinyi, and Elizabeth Knowlton, are congratulated by President-elect Robert Seyfarth.

GENESIS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATION

This year, thirty-three undergraduate students submitted posters for the Genesis Undergraduate Poster Competition, and the standard was high. The winner was Sarah A. Makenbach, University of Manitoba (co-authors J.M. Waterman, and J.D. Roth) for her poster *Let's stay together: the interspecific association between Yellow mongoose and Cape ground squirrel explained by enhanced predator detection?* Two honorable mentions were also awarded. These went to Ashley P. Schmidt,

Augustana College (co-authors: C.E. Bestul, C.L. Hall, and D.R. Howard), *Vibrational signaling mediates agonistic interactions in the Cook Strait giant weta*, and to Harper Jocque, College of Wooster (co-authors: A.C. Fumera, and L.K. Sirot), *Effects of atrazine on male reproductive behavior and seminal fluid proteins in Drosophila melanogaster*. The winner received a \$200 award, and the honorable mentions each received a \$100 prize. The judging committee was chaired by Sarah Humfeld, and included Jennifer Mather, Ann Weaver, David Logue, Dan Howard, Jennifer Hamel, Dave Gammon, Oliver Beckers, Gerlinde Hoebel, and Rafael Rodriguez.



Education Committee Chair Jennifer Mather presents the Genesis Award to Sarah Makenbach.

ABS FILM FESTIVAL AWARD

The Film Committee is pleased to report on another successful film festival. The event was attended by 72 society members, and it screened five very good films. This year's festival produced a single winner: "*Jungle Book Bear*, a film directed by Oliver Goetzl, and narrated by David Attenborough.

ABS 2012 CAREER AWARDS

DISTINGUISHED ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST

Jeanne Altmann's research results have completely changed how we view primate social behavior and validated the value of long-term, field research. She patiently observed baboon behavior in the field for years to discover that the social unit was female, not male as had been thought from the short-term Washburn and DeVore study. The inheritance of the social status of mothers by daughters was a new and surprising discovery at the time. I think it fair to say that Jeanne's research transformed the study of maternal relationships in primates and has inspired new generations of primate research. Her book, "*Baboon Mothers and Infants*" is a classic. Recently Jeanne has

been investigating the hormonal control and genetics of baboon behavior.



Jeanne Altmann (right), recipient of the 2012 Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Award with ABS president Joan Strassmann

QUEST AWARD

Developmental Plasticity and Evolution. **Mary Jane West-Eberhard**. xx + 794 pp. Oxford University Press, 2003. In this wonderful book, Mary Jane argues that developmental plasticity is foundational to evolutionary change, something that has been missed by both evolutionary and developmental biologists. Here she shows exactly how developmental variability fits with evolution. She argues that the phenotype comes first in many respects because new individuals are created by old ones, out of their phenotypic material. The genotype is not expressed except in this context. If phenotypes are everywhere, how does evolution proceed? By selecting on variation inherent in that phenotype and on the genes only in that matrix. It is a complicated idea, perhaps hard to explain, and I'm not sure I've got it right here. That is why the book is so long and so full of examples. It has generated a great deal of attention and is very timely as we discover more and more epigenetic phenomena, and the importance of plasticity. Once again, Mary Jane was there before us, thinking clearly, sharply, critically, and with her unique Michigan humor.



Mary Jane West Eberhard (right), recipient of the 2012 Quest Award with ABS president Joan Strassmann

EXEMPLAR AWARD

Sandra L. Vehrencamp and Jack W. Bradbury were joint recipients of the 2012 Exemplar Award.

The first edition of *Principles of Animal Communication* was published in 1998 and the second in 2011. The result was an impressive scholarly treatise masquerading as a textbook. For workers in the field, it was invaluable for its comprehensive approach to the study of communication, with detailed discussion of such wide-ranging topics as signal production, transmission, and reception, information theory, economic approaches such as optimality and game theory, signal evolution, signal honesty and the form and function of signals. In short, their book integrated both proximate and ultimate approaches to animal signaling to a greater degree than ever before attempted. They have also done extensive research, including foundational studies on the influence of resource dispersion on social organization using bats, birds and ungulates as model systems, reproductive skew theory, lekking and sexual selection, as well as studying communication in parrots and the function of song matching and vocal repertoires in male songbirds.



Sandra L. Vehrencamp (right) and Jack W. Bradbury (center) accept the Exemplar Award from ABS president Joan Strassmann

OUTSTANDING NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Alison Bell has founded the field of animal personalities, along with Andy Sih. Her own work is mostly on sticklebacks where she has documented selection by predators upon shy/bold personality types of behaviors. She is also exploring the genomic bases of predator-related personality differences from the standpoint of induced, plastic changes in brain gene expression and hormonal levels. She is advancing the field by paying attention to variation, and using tools from all levels of the discipline. She is richly deserving



of the New Investigator Award.

Alison Bell (right) recipient of the 2012 Outstanding New Investigator Award with ABS president Joan Strassmann

EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE AWARD

This year the Exceptional Service Award goes to **Shan Duncan** who oversees the day-to-day running of the Central Office, and the Society as a whole.

In the late 1990's, the ABS Central Office was established at Indiana University and Steve Ramey inherited the piles of paper that represented history, memberships, and all of the work of the Society. This transition was understaffed and although everyone worked exceptionally hard, the outcome was an enormous backlog of historical documents and paperwork. During this period, Shan, who was finishing his post-doc at the Center for the Integrative Study of Animal Behavior at Indiana University, became visible in the background as a person who ran ABSnet with Jim Ha. When Steve left, Shan began the day to day running of the office with oversight by Meredith West, Jim Ha and Jill Mateo. Because Steve had done so much by himself, it was often difficult to disentangle procedures that had been used to make decisions and the office remained underfunded and understaffed. Despite this Shan and co-workers made remarkable progress. Shan has maintained morale in the office, has built an attractive and functional website, again on a shoestring, and he really is the person who runs the day-to-day operation of the Society. Those of us on the EC rotate in for a short period, are short on time and often miss things we should take the time to understand. Shan is an invaluable resource. I do not know how this Society could function without Shan. He is generally working to bring ABS into the modern world. In my opinion, we owe Shan more than we can possibly offer him. The Exceptional Service Award should only be the beginning.



Shan Duncan receives the Exceptional Service Award from Past-President Susan Foster. Thank you for all your hard work, Shan.

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Go to <http://facebook.com/animalbehaviorsociety/> to stay on top of the latest news, events, and announcements about the Animal Behavior Society, its members, and their research. Members are welcome to contribute to our wall and share their ABS-related photos and experiences. Invite all your friends to help continue to expand the society!

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

David Miller is recognized for his long history of outstanding teaching in the classroom, dedication to his students, and his huge efforts to transform behavior education -- both in the classroom and in forms accessible to the whole world. Dr. Miller is exceptionally influential as a college teacher of animal behavior not only in imparting scientific understanding in a compelling way to students, but even more importantly by championing other scientists to learn to teach well. He has become the “Guru of presentation technology” at UConn, a university known for its many outstanding teachers. His innovative use of media includes: illustrating lectures with video of behaviors, use of examples from popular culture, podcasts of discussions of articles, the transformation of his course for self paced learning and the screen casts of lectures that he created for online content.

CONGRATULATIONS TO NEWLY ELECTED FELLOWS

This year, the Animal Behavior Society welcomed three newly elected Fellows. **Dan Blumstein** has done fundamental work on marmots and comparative studies of sciurid rodents. He found that social complexity

drives the evolution of alarm call repertoire size. He discovered that group size drives the evolution of individually distinctive calls. We are delighted to honor him as a fellow of the animal behavior society. **Bill Eberhard** has had a huge impact on a number of fundamental areas of animal behavior. He did early work on the evolution of web-building behavior in spiders, something that promoted the use of behavioral traits in phylogenetics. Perhaps he is best known for work on cryptic post-copulatory female choice and the evolution of genitalia, which are sexually selected traits. With great enthusiasm we welcome him as a fellow of the Animal Behavior society. **Greg Grether** has done outstanding work on the evolution of aggressive signals. He has developed a novel approach to competitor recognition. His approach integrates organismal sensory mechanisms to cognitive processes in natural ecological and social contexts, a sure sign of the very best kind of animal behaviorist.



President Joan Strassmann congratulates newly-elected Fellows Bill Eberhard (photo at left) and Greg Grether (photo at right). Dan Blumstein was not present.

FIFTH ANNUAL ABS 5K FUN RUN



The Fifth annual ABS 5K Fun Run attracted 45 runners (the most to date), in spite of the Albuquerque heat.

Congratulations to winners Lindsay Forrette (20:33 minutes) and Isaac Logocki (18:01 minutes). The race raised over \$400 to help support the Society. Thanks to Caitlin Gabor for once again organizing the event.



WINNER OF THE 2012 ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY OUTSTANDING CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

Contributed by Wendy Hein

The 2012 winner of the Animal Behavior Society Outstanding Children's Book Award is *Animal Eggs*, written by Dawn Cusick and Joanne O'Sullivan and published by EarlyLight Books. *Animal Eggs* was chosen with the help of nearly 300 elementary-school students at schools participating in the review process in the United States, Canada, and Brazil. The Committee reviewed 19 submissions and chose four excellent Finalist books. Those books were then reviewed by students in third, fourth, and fifth grade classrooms and *Animal Eggs* was the clear winner in each region.

The other three Finalist books are *Seabird in the Forest* by Joan Dunning (Boyd's Mills Press); *Bug Shots* by Alexandra Siy and Dennis Kunkel (Holiday House); and *Leaps and Creeps* by Robin Koontz (Marshall Cavendish Benchmark). All four honored publishers have produced winning or finalist books in previous years. Author Dawn Cusick and EarlyLight Books brought us our 2010 Winner, *Bug Butts*.

The Education Committee of the ABS instituted the ABS Outstanding Children's Book Award in 2001. Each year, the ABS Outstanding Children's Book Award Sub-Committee, which is chaired by Wendy Hein and included Abby Schwarz, Michelle Solensky, and Eduardo Bessa, solicits English-language children's books about animal behavior from publishers. Then, the Sub-Committee carefully reviews those books for accuracy, power of presentation, and effectiveness in communicating the process of thinking critically and selects four finalists. The book that receives the highest mean ranking by the students wins the award. The student review books that are submitted by publishers each year are donated to the libraries of the participating schools, providing educational opportunities for hundreds of students at each school, and thousands of students in the world, for years to come.

Kate Watson of EarlyLight Books responded to the news of the win: "You cannot imagine how much we will value this award. The combination of the way you structure the selection process and the organization that award represents makes it an incredibly special recognition."

The Animal Behavior Society Outstanding Children's Book Award benefits ABS by educating and inspiring children about the study of animal behavior. Ours is one of the few awards that target science books for young readers. To further promote these books and the ABS, the Education Committee has set aside funds to start an award sticker program this Fall.

Special thanks to the authors, to the publishers, to the participating teachers, and most of all to the participating students, for making the Outstanding Children's Book Award possible.

2012 Animal Behavior Society Children's Book Award
All books were published in 2011.

A TRIBUTE TO PENNY BERNSTEIN 1947-2012

Contributed by Sue Margulis



Friend and colleague Penny Bernstein passed away on July 15th 2012, following a lengthy battle with cancer. Penny was 65. Despite her illness, Penny was a fixture at ABS meetings, rarely missing one. Even this year, despite her worsening health, she successfully organized a Distinguished Teaching Award Symposium and contributed a talk to the public lecture on cat behavior. Although Penny was unable to attend the meeting, her presence was felt nonetheless.

Penny served as chair of the Education Committee from 2000-2006. Penny was instrumental in shaping the Education Committee's activities and led it in new directions. She spearheaded the Distinguished Teaching Award, was the co-founder of the Genesis Award for undergraduate research, and worked tirelessly to facilitate the development of an on-line guide to graduate and undergraduate programs in animal behavior. She was

dedicated, tireless, and exemplified all the best of our Society.

Penny completed her PhD at the University of Pennsylvania in 1978. She was an associate professor at Kent State University – Stark Campus for over 20 years, where she taught biology and animal behavior (her favorite class, of course). Her research focused on the role of communication in social groups. Spanning the laboratory and field, her research explored the use of common signals that may function to communicate to multiple individuals in a group. More recently, Penny's research took a new turn, and her emphasis moved to cat behavior and human-cat interactions. Penny noted that surprisingly little research has been done on the social behavior of cats, despite their prevalence in our society. This research led her to take an active role in the International Society for Anthrozoology (ISAZ), for which she served as secretary, board member, and even hosted the conference. Penny epitomized the type of person who made the ABS function so smoothly. The Education Committee and the Executive Committee will ensure that Penny's legacy will continue.

A special thanks to John A. Baker, Caitlin Gabor, Susan Foster, Gail Patricelli, and Joan Strassmann for providing photographs.

ABSnet
**THE ELECTRONIC MAIL NETWORK OF THE
ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY**

ABSnet provides a fast electronic forum for animal behaviorists, and others interested in the study of animal behavior, in a digest or newsletter form. ABSnet provides job announcements, requests for information, computer related news (virus and bug alerts), appropriate software and hardware reviews, news of Society activities and business. ABSnet is not an interactive, listserv-type discussion group, but rather a moderated forum for the exchange of information of interest to animal behaviorists. The digest or newsletter does not replace the official Society newsletter sent to all Society members via regular email and/or regular mail. Questions? To SUBSCRIBE to ABSnet, go to [http:// animalbehaviorsociety.org](http://animalbehaviorsociety.org) and click on the News and Announcements link.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR 2013 CAREER AWARDS

The Animal Behavior Society has a series of Career Awards which include the following: **Distinguished Animal Behaviorist** - outstanding lifetime achievement in animal behavior; **Exemplar Award** - major long-term contribution to animal behavior; **Outstanding New Investigator** - outstanding contribution by a new investigator; **Quest Award** - outstanding seminal contribution; **Exceptional Service Award** - sustained service contributions to the Animal Behavior Society; and **Distinguished Teaching Award** - distinguished contributions in teaching animal behavior to undergraduates.

All members of the society are encouraged to prepare and submit nominations for these awards. To aid the Selection Committee and to help codify the procedures involved, the following items must be submitted for a nomination: (1) a letter of nomination indicating the award for which the nominee is being proposed. It should provide details on the reasons the nominee should be considered for that award; (2) a curriculum vitae of the nominee; and (3) additional supporting letters from colleagues solicited by the nominator. These materials (except for the Distinguished Teaching Award; see below) should be sent to ABS Past President, Joan Strassmann, Department of Biology, Washington University in St. Louis, One Brookings Drive, Campus Box 1137, St. Louis MO 63130, USA. Phone: (314) 935-3528, E-mail: strassmann@wustl.edu. Deadline is **November 30, 2012**.

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

History of the Award

The Distinguished Teaching Award is one of the annual Animal Behavior Society career awards that recognize contributions to the field of animal behavior. Since the first recipient, Jane Brockman (1995), distinguished recipients have included among others, Gail Michener (2000), John Alcock (2007), and Bill Eberhard (2009).

Award Criteria

Nominees must be ABS members who are not current officers or committee chairs. They must have a sustained record of excellent teaching in the classroom or informal education setting (e.g., zoos, aquaria, museums, 4-H programs, research labs, field stations, environmental centers). They should have a reputation among peers and students for excellence in educating people about animal behavior.

Call for Nominations

Please consider nominating a colleague whose educational accomplishments you admire!

It is easy to know about our colleagues' research by reading publications; it is much more difficult to know about their teaching excellence. Please take this opportunity to recognize colleagues who have demonstrated a sustained record of highly effective and innovative teaching.

Persons wishing to make a nomination should complete the nomination form included in the newsletter and submit it, along with a one-page letter providing evidence to support the nomination, and include names of at least two additional peer reviewers and two current or former students or program participants. (*Names of Department chairs, directors, supervisors, or colleagues may be helpful if you are not at the same institution as the nominee.*)

The Education Committee will solicit supporting materials from the nominee and the peer and student reviewers suggested by the nominator, and will review all materials received to select the awardee.

If you would like to re-nominate an individual for the award, please submit a letter indicating that you are doing so and provide any additional information you feel might be helpful. You may also provide names of additional peer or student reviewers.

The recipient of this award receives recognition, a plaque from the Society, and the opportunity to organize an education-related event at an annual meeting.

Nominating letters should be submitted by **November 30, 2012**, to: **Stan Braude**, Biology Dept. Box 1137, Washington University, One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, MO 63130, or braude@wustl.edu.

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ABS Newsletter: Send general correspondence concerning the Society to Sue Margulis, margulis@canisius.edu. Deadlines for materials to be included in the Newsletter are the 15th of the month preceding each issue. The next deadline is **15 October, 2012**. Articles submitted by members of the Society and judged by the Secretary to be appropriate are occasionally published in the ABS newsletter. The publication of such material does not imply ABS endorsement of the opinions expressed by contributors.

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OPPORTUNITIES

Assistant/Full Professor

The University of San Diego is seeking a person at the level of associate or full professor (area of focus is open) for the position of Chair of the Department of Psychological Sciences. The Department currently has 14 full-time faculty members and offers an undergraduate major and minor in psychology and a major in behavioral neuroscience. Our program strongly emphasizes the basic scientific nature of psychology, and an important component of our program is providing research and applied opportunities for our students in the context of a liberal arts education. Candidates for chair must have a Ph.D. in psychology or other related field and should have experience mentoring both faculty and students. Past leadership/administrative experience is preferred. In addition to chair responsibilities, the candidate should be prepared to teach courses in his/her area lower division courses. The candidate is expected to maintain an active research program that will involve

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Further information can be found on the ABS website or by contacting the ABS Program Officers: Maydianne Andrade, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Toronto Scarborough, 1265 Military Trail, Scarborough, Ontario, Canada M1C 1A4. Phone (416) 287-7425, E-mail: mandrade@utsc.utoronto.ca; and Michael D. Beecher, Departments of Biology and Psychology, Department Box 351525, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195. Phone:206-543-6545.E-mail:beecher@uw.edu.

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ALBUQUERQUE NM**

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Past President: Susan Foster

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A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed at 12:30pm

Distinguished Teaching Award Call for Nominations Form

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Name of Nominee: _____

Do you know that the nominee is a current member of ABS? (NOTE: Nominees must be current members of ABS, and current officers and committee chairs are not eligible; we can check if you are unsure).

Yes No

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Member at Large: Alison Bell and Caitlin Gabor

Sue Margulis presented the Parliamentarian's report for Peggy Hill.

The EC proposes a bylaws change that effectively ends the certification program for applied animal behaviorists (CAAB). There was considerable discussion on this issue, with valuable input from Issues in Applied Animal Behavior chair Jill Villereal and CAAB Jim Ha. Jim provided background and context on the CAAB, and indicated that he would support the wishes of the Society, despite his opposition of the motion. ABS supports and welcomes applied animal behavior, and wishes to more fully engage applied animal behaviorists in the Society, however few of the CAABs ever attend or participate in Society or meeting activities. This motion would enable the IAAB committee to focus their efforts on increasing the representation of applied animal behavior as a science at the meeting. The motion was made and seconded; the motion passed with 2 dissenting votes.

Philip Stoddard gave the Treasurer's report. The Society is in good shape. The EC voted to increase funding for Student Research Grants from \$40,000 to \$50,000. The budget for the coming year was presented.

Logo (Philip Stoddard): The EC voted to approve a new logo for the Society, designed by Philip Stoddard 10 years ago.

William Searcy gave the Editor's Report. Editorial times have been coming down, with submission to decision now at 37 days, and submission to print publication at 34 weeks. Elsevier's Author feedback program has Animal Behaviour rated very highly in terms of author experience (higher than comparable journals in the field), thanks to the excellent editors. Michelle Scott takes over as the new executive editor as of July 1. ABS and ASAB share 65% of total profits, of which ABS gets about half. The journal will publish a special Issue on Behavioral Plasticity and Evolution (the presidents' symposium), which will be part of a regular issue. Nominations were accepted through July 1 for the Most Influential Papers in Animal Behaviour, in honor of the 50th anniversary of the society. One paper/commentary will be published in each issue of Animal Behaviour in 2013. The journal's Impact factor hasn't yet come out for June, but the publisher has projected an increase.

Maydianne Andrade presented the Program officer's report. This year's conference has 233 talks, 182 posters, 560 registrants. Beginning next year, we will hold a raffle (for conference registration costs) at the Business meeting—tell your friends.

Next meeting: The University of Colorado at Boulder, July 28-Aug 1. The President's symposium will be on Cooperation and Conflict. The EC has approved a pre-conference ABS Conservation Committee Workshop. A special 50th anniversary symposium (organized by Lee Drickamer) is in the works. Additional symposia proposals are still being accepted.

51st meeting in Princeton, tentative dates of Aug 9-14.

52nd meeting 2015—some bids include Anchorage Alaska, and possibly Missouri.

Possible meeting in Ontario (Toronto), perhaps in 2016. The Society continues to seek venues for future meetings, please contact the Program officers if you are interested.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed at 12:30pm