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Additional nominations may be made by letter to the 2006-2007 Nominating Committee Chair, Stephen Nowicki, Department of Biology, Duke University, Box 90338, Durham, NC 27708-0325 USA. E-mail: snowicki@duke.edu. 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 2006. *Note: Information on the candidates will be posted with the ballot in the November newsletter (posted first at <http://www.animalbehavior.org/>, in the News and Announcements link on the left).*

2006 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society at Snowbird, Utah, 12-16 August, was highly successful with approximately 500 attendees. Jeff Galef did a

splendid job as local host. A warm thank you to Jeff, the volunteers, and the Snowbird staff who helped produce an excellent meeting. See below and watch for highlights of the meeting in the November newsletter.

FEATURED LECTURES

Keynote Address

Dr. Tim Clutton-Brock, Professor of Animal Ecology, Department of Zoology, University of Cambridge, opened the meeting with the keynote address featuring his fascinating work on meerkats titled "Cooperation and conflict in social mammals."



Tim Clutton-Brock presenting his keynote address

Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Lecture

An animated presentation on "Selfish genetic elements and social behavior" was given by **Dr. Robert Trivers**, Professor of Anthropology and Biological Sciences, Rutgers University. Dr. Trivers received the Animal Behavior Society's Distinguished Animal Behaviorist award for his outstanding career in animal behavior.



Robert Trivers emphasizing a point

Fellows Lecture

Dr. Carl Gerhardt, Professor of Biological Sciences at the University of Missouri, Columbia, presented the Fellows Lecture on "Acoustic communication: Evolution and mechanisms." Carl is also the recipient of the ABS Quest Award.



Carl Gerhardt at the podium

2006 AWARDS

ABS awards are presented on the final night of the annual meeting at the banquet. The following awards were presented on 16 August, 2006.

ALLEE: BEST STUDENT PAPER 2006

There were 6 participants in the 2006 Warder Clyde Allee Student Paper Session at the annual ABS meetings in Snowbird, Utah, this year. All gave

excellent talks and the session was well attended. The Allee Award was given to **Aaron S. Rundus**, University of California--Davis: "In the heat of battle: Infrared signaling by ground squirrels puts rattlesnakes on the defensive." Two runners-up were **Sarah K. Huber**, University of Massachusetts--Amherst, "Premating isolation of sympatric morphs in a population of Darwin's finches (*Geospiza fortis*)," and **Vincent A. Formica**, Indiana State University, "Modifying the landscape through social niche construction." The Allee Awards are generously supported by donations from Princeton University Press, University of Chicago Press, Harvard University Press, Sinauer Associates, and MIT Press. The Animal Behavior Society is grateful for their support. Judges were Susan Alberts, Molly Morris, Mike Webster and Jerry Wilkinson.



Allee participants (left to right): David Kabelik, Sarah Huber (runner-up), Vince Formica (runner-up), Aaron Rundus (Allee award recipient), Ted Stankowich and Kristen Navara

JOHN B. CALHOUN 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 John B. Calhoun was honored. The best of 21 posters was by **Claire W. Varian**, Washington State University (co-authored with Michael Webster and Jordan Karubian) on "Do male red-backed fairy-wrens punish unfaithful

females by withholding parental care?” Honorable Mentions were awarded to **Tara L. Maginnis**, St. Edward’s University, “The tradeoffs associated with leg regeneration in stick insects (Insecta: Phasmida)” and **Steven K. Schwartz**, University of Nebraska, (co-authored with Merrill Peterson) on “Strong material benefits and no longevity costs of multiple mating in an extremely polyandrous leaf beetle, *Chrysochus cobaltinus* (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae).” Judges were Jeff Lucus, John Eadie, Charlotte Roy-Nielsen and Doug Mock.



Founders Award Recipients (left to right) Claire Varian, Tara Maginnis, and Steven Schwartz with Steve Nowicki, ABS President



Genesis Award Recipients (left to right) Colleen Mack, Shawn Smith, and Richard Madewell. Kanwal Gulzar not present

GENESIS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATION

The Genesis Award honors the best undergraduate poster, in addition to recognizing all undergraduates presenting posters at the annual meeting. Two first place awards for the best undergraduate research poster were awarded in 2006. One award went to **Kanwal Gulzar**, (co-authored with Inna Arbit, Zunaira Ashraf, Rina Basin, Moses Feaster, Kevin Kleiner, Lina Lukina, Jane Lam, Inna Soybelman and Jennifer Basil), Brooklyn College Biology Department, City University of New York, for “Characteristics of spatial memory in freshwater crayfish.” **Richard Madewell** (with Armin Moczek), Indiana University--Bloomington, received the other first place award for his poster titled “Horn possession reduces maneuverability in a horn-polyphenic beetle.” Honorable Mentions were presented to **Colleen L. Mack** (co-authored with Teresa Dzieweczynski), University of New England, “Male stickleback responsiveness to conflicting stimuli: A test with a novel population,” and **Shawn M. Smith** (co-authored with Eileen Davis), University of Wisconsin--Whitewater, for “Clicker increases resistance to extinction but does not decrease training time of a simple operant task in domestic dogs (*Canis familiaris*).” **James Fuller**, University North Carolina-Asheville, (co-author Andrew Criswell) won the Conservation Award for “Learning adaptation in caged and enriched environments: There’s nothing like a change of scenery.” Judges included Jennifer Mather, Sue Margulis, Martha Chaiken, and Penny Bernstein.



A very pleased Mike Noonan receiving his Distinguished Teaching Award from Peggy Bernstein, Chair of the Education Committee

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

Mike Noonan received the Distinguished Teaching Award, judged by the Education Committee, for his highly effective and innovative teaching and his reputation among peers and students for excellence in educating people about animal behavior. Mike is a Professor of Biology at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York, and was a producer of the 2005 winner of the commercial film competition, "Elephas maximus: The Biology and Conservation of the Asian Elephant."

ABS CAREER AWARDS

Presented at the 2006 ABS meeting in Snowbird, Utah,
by President Steve Nowicki

DISTINGUISHED ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST –

Robert Trivers, Rutgers University, was recognized for his outstanding lifetime achievement and contribution to new theories and ideas about natural selection and evolution of social behavior.

EXEMPLAR AWARD – Steve Emlen, Cornell University, was awarded the Exemplar Award for his long-term and significant contributions to animal behavior including his work on orientation and navigation, mating systems, and the adaptive significance of social behavior.



Steve Emlen
receiving his
Exemplar Award
from ABS
President Steve
Nowicki

QUEST – Carl Gerhardt, University of Missouri, Columbia, was awarded the Quest award for his seminal research on the neurobiological control and evolution of acoustic communication and sexual selection in frogs.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD – Mike Beecher, University of Washington, for sustained contribution to ABS as editor, president, Allee Award judge and committee service.

NOTICE!

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Carl Gerhardt receiving the Quest
Award from President Steve Nowicki

YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD – Kevin McGraw, Arizona State University, for his original research on the control and function of animal colors.



Kevin McGraw receives Young Investigator Award

**SYLVIA TAYLOR MEMORIAL
PRIMATE SESSION**

On 14 August, 2006, as part of its annual meeting, the Animal Behavior Society hosted a special session exploring the relationship between a knowledge of primate behavior and the ability to provide for the welfare of primates, both in the wild and in captivity. This session was held in memory of Dr. Sylvia Taylor, an active ABS member and the primate field specialist for the USDA, APHIS, and AC at the time of her unexpected death in January 2005. This session titled "Primate Behavior Studies: Essential to Primate Welfare" brought together people from the fields of primatology, ethology, conservation biology, and applied animal behavior for a discussion forum to improve knowledge and care of the animals that Dr. Taylor loved. The proceedings of the session will be published in the Journal of Applied Animal Welfare Science early in 2007. Post-publication copies will cost \$30, but pre-publication orders will be discounted to \$24. The shipping charge is \$7. You may order at <http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABSCentralOffice/central-office-news/sylvia-t>.

2006 ABS FILM FESTIVAL

The winner of the 23rd Annual Film Festival for the best commercial film of 2006 was "Wolverines: Hyenas of the North," produced by Oliver Goetzl, Ivo Norenberg, and Gulo Film Productions. The film chronicles two years of following nature photographer Antti Leinonen who has tracked wolverines for 18 years. Semi-Finalists were "Monkey War and Peace," produced by Chinyuan Ke, Nick Upton, and Public Television Service Foundation, Taiwan; and "A Life Among Whales," produced by Bill Haney, Eric Grunebaum, and Bullfrog Films. Winner of the Jack Ward Memorial Film Competition (non-commercial category) was "Big World of Insects, Spiders & Bugs: Bees - Social or Solitary Insects?" produced by New Dimensions Media, A Questar Company, and France Animation. The film features the struggles between predator and prey, ant lions and ants. Semi-Finalists were "Hawaiian Blue - Hawaii Reef Etiquette Public Service Announcement," produced by Ziggy Livnat and For the Sea Productions; and "Animal Babies: Born Wild Series - The Baby Lemur and the Baby Koala," produced by New Dimension Media and France Animation. Judges included Barbara Clucas, Marianne Engle, Todd Freeberg, Michael Noonan, Terry Ord, Jessica Owens, and Vladimir Pravosudov.

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NEW ABS FELLOWS ELECTED!

Congratulations to three new ABS Fellows elected for 2006. They are **Randy Nelson**, Department of Psychology and Neuroscience, Ohio State University; **Gene Robinson**, Theme Leader and Professor, Institute of Genomic Biology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; and **Mike Ryan**, Clark Hubbs Regents Professor in Zoology, University of Texas, Austin.

**CALL FOR SYMPOSIA
FOR THE 2008 AAAS MEETING**

ABS is striving to expand awareness of its excellent science via symposia for the annual AAAS meeting. The target date for the next symposium is February 2008 in Boston with proposals due May 2007. Anyone interested in organizing a symposium for the meeting please contact Jan Randall at jrandall@sfsu.edu.

ARTICLE

OBITUARY OF GILBERT GOTTLIEB



Photo: Dr. Marc S. Gottlieb

Gilbert Gottlieb (1929-2006) died at his home in Raleigh, NC, on July 13, 2006, following a brief illness. Gilbert was named a Fellow of the Animal Behavior Society for 1982-1983, and served as a Member-at-Large on the ABS Executive Committee from 1968 to 1971, and again from 1976 to 1979. He also served as a U.S. Delegate on the International Ethological Congress Committee from 1977 to 1983. He was President of the International Society for Developmental Psychobiology from 1986 to 1987 and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Gilbert received his Ph.D. in 1960 at Duke University, where he majored in Clinical Psychology. His dissertation, however, was on “The following response of wild and domestic ducklings of the same species (*Anas platyrhynchos*),” and he was the first graduate student in Duke’s joint psychology-zoology graduate training program in animal behavior. In 1961, he joined the North Carolina Division of Mental Health in Raleigh, where he was assigned to the clinical research unit at Dorothea Dix Hospital, but he was also allowed

to pursue his interests in animal behavior. His animal behavior research soon preempted his clinical work as he embarked on a career that began with recording vocal-auditory interactions of nesting mallards and wood ducks with their ducklings at nest sites in the field, followed by elegant laboratory experiments on the acoustic basis of species identification in ducklings. His initial series of field observations and laboratory experiments formed the basis of a monograph published in 1971, *Development of Species Identification in Birds* (University of Chicago Press). His empirical research continued for over three decades, during which time he also wrote conceptual and theoretical papers on the roles of experience in development as well as the developmental basis of evolution, which culminated in a 1992 book, *Individual Development and Evolution* (Oxford University Press). He summarized his continuing empirical and theoretical work in the 1997 volume, *Synthesizing Nature-Nurture* (Erlbaum), which won the Eleanor Maccoby Book Award of the Developmental Psychology Division of the American Psychological Association. In 1991, he published a paper in *Animal Behaviour* entitled, “Social induction of malleability in ducklings,” which was honored by the Society for Research on Child Development as the 14th most fascinating study published in the psychological literature since 1950 by members of the SRCD.

In 1982, Gilbert became Head of the Psychology Department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where he also held an Excellence Foundation Professorship until his retirement from academia in 1995. At that time, he became a Research Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a member of the Executive Committee of the Center for Developmental Science. There, he continued to pursue his theoretical interests in developmental science.

A month prior to his death, I interviewed Gilbert for a podcast. The purpose of this interview was to provide an audio record of highlights of his career in his own words. (See <http://icube.uconn.edu/GG/GG.html>.) When I asked Gilbert if he had any parting thoughts that he’d like to share, he remarked that it is important for researchers to “follow their nose” and pursue research questions and theoretical approaches, even if those ideas are “off the beaten track.” He went on to explain that, “at the end of the trail, discoveries will be made.” He made many that will influence scientists for generations to come.

David B. Miller, Department of Psychology, University of Connecticut

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETINGS

2007: 21-25 July, Sheraton Burlington Hotel, Burlington, Vermont

2008: 10 -17 August, Snowbird, Utah
Watch the ABS website for details.

MEETINGS OF INTEREST

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology,
3-7 January, 2007, Phoenix Convention Center,
Phoenix Hyatt Hotel, Phoenix, Arizona.

AAAS. 15-19 February, 2007, San Francisco, CA.

Fourth International Conference on Bio-Acoustics,
10-12 April, 2007, Loughborough University, UK

International Ethological Conference,
15-23 August, 2007, Dalhousie University, Halifax,
Canada

JOIN AN ABS COMMITTEE!

Would you like to volunteer for one of the society's active committees? This is an important and rewarding way to participate in the business of the Society, and we need your help! Contact ABS President Douglas Mock, Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019, USA. Phone: (405) 325-2751, E-mail: dmock@ou.edu

ATTEND THE LATIN AMERICAN MEETING IN XALAPA, MEXICO, 8-12 OCTOBER, 2006

Rogelio Macías and Robyn Hudson, LAAC chair and co-host and LAAC member and co-host.

The Latin-American Affairs Committee (LAAC) of the Animal Behavior Society has organized a fall meeting in Xalapa, Mexico, in order to promote participation of animal behaviorists from the whole continent in the Society. Arrival and registration will take place on 7 October, talks and poster sessions will be held on 9-11 October, and optional field trips are on 12 October. The host institution will be the Instituto de Ecología, A.C., co-host of the 2004 Oaxaca meeting, located in the colonial city of Xalapa. The area is surrounded by the cloud forest of the eastern slope of the Sierra Madre Oriental -- a biodiversity hotspot, famous for its exuberant vegetation, excellent coffee, delicious "mole," archeological sites, and extremely friendly and liberal inhabitants.

For complete information be sure to visit:
<http://www.ecologia.edu.mx/laabs/>.

There is still time to register and submit an abstract. Early registration and abstract submission is open until **15 September, 2006.**

Speakers include:

- Leticia Aviles, University of British Columbia, speaking on "Social evolution."
- William Eberhard, Universidad de Costa Rica and Smithsonian Tropical Research Institution, speaking on "Sexual selection by cryptic female choice."

For more info, write to laac.abs@gmail.com

CALL FOR SYMPOSIA

FOR THE 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

Symposium proposals for the 2007 annual ABS meeting in Burlington, Vermont, 21-25 July, should be submitted to the Jr. Program Officer, Diana Hews, dhews@indstate.edu, by **15 September, 2006.** Information on organizing symposia may be found at the ABS website:
<http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/>.

Program/HostGuide/SympGuide.html

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MINUTES OF THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
16 AUGUST, 2006, SNOWBIRD, UTAH

1. President Steve Nowicki called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and introduced Jeff Galef, local host.
2. Jeff thanked everyone for their hard work. The meeting had about 505 persons registered.
3. Steve Nowicki announced that reports of officers and committee chairs on the ABS web site would be available to members.
4. **Secretary's Report** given by Jan Randall. The Newsletter continues to be published in February, May, August, and November on the Web as uploaded by the Central Office. More pictures will be in the newsletter. Articles and pictures are encouraged. The secretary conducted the ABS election for 2006. Newly elected officers include Second President-Elect Molly Morris, Editor Michael Breed, Treasurer Jim Ha, Junior Program Officer Diana Hews, and Member-at-Large John Eadie. Only 10 percent of the ABS membership voted. Copies of correspondence and discussions relating to decisions by the EC are filed and stored.
Decisions voted on by the Executive Committee (EC) during the year include:
 - a. Approved Snowbird 2006 registration fee increase
 - b. Approved two symposia for the 2006 meeting: Sensory Systems and Behavioral Syndromes
 - c. Two symposia proposals were not approved
 - d. Approved Jim Ha as Central Office Director
 - e. Approved policy change for grant awards (see sections f, g, and h)
 - f. Approved Snowbird for 2008 annual meeting, 7-15 August, 2008
 - g. Rejected proposal to consider a new logo
 - h. Approved policy on endorsements.
 - i. Approved Financial Responsibility Motion
 - j. Elected three Fellows and Quest, Exemplar, Distinguished Service, and Distinguished Animal Behaviorist.Jan Randall represented ABS at the 2006 AAAS meeting in St. Louis, 16-20 February, 2006.
AAAS fellows are nominated by the steering committee of the Biology Section or by other AAAS fellows. There seems to be a missed opportunity to nominate members of ABS as AAAS fellows and to obtain visibility through sponsoring a symposium.
5. **Treasurers Report.** Jim Ha reported for Treasurer Lee Drickamer: (1) The Society is in good shape and still anticipating income from our agreement with ASAB and Elsevier. Projected income was \$300,000. \$303,140 was the actual income, with \$307,213 spent to leave a small deficit of \$4,073. (2) The ABS investment fund has done quite well, now exceeding \$650,000, and continuing to grow. The Society has two times the annual budget, which is the amount that is recommended for societies like ours to have in reserve. (3) The budget for next year is \$306,850. Changes include \$10,000 for the president to use for new initiatives, increasing money for Developing Nations and Latin American travel, increasing program officer budget to \$10,500, and increasing student research grants \$6,000 to 26,000. (4) Money from membership dues is down. (5) The goal is to maintain a balanced budget with some amount to invest. Steve Nowicki commented that the EC increased student grants two times, last year by 33 percent and this year by 30 percent. The goal is to give out more and larger grants. \$1,000 as an upper limit is not enough in today's economy.
6. **Central Office Report** was given by Jim Ha as Central Office Coordinator. He reported on new improvements to the website in the coming year.
7. **Executive Editor** George Uetz reported a slight increase in submissions. There were 307 submissions to ABS, and over 400 to ASAB. Acceptance rate is about where we want to be at 40 percent. The impact factor, after a dip last year, has increased to second of the behavioral journals behind *Behavioral Ecology*. Reviews are a major contributor to the impact factor, so the editors have increased solicitations of broad reviews. *Animal Behaviour* is now in the top 20 of zoology journals. The submission and review process are now completely electronic. Reviewers are getting into the mode of returning reviews in three weeks, which meets the goal of two months for submission and acceptance or rejection. After 9/11, a long queue of submissions developed. Additional copy editors hired this year brought the queue down to 20-21 manuscripts, so the lag time between review and copy-edited time is six months so that the whole publication process takes about nine months. George urged members to publish in *Animal Behaviour*. The largest submissions are in sexual selection and social organization. Birds, arthropods and mammals are the main taxa.

After his report George answered a number of questions from the membership:

- a. Don Owings asked about future income from the journal. George said that the new editor, Mike Breed, has been going to publisher meetings and participating in publisher activities trying to keep track of Elsevier and their income. Libraries are charged large fees from Elsevier. ASAB owns the journal and gives ABS a check, so ASAB is working on payments and getting journals from former years.
- b. A comment was made that the journal is not doing well on invertebrates. Can the editors recruit outside of vertebrates? George Uetz sees no evidence of taxonomic bias. He has used contacts to encourage reviews, but the scientific community is biased so it is not a fault of the journal that there are more papers on vertebrate animals.
- c. How is the pipeline for reviewers for papers? George said there is continual recruitment of reviewers, and he has a growing and fairly sizable database. Electronic reviewers can say whether they can do a review in three weeks.
- d. If reviewers turn down too many papers, are they removed from being reviewers, or is it held against them when submitting papers? George—not usually.
- e. Why are there no papers on conservation? Is there a problem in submissions? George answered that the role of editors seems to make slight shifts in submission rates. A person in the conservation field may join as editor. The editor acts as a filter. As long as conservation manuscripts connect to general behavior, they will go out for review. The real problem is that papers are very species-specific, descriptive papers that are on wildlife management or agricultural with behavior only as an essay. If the paper is connected to behavior beyond applied, it will be reviewed.
- f. Have special issues ever been reconsidered? George said that coordinating special issues is a challenge, but not out of the question. Jeff Galef commented that ASAB strongly opposed to special issues. A suggestion was made to have a book series.

8. Steve Nowicki proceeded to announce candidates for election. (See first page of the newsletter for the list.) Sue Margulis, candidate for Parliamentarian, was the only one present.

9. **Program Officer** Jennifer Fewell provided information about the 2007 meeting to be held 21-26 July at the Burlington Sheraton in Vermont. Registration opens 15 March. Early registration is until 8 May. Abstract deadline is 15 May. Submit symposia, workshops and ideas for special sessions to Diana Hews (dhews@indstate@edu). Items can be submitted for two or more years from now. If members want to invite people, there is money for good symposia.

10. Steve Nowicki announced the EC is exploring the use of resort venues compared with meetings at campuses and looking at mechanisms to reduce costs to students.

11. New Business

- a. Concern was expressed about overlap in meetings. Steve Emlen will host ISBE at Cornell in August 2008 and the meeting may overlap with ABS.
- b. Steve Nowicki commented that we need to increase cross talk. We had to lock in the 2008 meeting at Snowbird two years in advance. We must talk to avoid overlap, but we can plan for synergies.
- c. Sue Richert expressed concern about the drop in membership. Steve Nowicki said it may be because of electronic access to the journal without being a member. The largest drop is in students. The Society tries to keep student rates low and has expanded the student grant program. Students right now are heavily subsidized. Burlington has reduced rates. Phil Stoddard suggested making talks on file only available to members to keep up membership. Jennifer Mather asked about brochures and pictures of venues for future meetings.
- d. Discussion about adding students to the EC:
 1. Zuleyma Tang-Martinez stated that there is no prohibition for students running for office. Students can be nominated and on the ballot.
 2. Steve Schuster presented a motion for adding a student-at-large as a member on the EC. The motion was seconded.
 3. Zuleyma suggested a graduate student issues committee as an alternative.
 4. Parliamentarian Jill Mateo cautioned that she has to consult policy about whether we can add students to the EC.
 5. Steve Nowicki asked to consider this as a friendly amendment so the EC can work on student involvement.
 6. The mood is to make sure that student voice is heard more directly.
 7. The motion passed unanimously.

12. Meeting adjourned about 12:15 PM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
11 AUGUST, 2006
The Cliff Hotel, Snowbird, Utah.

Officers present: Uetz, Hart, Fewell, Hews, Yasukawa, Mateo, Nowicki, Evans, Mock, Wilkinson, Randall, Macedo

Officers absent: Drickamer,

Officers-elect present: Ha, Eadie, Morris, Breed

Chairs and Liaisons present: Bernstein, Ha, Duncan, Perelle, Haydock, Rogelio Macias-Ordonez

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:37 a.m. by President Steve Nowicki. Introductions were made.
The Executive Committee (EC) approved the minutes from last year's meeting
2. Reports of Officer and Committee Chairs are on the ABS website
3. New Committee Chairs are Joey Haydock, Membership Committee; and Becky Talyn, Education Committee
4. Proposals by Penny Bernstein, Education Committee Chair, were approved.
 - a. Change "Program Guide in Animal Behavior" to "Guide to Undergraduate and Graduate Programs."
Ed committee will maintain it with new entries.
 - b. Ed committee to survey members about teaching animal behavior.
 - c. Approved request to allow people to be re-nominated for teaching award
5. Randall reported on AAAS. She suggested that ABS continue its association with AAAS. Symposia proposals are wanted for the 2008 meeting in Boston. More Fellows from ABS should be elected to AAAS. They must be nominated by AAAS Fellows.
6. Don Dewsbury is retiring as historian. He has done it since 1988. Discussion about who will succeed Don.
7. Jim Ha and Shan Duncan presented a demonstration of the new and planned procedures at Central Office.
The CO has made extensive progress towards becoming more organized and efficient. Much more of the society's business takes place electronically. Shan Duncan explained the new system, in which each member will have a permanent number that allows him/her access to the website and the various pages for different functions in the society. New software will be put in place that will make the website much cleaner and more efficient. The revamping of the website will not only make tasks quicker and more efficient, but will put the committee chairs and officers of the society in a position to be more actively involved in upkeep of information on the site.
8. Jeff Galef gave the host report. There are 480 to 500 people registered at the meeting. The Society will meet its budget. 26 staff people are involved to make sure things run smoothly. We received \$10,000 more in registration this year than last year.
9. Jennifer Fewell gave a program report. Proposals for next year are due soon. She wants a list of speakers and description of proposed symposia by 1 September with abstracts coming later. Diana Hews added that a conservation and behavior proposal have already been suggested.
10. The Latin American Affairs Committee (LAAC), represented by Rogelio Macias-Ordonez, had two requests.
 - a. Change in who handles Latin America travel grants. The EC approved a motion that responsibility for organizing and decision making for Latin American Travel Grants be given to LAAC. LAAC is expected to bring forward criteria to be agreed on by the EC. Role of the 2nd member at large changes from running the program to an approval role. LAAC is to transmit applications and choices to 2nd member-at-large as part of the approval process.
 - b. Discussion of Regional Meeting in Mexico.
The Mexico meeting is an experiment. The Society has provided funds for travel grants -- \$3,500 to support 50 percent of air fares after students submit proposals, and \$1,500 for financial risk. If ABS does not have good representation from the United States and Canada, the meeting will not be a success. LAAC asked for help to make a real effort to get people to go or to fund students to go.
11. **Student Research Grants.** Lynette Hart reported a year of transition. Small grants moved from 2nd member-at-large to big grants program. Pieces were reconfigured. See detailed report on the ABS website.
12. **Treasurers Report.** Jim Ha gave the report for Lee Drickamer. (See notes from Business Meeting and ABS website for details.) Detailed discussion about the budget ensued. Nowicki said that because we have achieved the investment goal of two years operating costs, we have flexibility. He moved to add \$1,600 to the editor budget, \$6,000 to the student grant program, \$1,000 to Latin America travel, and to increase Developing Nations from \$700 to \$1,400. The motion was seconded and passed. The budget for next year is \$306,850. \$10,501 will be moved into investments with expectations for more.
13. George Uetz, Executive Editor gave a detailed report. (Notes from Business Meeting and the ABS website.)

14. Election of Fellows. Steve Nowicki moved that we change appropriate society policy and constitution to reflect the election of no than three fellows in any year. The motion was seconded and passed with no dissent.
15. Regina Macedo presented a proposal for a meeting in Brazil in June 2009 at Pirenopolis, 2.5 hours from Brasilia. The city has 110 small hotels within walking distance and a convention center that holds up to 600 people.
16. Ken Yasukawa gave a presentation for the Burlington Sheraton meeting in Vermont, 21-25 July, 2007. He considers it a great venue, minutes from the airport and walking distance to other motels with dedicated conference and exhibit space. Thirty rooms are reserved at a reduced rate for students of \$94 a night. There is a hiking trail behind the parking lot as well as bike trails. Conference-goers can easily rent bikes.
17. **Future meetings.** What are we going to do about planning for future meetings? Mock – Do we have numerical figures of cost for having meetings in resorts? Steve – Should do cost analysis and will volunteer to be on a committee. Look at last series of meetings we have had. Two meetings at Snowbird and look at the costs of the campus meetings. Put them in 2006-2007 dollars. If we find that resort venues are more expensive for students, there are ways we can deal with this. Another point about campus venues: We have to be careful about encouraging venues that will not work. We must make sure to explore options. Steve – This is an experiment and we are still investigating it.
We need a host for the 2008 meeting at Snowbird. It is a presidential responsibility to identify the person to be host
18. **Membership.** Nowicki – It is down 17 percent and 20 percent in students. We have to ask how to get membership up.
Reach out to people we have not reached before, including Latin America and the Pacific Rim. The reason people join is that they think this is a place to advance their professional career.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 p.m.