



# NEWSLETTER

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### CANDIDATES FOR 2008 ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Additional nominations may be made by letter to the 2007-2008 Nominating Committee Chair, Douglas Mock, Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019, USA. Phone: (405) 325-2751, E-mail: [dmock@ou.edu](mailto:dmock@ou.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, 2007. *Note: Information on the candidates will be posted with the ballot in the November newsletter (posted first on the website at <http://www.animalbehavior.org/> under the News and Announcements link on the left menu).*

### 2007 ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Animal Behavior Society at Burlington, Vermont, 21-25 July, was highly successful with over 600 attendees. **Ken Yasukawa** did a splendid job as local host. A warm thank you to Ken, volunteers, and staff who helped execute an excellent meeting. Look for highlights of the meeting in this and the November newsletter.

### FEATURED LECTURES

#### Keynote Address

Bert Hölldobler, School of Life Science and Center for Social Dynamics and Complexity, Arizona State University, opened the meeting with the Keynote Address featuring his fascinating work on ants titled "Multimodal signals in ant communication."



Bert Hölldobler answers questions

#### Fellows Lectures

**Randy Nelson**, Ohio State University, presented a Fellows Lecture on "Environmental regulation of trade-offs between reproduction and immune function."

**Elizabeth Adkins-Regan**, Professor of Psychology at Cornell University, presented a Fellows Lecture on "Hormonal activation and organization of mating and pairing: A tale of two birds."

#### NOTICE!

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Liz Adkins-Regan begins her talk

### President's Choice Lecture

**Jan Komdeur**, Animal Ecology Group, Center for Ecological and Evolutionary Studies, University of Groningen, Netherlands, presented his long-term study of Seychelles warblers in his talk titled: "Molecular tools reveal the hidden complexities of avian societies."



Jan Komdeur emphasizing a point

### 2007 AWARDS

ABS awards are presented on the final night of the annual meeting at the banquet.

#### ALLEE: BEST STUDENT PAPER 2007

*By Molly Morris*

Competition for the Warder Clyde Allee Award was stiff this year; there were 17 participants in the Allee Student Paper Session that extended over two days at the annual ABS meetings in Burlington, Vermont. It was quite interesting for me to learn that Warder Clyde Allee, after whom the session is named, was co-author on one of the first papers to describe the winner/loser

effect (even if all else is equal, giving one contestant a winning experience gives them a future advantage in contests, Ginsburg & Allee 1942), as well as a proponent of the notion that social cooperation outweighs competition in higher animals. To promote cooperation, the Animal Behavior Society sponsored a dinner the night before the symposium for both participants and judges and provided tickets to the banquet for all participants. However, I would like also to acknowledge the benefits of competition, which can be used to drive us to do our best, and which I think helped to produce some of the more amazing slides, stunning videos, and clearly presented talks of the meetings. Based on six talk and project criteria as well as an evaluation of the written paper, The Allee Award was given to **Karen Mabry**, University of California – Davis: "Habitat selection by dispersers: Natal habitat type affects dispersal behavior." Two runners-up were **Margaret Crofoot**, Harvard University, "The home-field advantage: The relative importance of location and group-size in capuchin intergroup competition," and **Ximena Bernal**, University of Texas – Austin, "Love bites: Interaction between *Corethrella* spp blood-sucking flies and tungara frogs." Congratulations! The Allee Awards are generously supported by donations from Princeton University Press, University of Chicago Press, Harvard University Press, Sinauer Associates, and Elsevier Press. The Animal Behavior Society is very grateful for their support. I would also like to thank the judges for their dedication to the process and their hard work: Chris Boake, Hugh Drummond, Jeff Podos, and Chair of the Allee Session, Molly Morris.

Ginsburg, B. and Allee, W.C., 1942. Some effect of conditioning on social dominance and subordination in inbred strains of mice. *Physiol. Zool.*, 15: 485-506.



(Left to right) Molly Morris, Karen Mabry, Margaret Crofoot and Ximena Bernal.

## 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.") **George Bartholomew** (1919-2006) was selected this year. A Fellow of the National Academy of Science, Dr. Bartholomew published scientific papers for 63 years, graduated 42 Ph.D. students, and had 14 postdocs.

The award for the best of 27 posters was shared by **Yu-Fang Tseng**, Tunghai University-Taiwan, and **Rebecca Hale**, Florida State University. Ms. Tseng's poster was titled "The dear enemy effect in *Uca lacteal*," and Ms. Hale's poster (with Joseph Travis) was "A comparative study of parental care and life history evolution in birds." Honorable Mention was awarded to **Sheila Reynolds**, University of Maryland (with Mary Christman, Al Uy, Gail Patricelli, Michael Braun, and Gerald Borgia), for the poster "Relatedness explains male display site location and bower display in satin bowerbirds, *Ptilonorhynchus violaceus*." Jerry Wilkinson, Tom Wright, Scott Creel, and Michelle Pellissier Scott served as judges.



Co-winners of the Founders award, Yu-Fang Tseng (left) and Rebecca Hale (right)

## 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. First place award for the best undergraduate research poster

awarded in 2007 went to **J. Scott MacIvor** (with Gard Otis and Jonathan Schmidt), University of Guelph, for his poster titled "Size does not matter: Dietary influence on mate selection by *Oncopeltus fasciatus*." **Bushra Wazed** (with Mitchell Baker), Queens College, and **Kathryn Kitchens** (with J. Chadwick Johnson), Arizona State University, were awarded Honorable Mention on their respective posters: "A trade between immunocompetence and resistance in a leaf beetle, *Leptinotarsa decemlineata*" and "Kin recognition and juvenile cannibalism in the black widow, *Latrodectus Hesperus*." Judges included Becky Talyn, Jennifer Mather, Sue Margulis, Abby Schwarz, Denise Pope, Catherine Bevier and Garrison Smith.



Kathryn Kitchens congratulated by Education Chair, Becky Talyn, as runner-up for the Genesis award

## ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY DIVERSITY GRANT

Each year, the Animal Behavior Society offers a limited number of awards from the Diversity Fund to cover registration fees for graduate students attending the annual ABS Meeting, with the goal of broadening the minority and ethnic representation. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at the time of application and must be members of under-represented minorities, including those living in North America who are African American, Native American, Asian American, and Hispanic American, or are citizens of Central or South America. We are pleased to announce this year's recipients: **Johel Chaves-Campos**, **Sofia Rodriguez Brenes**, **Paula A. Trillo** and **Michelle Brown**.

## ABS 2007 CAREER AWARDS

Presented at the annual meeting at Burlington, Vermont,  
by ABS President Doug Mock

**DISTINGUISHED ANIMAL BEHAVIORIST** – **Judy Stamps**, University of California at Davis, was recognized for her outstanding lifetime achievement and contribution to new theories and ideas about territoriality, habitat selection and evolution of behavior.

**EXEMPLAR AWARD** – **Mike Beecher**, University of Washington, was awarded the Exemplar Award for his long-term and significant contributions to animal behavior, including his work on song learning and its role in social processes.

**QUEST** – **Al Kamil**, University of Nebraska, was presented the Quest award for his seminal research on spatial memory and foraging in birds.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD** – **Zuleyma Tang Martinez**, University of Missouri--St. Louis, was awarded the Distinguished Service Award for sustained contribution to ABS as president and her efforts to diversify ABS and increase participation of Central and South Americans.



Judy Stamps is congratulated by ABS  
President Doug Mock

### CALL FOR SYMPOSIA FOR THE 2009 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 2009 in Chicago. Anyone interested in organizing a symposium for the meeting please contact Jan Randall at [jrandall@sfsu.edu](mailto:jrandall@sfsu.edu).



ABS President Doug Mock presents  
Exemplar Award to Mike Beecher



Al Kamil accepts Quest Award

### JOHN ALCOCK TO RECEIVE DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

*By Becky Talyn, Chair of the Education Committee*

The recipient of this year's Distinguished Teaching Award is John Alcock, Arizona State University. Dr. Alcock wrote *Animal Behavior*, the primary textbook used in a majority of undergraduate and some graduate animal behavior courses around the world for over three decades. According to his nomination letters: "Absolutely nobody has done more to promote the teaching of animal behavior than he." "He has ...taught so many of the rest of us how the course should be taught." This book with its focus on ultimate as well as proximate questions, clear explanations, numerous examples, excellent figures and stimulating discussions has reached tens of thousands of students. In addition to

authoring the textbook that has compelled many students to pursue animal behavior and assisted many faculty members in teaching animal behavior more effectively, John Alcock's personal interactions with students are exemplary. His "powerful intellect, steely, incisive and truing" personality helps students to "think more clearly about [their] ideas without getting lost in the details." In short, John Alcock personifies the intent of the Distinguished Teaching Award to recognize those members of ABS whose lifetime contribution has greatly impacted the teaching of animal behavior.



Zuleyma Tang Martinez proudly displays her plaque for Distinguished Service



Mike Ryan with his Fellows plaque.

## ABS FELLOWS HONORED

Congratulations to the Fellows of the Animal Behavior Society who were presented plaques at the annual meeting: Gene Robinson, Mike Ryan, Sarah Shettleworth, Andy Sih, and Marlene Zuk. They were elected for their research achievements and key contributions to the field of animal behavior

## OMEGA AWARD

Awards for the last talks of the conference went to Chris Evans (two years in a row), Macquarie University, and John Hammond, University of California – Davis.



John Hammond and Chris Evans looking pleased to receive an award for being last in the program

## 2007 ABS FILM FESTIVAL AWARDS

The 2007 Film Festival was held 21-22 July at the annual meeting in Burlington, VT. The winner of the Commercial Film Category was "Seasons of the otter," produced by Dale Johnson and Bob Landis (for Trailwood Films & Media). The winner of the Jack Ward Competition for films in the Non-commercial Category was "NUTS about capuchins," produced by Elisabetta Visalberghi (Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie della Cognizione (NcR) – Rome, Italy). The festival was well attended; approximately 60 persons attended each of the two evenings. Film Committee members who judged the films included Marianne Engle (chair), Todd Freeberg, Vladimir Pravosudov, and Barbara Clucas

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### MEETINGS

#### ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETINGS

**2008:** 14-19 August, Snowbird, Utah

**2009:** 22-26 June, Pirenopolis, Brazil

#### INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

**XXI International Bioacoustic Congress,**  
15-18 September, 2007, Pavia, Italy

**6th International Zoo and Wildlife Research Conference on Behaviour, Physiology and Genetics,**  
7-10 October, 2007, Berlin, Germany

**The Crustacean Society,**  
14-17 October, 2007, La Serena, Coquimbo, Chile

**International Primatological Society XXII Congress,** 3-8 August, 2008, EICC, Edinburgh, UK  
([www.ips2008.co.uk](http://www.ips2008.co.uk))

**International Society of Behavioral Ecology,**  
9-14 August, 2008, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY

**International Society for Comparative Psychology,**  
14th Biennial Meeting, 9-11 October, 2008, Buenos  
Aires, Argentina

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Purchases via the Amazon.com link on our main Web page, <http://www.animalbehavior.org>, contribute 5% of the total to ABS. If you have books to order and would like to contribute to the society's efforts at the same time, use the link.

**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. Contact ABS President Gerald Wilkinson, Department of Biology, University of Maryland, College Park, MA 20742 USA. Phone: (301) 405-6942, E-mail: [wilkinso@umd.edu](mailto:wilkinso@umd.edu).

**CALL for SYMPOSIA, INVITED SESSIONS and  
WORKSHOP PROPOSALS for 2008 and  
2009 ABS MEETINGS**

To organize a symposium, an invited paper session, or a workshop for the ABS Annual Meeting, you should contact the Senior or Junior Program Officers to discuss your ideas. We will first make sure that there are no potential conflicts with the topic that you are considering. Then we will ask you to prepare a pre-proposal and submit it to the Junior Program Officer. Organizers often find that consultations with the Program Officers when drafting the pre-proposal are helpful. The pre-proposal should be a page or two summarizing your intent for the session, and suggesting potential participants.

A symposium should be a profound and stimulating review of an important subject area that currently is a major focus of research. It should be a thorough treatment of past work and current research advances. A symposium should be of general interest to the majority of ABS members.

An invited paper session is a special grouping of papers that focus upon empirical results relating to a particular topic. Usually there is no all-encompassing historical-theoretical perspective, although the organizer(s) may wish to summarize the individual papers or arrange them according to some theme.

Pre-proposals for the 2008 meeting in Snowbird (14-19 August) will be circulated to the Executive Committee prior to the Annual Meeting and then discussed at the EC meeting (the day before the start of the Burlington meeting).

The 2009 meeting is scheduled for 22-26 June, in Pirenopolis, Brazil. The JPO encourages potential organizers to begin discussions about proposals for that conference.

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**CALL FOR ABS MEETING INVITATIONS**

ABS is seeking proposals for future meeting venues. Sites can be a resort or hotel, on a university campus or a mixture of the two. For information contact Douglas Mock, Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK 73019, USA. Phone: (405) 325-2751, E-mail: [dmock@ou.edu](mailto:dmock@ou.edu).

## MINUTES OF ANIMAL BEHAVIOR SOCIETY ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETINGS

### Executive Committee Meeting, 21 July, 2007

Present: Doug Mock, Jill Mateo, Chris Evans, Diana Hews, Jim Ha, Mike Ryan, Mike Breed, Becky Talyn, Joey Haydock, Jennifer Fewell, John Eadie, Sue Margulis, Shan Duncan, Regina Macedo, Steve Nowicki, Molly Morris, Mike Noonan, Colleen Cassady St. Clair, Alex Basolo, Jerry Wilkinson, Jan Randall, Ira Perelle

Doug Mock, President, called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

Minutes of 2006 business meeting approved

Officer Reports: See annual reports on the website

#### 1. Allee Awards

Molly Morris, Second President-Elect, who ran the Allee competition this year, suggested changes. There were 17 participants requiring the competition to extend over two days, which makes scheduling difficult and decreases the slots for talks. She was unable to limit the number of talks because the current ABS policy is for 18. Molly suggested limiting the number of Allee presentations to 14, instead of 18, 30-minute presentations during one day.

After discussion of various changes the following motion was passed: *Restrict talks to one day of 30-minute talks. Keep papers as they are.* (This would mean that if more than 14 students apply for the Allee, the committee will have to select applicants based on the paper submitted.)

#### 2. Secretary Concerns

Jan Randall asked for input about the newsletter. Jim Ha mentioned there is a complete set and it was proposed to put them on the Web as history of the Society.

ABS involvement in AAAS was discussed and it was decided to continue financially supporting a representative to go to the annual AAAS meeting.

#### 3. Future Meetings

Doug Mock announced that we do not have a venue for the 2010 meeting, but that he would work on it as past president. Discussion continued about letting potential hosts know that the job is not nearly as onerous as it used to be, and that invitations from universities as well as resorts would be considered.

#### 4. Brazil Meeting 2009

Regina Macedo asked about company sponsors such as Brazilian petroleum. A discussion followed about what type of company would be appropriate. This meeting is sponsored by PetCo. Brazilian petroleum may have a good environmental track record, but the consensus was to say no to big petroleum companies.

Motion Passed: *Designated host can bring suggestions for corporate-sponsored donations to meetings to the EC and the EC will decide.*

#### 4. Program

Jennifer Fewell explained that there were problems with the program when 65 people beyond the 200 signed up, and the Vermont meeting went to four sessions. If the trend continues, there may have to be a limit on the number of talks. Extra talks present a problem with the number of rooms available and so many concurrent sessions.

People will have to be flexible this year. We cannot go beyond 4 sessions and we must decide what to do about limiting talks. Various options were discussed. A motion was proposed to have program officers screen submissions for appropriateness of adhering to the policies and standards of ABS. The motion was withdrawn and instead Jerry Wilkinson as President and the Program officers were asked to construct a motion in two months about how to screen abstracts. The EC will discuss and vote on the motion via e-mail.

#### 5. Treasurer report – Jim Ha

We have a 79K surplus, which has not been deposited to an investment fund yet.

There was increased income from the journal and the exchange rate has been in our favor.

A discussion ensued about what to do with the surplus and it was scheduled to be continued on Tuesday. Jim Ha updated treasurer duties and Ramey and Ha updated bookkeeping.

## **6. ABS Online**

Shan Duncan reported on how the website is growing. It is now time to work on content. Outside people are needed to go through content and to help with documentation.

There was discussion about outside consultants. They cost a lot of money and do not understand content. What is needed now is a fresh pair of eyes. The best solution is to have the content done by ABS people.

Motion Passed: *The president will appoint a 3-4 member Web committee to establish content.*

## **7. Animal Behaviour Journal**

Mike Breed gave a three-part presentation about the journal.

### **First, where does the money from the journal come from?**

Electronic revenue	222,612.06
Print revenue	324,612.06
Additional revenue	8,767.81
TOTAL REVENUE	556,052.12 (in pounds)

Net Profit shared by ABS, ASAB and Elsevier is 389,000 pounds

ABS and ASB get 65% = 252,850 and ABS gets half of that = 126,425.00 pounds

Exchange rate is good for pounds, so ABS total from Elsevier was \$228,598.25 for 2006.

ASAB has negotiated a contract with Elsevier for another five years. There will be changes in journal management initiated by Elsevier in which the publisher will take over many of the mechanics, which will reduce the backlog, with the goal of no backlog by 2008. Now there is a backlog of 210 papers with 60 U.S. papers. Elsevier will copyedit the backlog and publish maximum pages through 2007 and then publish extra pages. No backlog will make *Animal Behavior* more competitive with *Behavioral Ecology* and *Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology*.

An advantage of being an individual subscriber is access to Vol. 1, compared with most libraries, which have a limited access of about five years. The subscription fee is going up in 2008.

### **Second, new editors and proposals for reviews are needed.**

Three new associate editors with expertise in bird and mammal mating systems and behavioral ecology and social behavior are desired.

### **Third, there are animal care issues.**

There is a big disjunction between two offices (ABS and ASAB) in issues of animal care. Authors from Canada and the United States go through institutions for animal approval and put this in acknowledgments. ASAB members go through a checklist with the Nottingham office that has negotiations with authors to meet their guidelines. People at Nottingham second guess authors, which causes big delays and makes authors jump through hoops. There is concern that ASAB is going to insist that ABS follow the same procedures. Where does Mike draw the line? One extreme is to go along and the other extreme is to say we will do our own journal.

North American papers may not provide complete enough detail about animal care in methods sections, so Mike as editor is planning to require more detail in the methods. Just listing the approval number in the acknowledgments is not enough, but he does not want to follow the checklist used by ASAB.

## **8. Financial responsibility**

In the future, ABS must make sure that the person running the meeting does not end up with a debt. If this is guaranteed, people will be willing to host meetings. Meetings have been in the black from 1-10K over in recent meetings.

Motion Passed: *ABS agrees to incorporate into policy that the Society assumes financial responsibility of the meeting and the host of the meeting must have approval of the treasurer who represents the Society's interest before registration fees are set. Surpluses shall be returned to the Society as friendly amendment.*

## **9. Fellows:**

Currently, a vote for new Fellows is limited to the EC, which limits the electorate and excludes active Fellows. Voting brings Fellows more into the Society and may cause some of them to attend meetings and be more active.

Motion Passed: *Change election of Fellows so that the EC plus active Fellows (paid membership) elect the next round of Fellows.*

## **10. Job Descriptions for Officers:**

These are out of date and need to be changed. The best approach would be for each officer to revise the description of the office he/she holds.

## **11. Mission Creep**

Doug Mock expressed concern about the tendency for tasks to be added to offices.

There are no formal mechanisms for things to be removed.

## **12. Applied Animal Behavior Program and Certification** (information from Jim Ha, Central Office Coordinator and Shan Duncan, website manager)

Running the program requires clerical work, which was supplied gratis by the Certification Committee Chair who had secretaries who did it. He is now no longer chair so we must find another way. There is a fair amount of work that needs to be done. One possibility would be to outsource the work. A private company will do it for a fee of about \$100-125.00. The Central Office (CO) does parallel tasks, so having them do it is another possibility. Jim Ha thinks that the Central Office staff could produce a bid to automate this and do it online. There is an application fee for each applicant. For an ABS member, the fee is \$75.00 with no money back. If the application is approved, there is another fee of \$75.00. Non-ABS members pay more. A total of 48 people have been certified under this program to give 800 plus into treasury. An advantage is that one can update one's own information if it is done through the CO.

Outsourcing the work would cause privacy issues because an outside organization would require more information about ABS. A mechanism is in place and the CO is already doing much of the same kind of work. It would be significantly cheaper to use the CO. The mechanism is in place and CO is already doing much of it. The justification for continuing to charge people money is to maintain the website and to buy new servers. If it is too inexpensive, people think being certified is not worth anything. Rates of \$300.00 for 5 years would be reasonable.

Motion Passed: *Convert the Certified Animal Behavior Application and review process over to a Web process to be maintained by the Central Office.*

## **Definition of Applied Animal Behavior**

Doug Mock asked, "What is applied animal behavior?" There is a broader world out there. Jim Ha does not think that the application is written very clearly for this diversity. Applied animal behavior has changed, so the wording should be changed and avenues should be changed. The motivation to be certified was questioned.

Jim Ha answered that there are cases where this means a lot and the logo can be used. Trademark of the ABS logo began the process for the certification. Shan Duncan has been trying to get an update of the definition of the program on the website for ages. The current definition is something he cobbled together. Ha hopes to improve the situation in a number of ways.

## **13. Space Situation at Central Office**

Upcoming issues of losing space at Indiana University.

## **14. Proposed Meeting with IEC**

Diana Hews presented a proposal from Amelia Martin from Indiana University for a joint ABS-IEC meeting in 2011. The advantages are a larger meeting with access to European scientists.

IEC proposes to shorten their meeting by 2 days and are asking us to add one day.

Generally EC members are in favor but need more information. Major concerns are cost, especially the financial burden on students, the limit on the number of Americans who can attend the meeting (a deal breaker), the number of plenary talks and who would invite them, the number of talks allowed, how to share, and the financial responsibility.

An ad-hoc subcommittee of present, future and past program officers, Diana Hews, Jennifer Fewell, Mike Noonan and Jan Randall will meet with Judy Stamps, incoming Secretary General of IEC, for more information before we meet again on Tuesday. Topic tabled until Tuesday, July 24.

**15. Symposia proposals** – Diana Hews and Jennifer Fewell

Problem discussed about obtaining proposals ahead of time so that the EC can vote on them. POs have to solicit symposia at annual meetings and have to contact people to get them to submit with lists of names and abstracts. Other societies require proposals much earlier.

It is important to have that information to make good decisions. EC has accepted limited information. It was only last year that the EC wanted complete information.

Diana Hews will edit the directions for submitting symposia. The deadline is the year before the annual meeting. There must be a list of committed speakers, etc. If we can get submissions two years in advance, the EC meeting is a good place to discuss proposals.

There was a discussion of three proposals for 2008 meeting.

**16. Any other business.**

No other business was discussed.

4:44 pm. Meeting adjourned

**EC Meeting Continued on Tuesday, 24 July, 2007**

12:50 p.m. – meeting began

Jim Ha, treasurer, presented a budget report for 2006-2007.

- Income
  - Projected: \$306,850
  - Actual: \$345,915
  - Surplus: \$ 39,065
- Expenditures
  - Projected: \$306,850
  - Actual: \$266,428
  - Under budget: \$ 40,422
- Surplus: \$79,486

\$1000 more in projected expenditures for travel to AAAS.

\$79,486 surplus by general rule goes to investments.

Galef, who does the investing, indicated that we do not need that much money for investments.

The question was raised about how the budget was determined.

Jim Ha answered that he looks at expenditures and creates a new budget and adjusts it up and down.

If money has not been used in the past year, Ha scales it down and listens to EC to budget.

Discussion turned to joint IEC and ABS meeting:

The ad-hoc subcommittee met with Judy Stamps and learned that the situation looks good and that there is flexibility.

The ad-hoc committee discussed a five-day meeting with one plenary per day and about 300 talks. One of the plenaries would be the Allee. Judy said the limit on the number of Americans attending the meeting would have to be changed because it is a deal breaker and that she would bring it up at the IEC in Halifax. We will have to work out the costs for students. All money for IEC comes from registration. ABS supports the meeting from registration and membership. Jan Randall is on the IEC Council and will represent ABS at the IEC meeting.

A discussion ensued about how to keep costs down and subsidize students and speakers for the meeting. Costs of travel to the Brazil meeting were also considered.

After a discussion about funds for the program and the president's discretionary fund, it was decided to set aside 30K for our intent of supporting the joint ABS/IEC meeting with the amount to be used to support student travel from the

Western Hemisphere, and another 30K could be used for Brazil. The remainder of the surplus, 19,486.45 would be invested.

Doug proposed that, instead of investing the whole 19.5K, some of it go to augment salaries of people in the Central Office because they are underpaid. A discussion about salaries and benefits of CO personnel occurred.

*Motion Passed: Take 10K for bonuses for four people in the CO.*

Jill proposed a quick bylaw change. The treasurer does not maintain the membership list. The maintenance of the membership list shall be changed in the bylaws to the Central Office.

*Motion passed to give Jerry Wilkinson an extra \$200.00 for the Founders award.*

Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

### **ABS General Business Meeting, 25 July, 2007**

Called to order by President Doug Mock at 12:20 p.m.

Ken Yasukawa reported that the meeting is going great.

Randall gave secretary report.

Jim Ha gave the treasurer report.

There now is a surplus of \$69,486.00.

60K will be invested in the fund earmarked to help support travel to Brazil in 2009 and for the IEC/ABS in 2011. The remainder will be invested into the ABS investment fund, which is currently about 700K. We get 23K in interest from that fund. For the coming year, there is a slightly reduced budget of \$305,790. Other sources of revenue come from orders from Amazon. If orders are done from the ABS website, there is a 5% return to ABS. A couple of years ago there was little return, but now it is about \$700.00. ABS members are encouraged to order books via Amazon from the website. ABS only gets the return if the orders are placed from the ABS website. There is also more money if members do not get the paper copy of the journal.

Editor report was given by Doug Mock for Mike Breed (see above).

Future meetings were discussed. A plea was made for hosts of future meetings, which can be either at universities or at resorts. The resort venue was an experiment. Doug proposes to get facts and figures together to see how the resort model works and its advantages and disadvantages. There are many campuses now that have conference personnel who do a lot of the work. Doug would like to find a campus next to a conference center and have the hybrid model with access to campus advantages and also resort staff. As a Society we are concerned about students. There is information on the website about hosting meetings. If you are interested and willing and can operate as a local host, we would like to hear from you.

Jim Ha reported on Snowbird 2008 right after ISB August 14-19.

We are going back because we liked it and we had no volunteers to go elsewhere.

We will return there because they were willing to have it and made it easy.

There are ways to cut food costs at Snowbird and there have been changes from the first year.

Regina Macedo gave a presentation on the Brazil meeting, 22-26 June, 2009.

The meeting is in the spirit of international collaboration and increased membership of Latin Americans in the Society.

The meeting will be in a small town in Pirenopolis near Brazilia. The resort has 105 rooms and over 100 small hotels in the area. There is no air conditioning, but it will not be necessary because it will be winter.

The auditorium holds 600 people.

Parliamentarian, Jill Mateo proposed a bylaw change:

Duty assigned to treasurer that no longer does it.

*Motion passed to delete treasurer and add that the Central Office maintains the official membership list of the Society.*

Scott MacDougall-Shackleton presented a report on the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB).

There will be lots of animal behavior talks. It meets in the first week of January and has the Division of Animal Behavior. SIBC is supportive of students and spends about 80K per year on support. Would like to encourage participation and ABS can register at membership rate. The abstract deadline is announced on ABSnet and in the newsletter. They are always looking for good symposia and have the option of being published.

The new slate of officers was announced:  
Second President-Elect: Susan Foster and Lynne Houck  
Secretary: Regina Macedo and Colette St. Mary  
Member-at-Large: Rich Buchholz and Jeff Podos

#### New Business

Last year there was talk about student representatives to the EC. What has been done?  
Doug answered that nothing has been done.

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.