

Attachment A

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ZOOLOGISTS
1993 Executive Committee Meeting
Los Angeles Hilton & Towers
December 26, 1993
Los Angeles, CA**

I. Call to Order

President Peter Marler was not able to attend due to illness and President-Elect Charlotte P. Mangum chaired the meeting. The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

In attendance were:

Jo Ann Cameron, Chair, Developmental & Cell Biology Division
James T. Carlton, Chair, Invertebrate Zoology Division
David Duvall, Chair, Animal Behavior Division
Bridget Farley, Administrative Coordinator
Milton Fingerman, Editor, *American Zoologist*
Robert Full, Chair, Membership Committee
Richard Grosberg, Chair, Ecology Division
James Hanken, Chair, Vertebrate Morphology
Mike Hadfield, 1994 President-Elect
Laura Jungen, Executive Director
Tom Koppenheffer, Secretary, Comparative Immunology Division
Hans Laufer, Chair, Public Affairs Committee
Paul Licht, Chair, Comparative Endocrinology Division
Charlotte P. Mangum, President-Elect
Linda H. Mantel, Chair, Comparative Physiology & Biochemistry Division
Frank L. Moore, Program Officer
M. Patricia Morse, Past-Chair, Education Committee
Mary Ann Ottinger, Secretary
Jennifer L. Specker, Member-At-Large
David B. Wake, Past President
Marvalee H. Wake, Chair, Systematic Zoology Division
Timothy Yoshino, Chair, Comparative Immunology Division

President-Elect Charlotte Mangum briefed the committee on the current status of the Society.

II. Approval of Minutes

Secretary Mary Ann Ottinger made a Motion to approve, as amended (see

attachment A), the Minutes of the December 26, 1992 Executive Committee Meeting, and December 28, 1992 Annual Business Meeting held in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. The MOTION was SECONDED by Charlotte Mangum and PASSED.

The results of the 1993 Constitutional Amendments, new Bylaws, and results of the ASZ officer and divisional elections were presented (see attachment B).

Secretary Mary Ann Ottinger opened a discussion regarding the new ASZ newsletter format. She requested that each Division consider creating a new masthead for their newsletters using logos and graphic elements to make the newsletters distinctive. She also requested that a centralization of information occur and general information be placed in the General Newsletter section.

III. Treasurer's Report

Past-President David B. Wake presented, in Kathy Packard's absence, to the membership a year-end summary of the Society's finances. He expressed gratitude for the overwhelming support of the ASZ members for their assessment payments. He also expressed thanks to contributors who donated more than the requested assessment and that those names were listed in the *American Zoologist*, Vol. 33 #4. The Society should end the year in a break-even position or with a slightly negative balance if the Los Angeles Meeting attendance does not fall below budget.

He then reviewed the main points of the 1994 proposed budget including adding the following activities to benefit the Society long-term:

- 1) Rebuild the Endowment
- 2) Create a Reserve Fund
- 3) Reinstate the Divisional Budgets to be used in constructive and creative ways

He pointed out that the first quarter of 1994 is an important period for membership and subscription renewals. The outlook is positive to date. He asked the membership to help encourage members to renew and students and colleagues to apply for membership.

The ASZ applied for a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant to cover Journal costs through 1994 and he announced that this grant was declined by NSF. Paul Licht MOVED to pass the 1994 annual budget, Mary Ann Ottinger SECONDED the MOTION and it was PASSED.

IV. Program Officer Report

Program Officer Frank L. Moore gave his report on the attendance of the 1993 Annual Meeting with an attendee count of approximately 800. It was also reported that NSF provided support to the 1993 symposia organizers. He pointed out that we will be marketing the 1994 St. Louis meeting and asked for support in planning symposia for the 1995 Washington meeting. He stated that it is ASZ's goal to support organized symposia to cross over multiple divisions versus very narrow topics.

The executive committee also discussed ways to attract more members to the meetings. One option discussed was extending the annual meeting abstract deadline into mid September. Other options include decreasing the \$30 abstract fee; earlier mailing of the conference program and utilizing electronic mail avenues.

The past president's banquet and address were discussed. Paul Licht **MOVED** to cancel future Past President Banquets due to lack of attendance, Jennifer Specker **SECONDED** and it was **PASSED**. In addition, President-Elect Charlotte P. Mangum will appoint a committee to organize a plenary address/session to include the past president's address at future meetings.

The Executive Committee endorsed a resolution requested by Zuleyma Tang-Martinez as follows:

"The American Society of Zoologists Executive Committee resolves to oppose legislation, initiatives, and constitutional amendments that seek to deny gay, lesbian and bisexual citizens protections against harassment and discrimination based on sexual orientation".

Jennifer Specker **MOVED** to pass the above noted resolution, Linda Mantel **SECONDED**, and the **MOTION** was **PASSED**.

The Executive Committee discussed having the ASZ Secretary send the resolution with a letter from the President to the Missouri Governor and to the St. Louis Convention & Tourism Bureau. David Wake **MOVED** to pass the above noted mailing, Marvalee Wake **SECONDED**, and the **MOTION** was **PASSED**.

V. Divisional Reports

Highlights of the divisional reports are as follows:

- 1) Animal Behavior Division: Chair David Duvall announced that the Animal Behavior Society will make a donation of \$250 to the ASZ annually.
- 2) Comparative Endocrinology: Chair Paul Licht expressed concern that his division competes with the other large meetings and his members do not consider the ASZ meetings as their primary meetings.
- 3) Comparative Immunology: Chair Timothy Yoshino asked the Executive Committee to accept dissolution of his division. His reasons include a decline in their division's regular and student member participation at the ASZ meetings, and other society's meetings draw a greater number of Comparative Immunology members. Yoshino also felt that with the division's small size and disappointing attendance, they no longer have the support to maintain a viable division.

Because of the above request, President-Elect Charlotte Mangum will appoint an ad hoc committee to review the divisional organizational structures and ASZ organizational structure overall.
- 4) Comparative Physiology and Biochemistry: Linda Mantel announced that the first recipient of the George Bartholomew award is Barbara Block.
- 5) Invertebrate Zoology: Chair James Carlton announced the 1994 Libbie Hyman Scholarship program and asked that interested parties be instructed to request applications by writing Claudia Mills, Chair, ASZ Libbie Hyman Scholarship Committee, Friday Harbor Laboratories, University of Washington, 620 University Road, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.
- 6) Systematic Zoology: Chair Marvalee Wake announced new bylaws changes.

VI. Committee Reports

- 1) Education Committee: Past-Chair Patricia Morse announced that the proposed new structure of this ASZ committee has been accepted and will now be called the Educational Council. The Council will use 1994 as an organizational period.
- 2) Membership Committee: Chair Robert Full gave a report on the current membership counts reflecting a drop in membership of approximately 650 or 10% from 1992. He discussed many ways of renewing the membership and

proposed that a variety of overall Society initiatives be implemented in 1994.

3) Public Affairs Committee: Chair Hans Laufer mentioned that there was much excitement for the 1993 Public Affairs Panel featuring many press and media representatives. He expressed the need for future meetings to consistently include a press forum or panel session and the importance of inviting or co-sponsoring ASZ meetings with other writers or organizations that are active in outreach programs. The Executive Committee directed the Secretary to draft a letter of appreciation, from the ASZ President, to Laufer & Associates for their assistance in organizing and executing 1993 Public Affairs Panel.

VII. Other Business

President-Elect Charlotte Mangum will appoint an ad hoc publications committee to address potential opportunities for ASZ to be affiliated with a new trends-type journal.

VIII. Adjournment

A MOTION was made to adjourn, it was SECONDED and PASSED. The Executive Committee adjourned at 11:10 p.m.