

Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
Executive Committee Meeting
January 8, 2000
Atlanta, Georgia

Present:

Martin Feder, President
Kimberly Smith, Treasurer
Alan Kohn, Past President
Mark Martindale, Member At Large
Timothy Bradley, DCPB Chair
John Pilger, Education Foundation Chair
Steve Nowicki, DAB Chair
Scott Gilbert, DDCB Chair
Sally Woodin, DIZ Chair
Kimberly Hammond, Member At Large Elect
Richard Burian, DICI Chair
Daphne Fautin, DEE Chair
Andrew Biewener, DVM Chair
David Norris, DCE Chair
Penny Hopkins, Secretary Elect
John Pearse, Program Officer
Ron Dimock, Treasurer Elect
Rudy Raff, DEDB Chair
Stacia Moffett, DNB Chair
Thomas Wolcott, Secretary
Paula Mabee, DSEB Chair

Staff:

Susan Heckman, Account Manager

Guest:

Bret Burk, Burk & Associates

- I. The meeting was called to order by President, Martin Feder.
- II. Review of first meeting
 - A. Increase GIA \$3000
 - B. Decrease the abstract fee from \$25 to \$0
 - C. Science Writer Prize - no motion.
 - D. Comp. Reg. for officers, two per division, 24 total. New expense not to effect the current executive committee members.

MOTION: Officers and three divisional officers will receive complimentary registration at the meeting.

Approved

MOTION: All in favor of symposium speakers that are members of the society to receive complimentary registration for the annual meeting to begin in 2001.

Approved

- E. \$25,000 for 2001 to support scientific programming and to increase the attendance at the meeting.

Discussion

- Would like for this committee's members to be added to the Executive Committee.
- Feder - As President, this would need to be added to the Constitution and he would veto the idea.
- Division Program Officers will have to be included in the proposal.
- Looking for Integrative and Comparative Biologists to be on this committee.
- Appointee's will be approved by the Executive Committee.
- Bradley - If this idea is passed, the society will be putting as much money into this program as it does for the divisions. The divisions already receive low funds.
- Burian - Divisions feel their roles are lost.
- Moffett - Felt comfortable about the idea because it isn't a long term commitment.
- Fautin - Finding more volunteers to start this new committee will be difficult.
- Nowicki - Was interested in supporting the idea and suggested that the Executive Committee review it next year.
- Gilbert - Agreed with Nowicki's statement but questioned if they could really assess the program after one year in operation.
- Woodin - How many new symposium would be developed from this committee?
- Feder - No commitment - should be a process of where only the best survive.

MOTION: To support the proposal with the support of the Program Advisory Co.
By: Stacia Moffett
Second: John Pearse
Approved

MOTION: Temporary suspension of the division DICI to reform it's mission.
By: Richard Burian
Second: Scott Gilbert
Approved

F.

1. Bids for web site services

	Birenheide	AIBS	UW	Allen
To take over the two current sites & membership and to make it better	\$15,000	\$23,641		
Functions on Strategic Plan	\$6,000	\$4,488		
Electronic AZ	\$9,000		\$3,000	\$15-17K/Yr.

AIBS - positive for being an established company
 negative - not biologist
 Birenheide - positive - he is a biologist
 negative - this will be the first time in site development

MOTION: To give Birenheide a try for both Internet sites.
By: Thomas Wolcott
Second: Daphne Fautin
Approved

2. Electronic American Zoologist

- Would begin with the most recent volume.
- AZ would be put on the web for members.
- Allen Press bid is high.

- Why do this at all? 1). BioOne will be available only to libraries and it would be nice to make the journal available on line to members wishing not to receive hard copies.
- Electronic memberships could then be made available to members
- Not enough information is available to proceed.
- Discussion was then tabled.

III. Issues from section VII. - part of first Executive Committee meeting agenda.

- A. Motion of confidence in electrification of SICB. Many divisions reported that it has gone well. Some have expressed difficulty in getting access to electronic information. Printed copies of the abstract guidelines, advanced registration packet and membership renewal forms will still mailed to all members.
- B. Motion of confidence re change to topical sessions at annual meeting. By large, most people liked the topical sessions. The Program Officer and Division Program Officers were thanked for their help.
- C. Discontinuation of abstract volume American Zoologist. Most of the members that answered the survey felt that the abstract volume should remain in the printed form. Some would like to receive the abstract volume prior to the meeting. If this option is made available, then the date of abstract submission must be pushed back. Members also expressed that they would be willing to pay extra for receiving the volume prior to the meeting.
- D. Incorporation of botanical and microbial. If these groups were included, it would increase the size of the annual meeting. Some member questioned the complexity.
- E. American Zoologist name change. Each year the American Zoologist gets smaller and smaller but the Integrative Biology journal gets bigger and bigger. If the AZ journals does changes its name will libraries subscribe?

Discussion:

- Feder - Many journals have two titles and many journals have changed names.
- Pilger - The society depends on the journal for revenue. Would the name change increase or decrease the amount of members.
- Smith – How can we increase revenue with the decline of the journal. This can be done by increasing membership, have a break even meeting and invest money.
- Dimock - AMS changed the name of their journal. They kept the same sequence as the old journal and it has been very successful.

The Publication Committee will be asked to explore this.

IV. Installation of new members and resolution of gratitude to retiring members.

Outgoing: Tom Wolcott, Secretary
 Mark Martindale, Member-At-Large
 Robert Dores, DCE Chair
 Timothy Bradley, DCPB Chair
 Paula Mabee, DSEB Chair

Incoming: Marvalee Wake, President Elect
 Penny Hopkins, Secretary
 Ron Dimock, Treasurer Elect
 Kim Hammond, Member-At-Large
 Dave Norris, DCE
 Steve Have, DCPB

- The outgoing members were thanked. A new President-Elect needs to be elected. New officers were welcomed to the committee.
- The new Executive Director, Bret Burk, from Burk & Associates was introduced.
- Smith Bucklin was thanked for a job well done.
- The meeting has been running smoothly and the posters were a huge success!
- President, Martin Feder met with the vendors for breakfast. The vendors would like for the posters to run longer.
- Distribution of the meeting rooms worked well this year.

- Division socials were poorly attended. The socials will be discontinued but if a division asks for one the society will pay for it. Some divisions set up their socials off site and found them to be very well attended.
- Very few division chairs responded to the Treasurer Kimberly Smith's request for funding.

V. New Business

- A. Should students be allowed to pay the year before the meeting and not be a member the year the abstract was submitted?

Discussion:

First time students who submit an abstract should promise to join the society and when they register for the meeting, pay their dues.

They should be required to pay dues for the next year.

What about Grants - In - Aid ?

MOTION: Payment of a first time student who submits an abstract must pay the student registration rate plus dues for proceeding year at the time of abstract submission.

By: Ron Dimock

Seconded by: Andrew Biewener

Approved

MOTION: First time students who submit a Grants-In-Aid application, will be able to pay dues for the following year instead of the year the application was submitted.

Motion declined.

- B. West coast Executive Committee members - SICB will pick up the extra night if you came in on January 3, 2000. Please contact Martin Feder.

VI. Meeting Adjourned.