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ELECTION OF OFFICERS: This issue contains a brief vitae of candidates for the ABS Second President-Elect, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. Only 25% of the membership voted in the 1977 election. Please fill out and mail your ballot today!

MEETING SITE SELECTION AND ERA RATIFICATION: At the ABS Business Meeting in Seattle (see Minutes of Business Meeting, this Newsletter), it was suggested that the membership be polled for their opinions on using ERA (Equal Rights Amendment) ratification by a state as a criterion in the selection of sites for future ABS Annual Meetings. The Policy Committee will formulate policy on this issue, based on the recommendations of the membership. It appears as though a 3-year extension will be granted by Congress for passage of ERA. The ballot for election of officers in this Newsletter includes a statement on this issue to be voted on by the membership.

ABS FILM LIST: The ABS Film List, prepared by E. Gould, Chairperson of the Film Committee will soon be sent to ABS members. Corrections and additions can be sent to the Secretary or E. Gould for periodic publication in the Newsletter.

FILMS: The 1978 edition of PCR: Films in the Behavioral Sciences is now available at no charge from Audio Visual Services, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, Pa. 16802. This catalog lists more than 1500 films. PCR is interested in acquiring and distributing new films in animal behavior. For the submission of materials related to teaching and research in ethology, or further information, contact: Lori Baldwin, Editor, PCR.

CONFERENCE ON TELEMETRY: The Biological Engineering Society (in association with the International Society for Biotelemetry) will host the 1st International Conference on Telemetry and Radio Tracking in Biology and Medicine to be held 20-22 March 1979 at the Department of Zoology, University of Oxford, England. For further information contact: Charles Amlaner or David Macdonald, Animal Behaviour Research Group, Department of Zoology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PS, England.

ALLEE AWARD: The 1978 W. C. Allee Award was won by Frank Moore, Clemson University, for his paper "Solar Information and the Orientation of a Night-migrating Bird."

POSITION OPEN: Applications are invited for a faculty position in Animal Behavior beginning no later than 1 January 1979 to teach undergraduate and graduate courses in Animal Behavior and to conduct research that links animal behavior and ecology. Ph. D. required. Salary at Assistant Professor level depending on qualifications. Send curriculum vitae, transcripts, and three letters of reference by October 1 to: Robert E. Chambers, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry, Syracuse, New York 13210. Affirmative Action/Equal Opportunity Employer.

The Animal Behavior Society is indebted to Allen Stokes, E. O. Price and all other contributors to the two editions of the "Lab Manual." To date, the Society has received over \$2,000 in royalties from these manuals.

Deadline for receipt of materials for the November Newsletter is 15 October 1978.

FOR MEMBER-AT-LARGE

SARAH LENINGTON

Birthdate: October 8, 1942

Education: B. A. 1964 University of Minnesota
Ph. D. 1977 University of Chicago

Present position: Research Associate, Cook County Hospital, Chicago

Research interests: Mating systems and optimization models in behavior and their limitations.

GEORGE LOSEY

Birthdate: June 30, 1942

Education: B. S. 1964 University of Miami, Florida
Ph. D. 1968 Scripps Institute of Oceanography

Present position: Associate Professor, Department of Zoology,
Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology,
University of Hawaii

Research interests: Ethology and behavioral ecology of fishes.
Special interest in interspecific communication
and proximate causal factors for interspecific
behavioral interactions.

DIETLAND MÜLLER-SCHWARZE

Birthdate: October 4, 1934

Education: Ph. D. 1963 Max-Planck-Institute for Behavioral
Physiology and Freiburg University,
Germany

Present position: Professor of Animal Behavior, College of Environmental
Sciences and Forestry, State University of New
York, Syracuse

Research interests: Vertebrate communication, chemical ecology,
mammalian pheromones, behavioral development of
mammals, human ethology.

Minutes of Animal Behavior Society Business Meeting, 21 June 1978, Seattle, Washington

1. President Dewsbury called the meeting to order at 1120.
2. There was a motion to waive reading the minutes of the 1977 business meeting and to accept them as published in August 1977 Newsletter. Motion seconded and passed.
3. President Dewsbury thanked the outgoing officers, G. Gottlieb, Member-at-Large, and C. R. Terman, Treasurer, for their efforts on behalf of the Society.
4. President Dewsbury announced the nominees for office for the 1978 elections.
5. President Dewsbury thanked the Program Officer and Local Host Joan Lockard for her efficient organization of the Annual Meeting.
6. Secretary Kleiman gave a summary of the reports presented and actions taken at the Executive Committee Meeting on 18 June 1978.
 - a) USECC report from M. Bekoff indicated that applications to attend the Ethological Conference in Vancouver in 1979 are only trickling in. Application details were published in the February and May 1978 Newsletters.
 - b) Any surplus monies resulting from the Seattle meeting will revert to the ABS Treasury; any resultant deficit will be covered by the ABS Treasury (MOTION PASSED).
 - c) Program Officer Lockard was asked to list the traditional responsibilities of the Program Officer and transmit these to the Policy Committee.
 - d) There has not yet been any formal bid to host the 1981 Annual ABS Meeting.
 - e) The price of mailing labels of the ABS membership list will be increased to \$60 except at the discretion of the Treasurer in consultation with the President (MOTION PASSED).
 - f) The Treasurer will be personally bonded in the approximate amount of cash available in the preceding year (MOTION PASSED).
 - g) Treasurer Terman has altered the deadline for payment of dues to December 1 and will eliminate a second dues notice. Instead, members who have not paid their dues by December 1 will be informed that they will be dropped from the membership rolls as of January 31.
 - h) An amendment to the Constitution has been proposed to have all officers' terms begin July 1 (MOTION PASSED). The purpose of the amendment will be to allow the transition of officers to occur at the least crucial time of year.
 - i) If the above Constitutional Amendment is passed, all incumbent officers' terms shall end 6 months later than currently scheduled and the term of all officers elected in the 1978 election shall begin 6 months later than scheduled (MOTION PASSED).
 - j) The fiscal year of ABS shall end 30 June and the details of the transition will be worked out by the Treasurer (MOTION PASSED).
 - k) The previous approval for a stipend for the American Editor of Animal Behaviour was rescinded (MOTION PASSED). It was pointed out that previous approval was never implemented.
- l) The Treasurer will implement the current recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Holding and Investing of Unexpended Funds (MOTION PASSED). Recommendations include that some funds be transferred from 1-year Certificates of Deposit to 3-year Certificates of Deposit over a 3-year period.
- m) A Committee of the current Treasurer and previous two Treasurers will report annually to the Executive Committee on the allocation of monies (MOTION PASSED).
- n) Editor J. Altmann noted that deadlines have been instituted for reviewers which has speeded up the review process. The number of journal pages has increased and the current backlog should be published by November 1978. Thereafter, it is anticipated that accepted manuscripts will be published within 15 months of the receipt date. The final acceptance rate for 1977 was 12%. The Editorial Processing Fee for non-members was abolished (MOTION PASSED). It was of little economic value as well as being psychologically detrimental.
- o) There was discussion concerning the budget: (1) Voluntary contributions will be solicited in the dues notices and Newsletter (MOTION PASSED). (2) The Newsletter will periodically publish a statement indicating that ABS can be made the beneficiary of an estate or named in a will (MOTION PASSED).

- p) Student members of ABS will be required to obtain annual certification of their status from faculty supervisors (MOTION PASSED).
- q) A form developed by Barlow which indicates the criteria to be used in judging papers competing for the Allee Award will be evaluated. Such a form will make judging more uniform.
- r) President Dewsbury announced the new committee appointments.
- s) A committee chaired by one of the Members-at-Large will generate a list of the criteria for symposia which will provide guidelines for future conveners of symposia (MOTION PASSED).
- t) It was recommended that a committee should be established to investigate alternatives to having the ABS membership lists maintained by the AIBS computer. President Dewsbury should be contacted by members who are familiar with computer lists and are interested in serving.
- u) There were several recommendations by the Committee on Organization and By-Laws for By-Law and Constitutional Changes, which were approved by the Executive Committee and must be voted on by the membership (MOTIONS PASSED).
- v) Treasurer Terman noted that membership had dropped with the dues increase. There was discussion concerning how to increase the membership and improve the functioning of the Membership Committee, chaired by John Fentress.
- w) H. B. Graves, Chairperson of the Policy Committee, presented a summary of existing ABS Policy, compiled from Executive Committee and Business Meeting Minutes. The summary was approved with modifications and will henceforth be updated by the Secretary (MOTIONS PASSED).
- x) ABS members who fail to provide at least one week's advance notice in writing to the Program Officer of not presenting a paper scheduled for an ABS Annual Meeting will not be allowed to present or sponsor a paper at the next annual meeting, except in case of emergency (MOTION PASSED).
- y) Z. Halpin presented the report of the Ad Hoc Committee on Animal Ethics. The recommendations were discussed at length and the report was referred back to the Committee for modification, based on suggestions of the Executive Committee.
- z) The relationship of ABS with AIBS, ESA, and ASZ was discussed. It was agreed that we should maintain our relationship with ESA as a section and through our journal and that we should have representatives present in the Executive Council meetings of ESA (MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY).

Steve Rebach, Chairperson of the Organization and By-Laws Committee, presented the proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. Proposed Constitutional changes will be voted on by the membership in a mail ballot. The following By-Law changes were voted on:

MOTION: To delete Article II, Section 1 c, from the By-Laws. PASSED.

MOTION: To have Article II, Section 2 b, become Article II, Section 1 c. PASSED.

MOTION: To add to the end of the sentence in Article II, Section 2 c, "... if the First President-Elect is unable to serve." and to have Article II, Section 2 c, become Article II, Section 1 d. PASSED.

MOTION: To have Article II, Section 3 b, become Article II, Section 2 b. PASSED.

These changes result in the President, instead of the First President-Elect, being designated the ABS representative to ESA-ASZ and eliminate the contradiction in Article II, Sections 2 c and 3 b.

MOTION: To delete Article V, Part f, from the By-Laws. DEFEATED. The membership felt that the ABS should continue to have a representative at USECC meetings.

The Organization and By-Laws Committee will re-examine the ABS relationship with Regional Meetings.

Editor J. Altmann emphasized that the lag time for the journal was already 15 months and that a workshop was scheduled for the Annual Meeting to discuss methods whereby authors could further decrease the lag time.

C. Snowden indicated that Animal Behaviour should not publish articles on endangered species without adequate documentation that the animals were legally obtained and adequately maintained. J. Altmann indicated that a question had been added to the Reviewer's form asking if studies reported in manuscripts violated any law.

C. Snowden asked whether the Executive Committee was considering the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) as a criterion in the selection of meeting sites. President Dewsbury responded in the negative and indicated that it was difficult, if not impossible, to change the site, only one year in advance. A straw vote was taken on whether we should include ERA ratification as a criterion in site selection, which was voted on affirmatively. Rebach indicated that a formal motion might be illegal since positive action could be construed as a lobbying effort which is currently a prohibited activity in Article 13 of the Constitution. After further discussion of the definition of lobbying, it was suggested that a straw vote should be taken of the membership and that the Policy Committee should deal with the question, based on the recommendations of the membership. It was also pointed out that if Congress does not grant an extension for ERA passage, and if three more states do not ratify the ERA, the issue will be dead.

Burkhardt MOVED that the ABS accept and act on the following Resolution, with Amendments. MOTION PASSED.

Resolution on the Endangered Species Act

WHEREAS the United States Supreme Court has recently upheld the applicability of the Endangered Species Act in the case of the Tellico Dam Project on the Little Tennessee River, and

WHEREAS the national media have publicized misleading and erroneous information about many aspects of the Tellico Project, its history, and especially about the endangered species involved, the snail darter, and

WHEREAS there is a movement in the United States Congress to use the apparent insignificance of the snail darter to weaken the aforementioned Endangered Species Act, and

WHEREAS the snail darter, whose only known viable habitat is the Little Tennessee River, was first discovered just several years ago and possesses many unusual behavioral and ecological adaptations that have not yet been studied but which may illuminate problems of general ethological and ecological importance, and

WHEREAS the extinction of this or any other animal is unfortunate for many reasons, not the least of which are scientific,

THEREFORE be it resolved that the 1978 National Conference of the Animal Behavior Society at the University of Washington, Seattle, is opposed to changing the Endangered Species Act at this time, and especially the use of the snail darter in service to this end, and

HEREBY directs its President to communicate our concern to the appropriate Congressional Committees.

Due to disagreement concerning the intent of that section of the Constitution which prohibits the Society from expending a substantial part of its activities to influence legislation, President Dewsbury requested that the Committee on Organization and By-Laws examine the implications of this section of the Constitution.

MOTION: ABS should establish a Committee on Resolutions. PASSED.

The meeting adjourned at 1245 hours.

Respectfully submitted



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GRADUATE PROGRAMS IN ANIMAL BEHAVIOR - ADDITIONAL LISTING: Memorial University of Newfoundland, St. John's, Newfoundland, Canada A1C 5S1: Department of Psychology, M.Sc. & Ph.D. N. Braveman, comp. anim. learn., taste avers. learn. J. Evans, behav. develop. J. Green (Biol. Dept.), ethol., ichthyol., orient. and homing. J. Lien, behav. develop., ethol., bioacoust., habitat select. B. Lett-Revusky, long delay & taste avers. learn. B. MacKay, oper. cond. fish. W. McKim, psychopharm., oper. cond. W. Montvecchi, ethol., behav. ecol. seabirds, predation. D. Renouf, ethol., feeding & psychophys. seals. S. Revusky, comp. anim. learn., taste avers. learn., classical cond. J. Rice (Biol. Dept.), behav. systems, ethol., behav. ecol., biometrics. L. Tuck, ornith., breeding biol., life histories.

The ABS Executive Committee is hoping to develop a set of criteria for symposia to be presented at future ABS annual meetings. The comments and suggestions of the membership are welcomed. Please contact: David W. Dunham, Member-at-Large, Dept. of Zoology, University of Toronto, 25 Harbord St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M5S 1A1.

Members who wish to serve on one or more of the temporary committees listed below, please contact: D. Dewsbury, Dept. of Psychology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida 32611. (a) Committee to investigate alternatives to maintaining ABS membership lists on the AIBS computer. (b) Committee to formulate policy on the relationship between ABS and Regional Meetings. (c) Committee to formulate policy on Resolutions.

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