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Additional nominations may be made by letter to the
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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 2004.

*Note: Information on the candidates can be
found at the end of this newsletter, and will be reposted
with the ballots. Ballots may be cast after 1 November
2004. See the November ABS Newsletter for details
(posted first at [http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/
Newsletters/Directory/dir.htm](http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Newsletters/Directory/dir.htm).)*

W.C. ALLEE BEST STUDENT PAPER 2004

There were 14 participants in the 2004 Warder Clyde
Allee Student Paper Session at the annual ABS
meetings in Oaxaca, Mexico this year. The Allee
Session went very smoothly, thanks in great degree to
the truly outstanding AV support provided by the
Local Hosts. A 5.8 earthquake south of Mexico City,
which was definitely felt in the Allee session, and a
torrential downpour, so loud that we almost could not
hear the speakers, did little to disturb an excellent
round of presentations that finished up right on time!
The Allee Award was presented to **Emily DuVal**, UC
Berkeley, "Testing the adaptive function of cooperative

male courtship display in the lance-tailed manakin."
Two honorable mentions were also awarded: **Laura
Sirot**, University of Florida, "Sexual selection after
mating has begun in *Diaprepes abbreviatus*
(Coleoptera: Curculionidae), and **Elena Berg**,
University of California at Davis, "Reproductive
options in the white-throated magpie-jay, a cooperative
breeder with female helpers". The awards were
announced at the banquet in the impressive
surroundings of the former chapel of the convent in
downtown Oaxaca. Emily received a \$250 check from
the Society. The Allee Awards are also generously
supported by donations from Oxford University Press,
Chicago University Press, Princeton University Press,
Harvard University Press, and Sinauer Associates. The
Animal Behavior Society is grateful for this support."
ABS would also like to thank the 2004 judges, Lynne
Houck, Jill Mateo, Rich Buchholz, and James Ha.



Emily DuVal (Allee Award Recipient), Elena Berg,
and Laura Sirot (this year's Honorable Mention
Recipients), at the ABS banquet in Oaxaca Mexico.

FOUNDERS' MEMORIAL POSTER AWARD 2004

This award is given to the best Poster Paper presented in the Founders' Poster session at the annual meeting, and is open to all members of the society in good standing. There were 17 posters entered in the session at the meetings Oaxaca Mexico. The award was presented to **Mark A. Bee**, from the University of Oldenburg for his poster titled "Being on the receiving end of multiple messages: what does call pitch mean to a territorial male bullfrog?" Three honorable mentions were also presented to **Anne S. Leonard** (& Douglas H. Morse, UC Davis), "Dragline preferences of male crab spiders: silk trails may play a role in mate search"; **Barbara Clucas** (Matthew P. Rowe & Donald H. Owings, UC Davis), "Snake scent application in ground squirrels"; **Claudia Valderrabano** (& Hugh Drummond, UNAM), "Hierarchy establishment in three-chick broods of the blue-footed boobie". ABS thanks this year's judges: Renee Robinette Ha, Sue Cooke Schreiber, Dan Blumstein and Bernard Brennan.

Congratulations to the recipients of the **2004 LATIN AMERICAN TRAVEL GRANTS**, which help defray the costs of housing and meals at ABS meetings. This year's awards for travel to the Oaxaca meeting were received by **Clarissa Patricia Solís Avila**, UNAM, Mexico, **Allari Romo-Beltran**, Instituto de Ecología, Xalapa, Mexico, **Felipe Becerril Morales**, Instituto de Ecología, Xalapa, Mexico.

GENESIS AWARD FOR THE OUTSTANDING UNDERGRADUATE POSTER PRESENTATION 2004

The Genesis Award was first awarded in 2000 and honors the best undergraduate poster, in addition to recognizing all undergraduates presenting posters at the annual meeting. The award for the best undergraduate research poster presented at the annual ABS meeting in Oaxaca Mexico, June 2004 was given **Fausto Rene' Beaumonte-Barrientos** (with Alberto Velanto, Laura Roxana Torreo-Avile's, UNAM) for their poster titled "Female investment and male attractiveness in the Blue-Footed Booby". Tied for runner-up were **Hillary C. Folz** (with Shawn M. Miller, Matthew Persons, Ann Rypstra, Miami University) for their poster titled "Effects of Predator cues on vertical habitat use by prey", and **Dianne N. Suggs** (with Andrea Simmons, Brown University) for their poster titled "Variation in the structure of bullfrog advertisement calls." The Genesis Committee included Bonnie Ploger, Becky Talyn, Diane Chepko-Sade, Keith Tarvin, Jennifer Mather, Denise Zielinski, and Chris Cratsley.



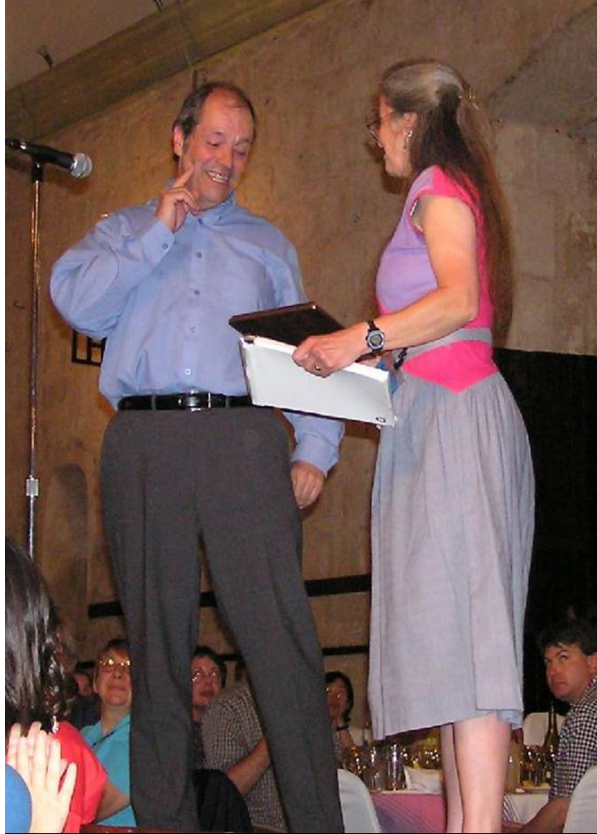
Fausto Rene' Beaumonte-Barrientos (recipient of the Genesis Award), Dianne N. Suggs and Hillary C. Folz (tied for runner-up, Genesis Award).

ABS CAREER AWARDS

Presented at the 2004 ABS meeting in Oaxaca, Mexico by Past President Anne Clark



OUTSTANDING NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD - Maydianne Andrade, University of Toronto, Scarborough, was awarded the Outstanding New Investigator Award for 2002-2003 for her highly original research on sexual cannibalism in redback and black widow spiders.



DISTINGUISHED ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST - Geoffrey Parker, University of Liverpool, was awarded the 2002-2003 Distinguished Animal Behaviorist Award for outstanding lifetime achievement in animal behavior. His keystone contributions, characterized by brilliant theorizing and a simultaneous attention to empirical tests of these theories, have had broad and sustained impact on researchers in animal behavior.

ABS CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD

Winner of the Children's Book Award 2004 is "Amazing Things Animal Do" by Marilyn Baille, Art by Romi Caron, Maple Tree Press (September 1, 2003) ISBN: 1894379578. Three honorable mentions were awarded as well: 1) "It's a Hummingbird's Life" by Irene Kelly, Holiday House, 1st edition (February 1, 2003) ISBN: 0823416585; 2) "Borealis: a Polar Bear Cub's First Year" by Rebecca Grambo, Photos by Daniel J. Cox, Walrus Books, Illustrate edition (September 1, 2003) ISBN: 1552854655; and 3) "A Little Lemur Named Mew", by Joyce A. Powzyk, Millbrook Press, A Millbrook edition (March 5, 2003) ISBN: 0761326650.

NEW ABS FELLOWS

Congratulations to the newly elected Fellows of the Animal Behavior Society. The new Fellows are **Chris Evans**, Macquarie University; **Susan Foster**, Clark University; **Robert Johnston**, Cornell University; **Stan Rand**, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute; and **Paul Sherman**, Cornell University. The complete list of ABS Fellows is available at <http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Members/>



Stand Rand and David Canatella at the Banquet in Oaxaca Mexico, where Stan was honored as one of the newly elected ABS Fellows. Cheers Stan!

2004 ABS FILM FESTIVAL

The 21st annual Film Festival was held at this year's meetings in Oaxaca, Mexico. The winner of the ABS Film Award for the best commercial film was "Silhouettes of the Desert", produced and directed by David Curl. The winner of the Jack Ward Memorial Film Competition (non-commercial category) was "All the Trappings", produced by Bao Productions, Rosie Koch, and Stan Braude, and directed by Rosie Koch. We also wish to acknowledge the efforts of this year's judges: Kathryn Boul, University of Texas; Barbara Clucas, University of California at Davis; Marianne Engle, Muskingum College; Todd Freeberg (Chair), University of Tennessee.

NOTICE!

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ARTICLES

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS AND BEHAVIOR

Gil Rosenthal and Salvador Contreras-Balderas

Symposium Organizers
Oaxaca Mexico, June 2004

Behavior is a bellwether of the viability of animal populations. The most immediate and visible responses to a disturbance are usually behavioral. Environmental changes can also severely impair critical behaviors even if they have no detectable physiological or toxicological effect. Conversely, human-induced disturbances can serve as powerful, if unfortunate, experimental models in behavioral ecology. The symposium addressed the impact of species introductions and habitat alteration on social structure, foraging behavior, mate choice, and communication.

The speakers ranged from conservation biologists with an interest in behavior, to behavioral ecologists with an interest in conservation. Salvador Contreras-Balderas (Autonomous University of Nuevo León) reviewed the biodiversity crisis facing Mexican freshwater fishes, emphasizing impacts of species introductions on the behavioral ecology of native fish species and, in one case, on the fishing practices of indigenous people. Sharon Downes (CSIRO, Australia) discussed the cascade of behavioral and morphological responses in an Australian skink to habitat invasion by weeds. John Eadie's (University of California, Davis) talk made a similar point about the complexity that behavioral dynamics can introduce to the ecology of disturbance, presenting recent work on seemingly paradoxical interactions between nesting ducks and their competitors in Alaskan wetlands.

Pamela Yeh (University of California, San Diego) followed several generations of a dark-eyed junco population that had recently colonized an urban habitat, finding that novel breeding behaviors were under positive directional selection in the new environment. As Michael Singer (University of Texas at Austin) illustrated with his long-term studies of feeding and oviposition behavior in a montane butterfly, disturbance can extend its reach, through its evolutionary effects, to areas that are apparently unaffected or recovered. Francisco García de León (Technological Institute of Ciudad Victoria) showed that asymmetries in female mating preferences of swordtail fishes can similarly spread the effects of disturbance-mediated hybridization.

Astrid Kodric-Brown (University of New Mexico) presented on hybridization as well, showing that an introduced pupfish species could displace natives through male-male competition and female

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MEETINGS

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETINGS

2005: 6th – 10th August, Snowbird, Utah

2006: 10th – 17th August, Snowbird, Utah
Watch the ABS website for details.

preference for the introduced males. Andy Suarez (University of Illinois) looked at the behavior of an invasive species, the Argentine ant. Invasive spread is, paradoxically, facilitated by the low genetic diversity in this species, since intraspecific aggression is minimized by individuals sharing pheromone profiles used in kin recognition.

Communication processes can thus amplify the effects of disturbance. Habitat alterations can, in turn, affect the environment in which communication takes place. Gil Rosenthal (Boston University) used reef fishes in the eastern Pacific, where reef-building corals have gone extinct, as a model for predicting the impact of contemporary reef extinction on visual communication mechanisms. Hans Slabbekoorn (Leiden University) showed that birds in urban environments alter their calling strategies, and the acoustic structure of their calls, in response to urban noise pollution. Paige Warren (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) pointed out that topographic features of urban environments, such as buildings and road surfaces, affected the fidelity of acoustic signals, and that these features had analogs in natural environments such as canyons and river channels. She complemented these findings with a demographic analysis of spatial variation in noise sources.

The symposium highlighted the centrality of behavior to conservation, and underscored the complex, often insidious ecological and evolutionary effects surrounding behaviorally-mediated responses to disturbance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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! Committees include Membership, Policy, Animal Care, Public Affairs, Education, Film, Conservation, Latin American Affairs, and others.

Did you volunteer in Oaxaca? Unfortunately, the sign-up sheet disappeared before we could get our hands on it, so please volunteer again.

Send your name, e-mail address and committee preference (if any) to: Jill Mateo, E-mail: jmateo@uchicago.edu

NOTICE! For funding source information see <http://www.animalbehavior.org/ABS/Grants/>

SOCIAL LEARNING AND IMITATION

Galef & Heyes, 2004

Order direct from the publisher: The Psychonomic Society Inc., 1710 Fortview Road, Austin, Texas, 78704 USA. Request Learning & Behavior, 2004, 32(1). US \$23.00.

The 140 page volume, published as a special issue of the journal Learning & Behavior, contains an introduction by Galef & Heyes and 13 chapters contributed by both senior workers and relatively new comers from around the world.

Gwen Dewar (USA) "Social and asocial cues about new food: cue reliability influences intake in rats"

Dorothy M. Fragazy & Elisabetta Visalberghi (USA & Italy) "Socially-biased learning in monkeys"

Todd M. Freeberg (USA) "Social transmission of courtship behavior and mating preferences in brown-headed cowbirds, *Molothrus ater*"

Gyula K. Gajdon, Natasha Fijn & Ludwig Huber (Austria) "Testing social learning in a wild mountain parrot, the kea (*Nestor notabilis*)"

Bennett G. Galef, Jr. (Canada) "Approaches to the study of traditional behaviours of free-living animals"

Andrea S. Griffin (Australia) "Social learning about predators"

Kevin N. Laland (UK) "Social learning strategies"

Christine Nicol (UK) "Development, direction and damage limitation: social learning in domestic fowl"

Tom M. Peake & Peter R. McGregor (Denmark) "Information and aggression in fishes"

Simon M. Reader (Netherlands) "Distinguishing social and asocial learning using diffusion dynamics"

David J. White (USA) "Influences of social learning on mate choice decisions"

Andrew Whiten, Victoria Horner, Carla Litchfield & Sarah Marshall-Pescini (UK) "How do apes ape?"

Thomas R. Zentall (USA) "Action imitation in birds"

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**CANDIDATES
FOR 2004 ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The order in which candidates are listed may influence voting. Please avoid this bias in making your choices. This year, the candidates are listed in alphabetical order.

Second President-elect:

John A. Byers

Education: BA Swarthmore College 1970, MS West Virginia University 1975, PhD. University of Colorado 1980

Current Position: Professor of Zoology, Department of Biological Sciences, University of Idaho

Research Interests: Mammalian mating systems, predator-prey interactions, play, evolutionary lag in behavior

ABS and related activities: ABS member since 1974; Program Officer 1992-1995, Allee Award Judge 1990, reviewer for Animal Behaviour since 1980, Program Director, Animal Behavior Program of NSF, 1999-2000.

Gerald Wilkinson

Education: B.S. in Zoology, 1977, University of California, Davis; Ph.D in Biology, 1984, University of California, San Diego; NSF NATO postdoctoral fellow, 1984-85, Universities of Sussex and Edinburgh, NIMH postdoctoral fellow, 1985-87, Institute for Behavioral Genetics, University of Colorado, Boulder

Current Position: Professor, Department of Biology, and Director, Graduate Program in Behavior, Ecology, Evolution and Systematics, University of Maryland, College Park

Research Interests: Behavioral ecology; evolutionary genetics; behavior genetics; sexual selection and genomic conflict in stalk-eyed flies; cooperation and communication in bats

ABS and Related Activities: Member since 1980; elected fellow, 2003; Animal Behaviour editorial board, 1997-2000; Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology editorial board, 1994-present; co-organizer Animal Behavior Society meeting, 1997; NSF panel member, Animal Behavior Program, 1996-2002; ad hoc NIMH psychobiology panel member, 1993-2002; presenter, Human Frontier Science Program workshop on social learning, 1994; plenary speaker, International Congress of Behavioral Ecology, 1996; presenter, symposium on Genetics and Behavior, Association for the Study of Animal Behavior, 1998; participant, NSF workshop on Genetics and Behavior, 2000; presenter, NIH workshop on the Comparative

Biology of Aging, 2002; presenter, Gordon Conference on Genes and Behavior, 2004; participant, NSF workshop on creating an ontology for Animal Behavior, 2004.

Member-at-Large:

J. H. (Jim) Benedix Jr.

Education: B.A. 1985, University of Maine; M.S., 1988, Northern Arizona University; Ph.D. 1991, Kansas State University; Postdoctoral Fellow, 1992-1993, University of California, Los Angeles.

Current Position: Associate Professor and Chair, DePauw University, Department of Biology.

Research Interests: Evolution of mating signals, the role of behavior in the maintenance of hybrid zones.

ABS and Related Activities: ABS member since 1993; Policy committee, 1998-2003 (Chair 2000-2003); Parliamentarian, 2002-2005

Regina H. Macedo

Education: B.S. 1984, Universidade de Brasilia. Brazil; M.S. Zoology 1986, University of Oklahoma; Ph.D. Zoology 1991, University of Oklahoma.

Current Position: Professor and Chair, Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade de Brasilia, Brazil.

Research Interests: Conflict and cooperation within social systems, reproductive behavior and mating systems of neotropical birds; communal and cooperative breeding.

ABS and related activities: ABS member since 1995; Developing Nations Grant Committee member 1999-2000; Latin American Affairs Committee member 1998-2001; Chair of Latin American Affairs Committee 2001-present; Assistant Editor Journal of Systematic Zoology 1986-1987. Editor Ararajuba – Brazilian Ornithology Journal 1997-1999; Reviewer for BES, Wilson Bulletin and some bird and ecology journals in South America. Research panels for CNPq (Brazilian Research Council) and Agencia Nacional de Promoción Científica y Tecnológica (Argentina).

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MINUTES
THE ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
16 JULY 2004
OAXACA, OAXACA MEXICO

1. President Jeff Galef called the meeting to order in at 10:15 AM. He introduced the newly elected officers and made a call for volunteers to join one of the several standing committees of the society.
2. Anne Clark announced this year's nominations for the offices of President Elect and Member at Large.
3. Treasurer Lee Drickamer noted that for the current FY04 year there would be as slight deficit of perhaps \$5000. He reported that for FY05 the projected income and expenses were projected to be in balance at about \$300,000 each. The bulk of the income comes from our subsidy from ASAB and from membership dues. He noted that as a society like ours matures, there will be opportunities for gifts from wills and estates, helping to endow various awards and society operations. Having our fiscal house in order is important in this regard, as those who are looking to make sizeable contributions would want to know that ABS was sound fiscally.
4. Secretary Molly Morris called for input on a current discussion concerning potential changes to the format of the newsletter due to its changing role in the society. She reported on last year's elections, which included a motion to allow for elections to take place via the web this coming year. In addition, she summarized the motions passed by the EC this past year, which included the following: Reorganization of the Central Office which included change in the titles of the current directors to liaisons, and duty of the President Elect to appoint the Central Office Coordinator; The current appointment of James Ha to this position was announced; The election of five new fellows (to be announced at the Banquet); voted to give the Executive Editor discretionary power to appoint members to the board of editors and active editors; and a change in policy in relation to who can present papers at our annual meetings. Finally, she announced that the Animal Behavior Society had sponsored a symposium at the AAAS meetings in Seattle Washington this past year; the symposium was titled "Behavior as a Way of Knowing Science" and was organized by Stephen Shuster.
5. Parliamentarian Jill Mateo (stepping in for past parliamentarian Jim Benedix) presented a motion from the Executive Committee to eliminate mention of the Ethics Committee from the Bylaws. She explained that based on advice from our lawyers, the Ethics Committee was disbanded and therefore mention of it in the Bylaws needs to be removed. Numerous questions followed, and many were concerned with the current methods of handling ethical issues and why these were less dangerous than having an Ethics Committee. However, it was noted that the current vote was not on the issue of whether the society should have an Ethics Committee, as this had already been decided, but on the removal of the reference to a committee that no longer existed. The following changes to the BYLAWS were voted in at the Business Meeting Oaxaca Mexico (49 in favor and 9 against). Changes to the CONSTITUTION will be voted on by all the members of the society in the November 2004 election.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY BYLAWS

Current version:

Section 10. Ethics Committee:

- a. Shall consist of a Chairperson appointed for three years and at least three members appointed for staggered terms of three years each, such that at least one term expires each year.
- b. Shall investigate allegations of misuse of the Animal Behavior Society's name, fraud, plagiarism and self-plagiarism in ANIMAL BEHAVIOUR, and other ethical issues and recommend action to the Executive Committee.

Recommended Version:

Section 10 deleted; Sections 11-17 renumbered 10-16

According to ABS Ethics Policy (Section 23b, subsection 1), allegations of misconduct shall be reported to the President.

6. Executive Editor George Uetz reported on the status of the journal. The impact factor for Animal Behaviour is very high, placing our journal in the top ranks of behavior journals in the world. While total submissions have been

declining over the years, these numbers were back up in 2003-2004. The acceptance rate is 40-42%. He also reported that there has been an enormous change in the process of handling manuscripts due to the shift to Editorial Manager online. Progress has been made towards the goal of a 4-6 month period from acceptance to publication.

7. James Ha, the designated host for the Snowbird meetings in Utah August 2005, reported on plans for next year's annual meeting. Snowbird is 6 miles from Salt Lake City and our meetings will be taking over the entire resort. There will be both hotel style housing and condos with kitchens. For the first time, a licensed day camp for kids will be available. In addition, a demonstration on the mountain in training dogs for avalanche work has been scheduled.
8. Jeff Galef called for new business, and as there was none, he made concluding remarks and called for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn the meeting was seconded and passed at 10:45 AM.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

12 JUNE 2004

Oaxaca Auditorium, Section II.

Hotel Misión de los Angeles.

Oaxaca, Mexico

Officers present: Uetz, Hart, Drickamer, Morris, Galef, Stoddard, Fewell, Yasukawa, Clark, Drummond

Officer elect present: Mateo (substituting for Benedix)

Officers absent: Nowicki, Benedix, Dewsbury and Schwagmeyer

Chairs and Liaisons present: Duncan, Ha, Plager (substituting for Bernstein), Perelle, Freeberg, Macida

Chairs and Liaisons absent: Taylor, Paz-y-Miño, Rambo, Bernstein, Estep, Barry, Haydock, Zawistowski and Jackson

1. The meeting was called to order at 9.00 am by President Jeff Galef. Introductions were made.
2. The Executive Committee (EC) approved the minutes from last years meeting.
3. Report by the Executive Editor George Uetz on the status of the journal. The impact factor for Animal Behaviour places our journal in the very top of the behavioral journals in the world. The switch to the electronic manager was not made without its problems, but every effort is being made to solve any of the remaining issues. One way to balance out the problem of editors going to the field is to increase the number of editors. The motion to give the Executive Editor the discretionary power to add to the editorial board and the list of active editors was approved by a vote of the Executive Committee.
4. The Executive Committee discussed the report of the EC visiting committee to the Central Office and the changes in organization they proposed. It was agreed by a unanimous vote that the positions currently held by Emilia Martins and Meredith West would be renamed from directors to liaisons of the central office. In addition, a new position was created to oversee the central office, and was given the title of central office Coordinator. This position will be appointed by the president of the society.
5. The Executive Committee voted to remove all reference to the Ethics Committee from Policy, as the Animal Behavior Society no longer has a standing Ethics Committee. It was noted that the society has an Ethics Policy for members of the Society. Reference to the Ethics Committee is also in the Bylaws, and so the EC approved a membership wide vote on removing these references to be held during the business meeting.
6. Treasurer Lee Drickamer reported that we are going to have a deficit for the coming year and that he would like to put some restraint on expenditures. Membership dues are down. He suggested \$50,000.00 of the budgeted income go into the reserve. The idea was presented of raising monies to set aside as endowments for awards.
7. As the next two annual meetings will be in the West during August, it was agreed that a site in the East during June should be sought for 2007. Future meetings are likely to be at convention sites and will require that we appoint "designated" hosts as compared to "on site" hosts. Information from members on sites where they have attended meetings will be requested so that a data base of potential sites can be generated.
8. This year's senior program officer, Phil Stoddard, spent many hours trying to follow the current guidelines of who can present a paper at the annual meetings. He proposed a change to Policy which removed the

“sponsorship” component of the regulations. This change to Policy was passed by a vote of the Executive Committee (see below).

Delete ABS Policy 8b & 8c:

8b. At the ABS Annual Meeting, members may sponsor or present only one technical or poster paper. At the same meeting, the same member may be a non-presenting, non-sponsoring author of additional technical or poster papers and may also present or sponsor one symposium or "invited paper" and one film. In cases where a member cannot present a paper, a co-author may not present the paper if he/she is already presenting another technical or poster paper.

8c. A non-member of the Society may present a paper if the paper is sponsored (introduced or co-authored) by a member.

Replaced with the following text:

Each ABS or ASAB member in good standing can submit one and only one abstract and is the only author of that abstract allowed to present the corresponding presentation. In addition, any member in good standing may also: (1) be an author on additional abstracts that he or she does not submit (2) present one invited presentation (e.g., plenary, symposium, workshop), or sponsor one film

9. It was agreed that the appointing of Animal Behavior Society representatives to other meetings will be made by the First President elect.
10. The role of the society's newsletter is changing, due to the increasing use of the website and ABSnet to post jobs and other announcements. Shan Duncan, Molly Morris and Steve Ramey will work to revise the newsletter, with considerations being given to a paper copy being mailed out once a year that will include more substantial articles.
11. Ira Perelle reported on the progress that has been made to replace the ABS logo, which needs to be replaced as our acronym overlaps with many different groups. Several logos were presented and it was agreed that we would solicit further ideas from the membership with a vote during the meetings by the members, but the choice to be made at a later date.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

16 JUNE 2004

Hotel Misión de los Angeles.

Oaxaca, Mexico

Officers present: Clark, Fewell, Yasukawa, Galef, Uetz, Morris, Hart, Drickamer, Drummond, Stoddard, Ha

Officers Elect present: Mateo (substituting for Benedix)

Officers absent: Nowicki, Benedix, Dewsbury and Schwagmeyer

1. President Jeff Galef called the second Executive Committee Meeting to order at 1:30 PM in a side room of the restaurant of the Hotel Misión de los Angeles.
2. James Ha reported that earnings from Silent Auction this year were over \$1,800.00!
3. President Galef moved that the ABS budget be approved, and the motion was passed.
4. There was a discussion of the need for an e-mail version of Robert's Rules of Order to guide the discussions of the Executive Committee throughout the year. Molly Morris and Jill Mateo agreed to draft a copy of the rules to send to the EC for consideration.
5. There have been some problems in getting the necessary information from committee chairs for programmatic issues out to the members in a timely manner. A motion was made that the responsibility of overseeing these announcements should become a duty of the secretary of the society, and the motion was passed by a unanimous vote.
6. Further discussion of venues for future meetings resulted in the idea of sending an e-mail to members to get a list of good locations where they have been for meetings over the past few years.
7. It was decided that the e-mail address of participants should be included in the program for next year.
8. President Galef entertained a motion to adjourn; the motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:10.