

**AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ZOOLOGISTS
1993 Annual Business Meeting
Los Angeles Hilton & Towers
December 27, 1993
Los Angeles, CA**

I. Call to Order

President-Elect Charlotte P. Mangum called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm. She reported that Peter Marler was unable to attend due to illness.

II. Secretary's Report

A) Secretary Mary Ann Ottinger called for a MOTION to approve the Minutes of the last business meeting. It was MOVED, SECONDED and PASSED to approve as published in the *American Zoologist*, VOL.33 #3, the Minutes for the December 27, 1992 Annual Business Meeting.

B) Mary Ann Ottinger reported the election results for 1994 general officers of the Society. The new board is:

President	Charlotte P. Mangum
President-Elect	Michael Hadfield
Past President	Peter R. Marler
Secretary	Susan Peters
Treasurer	Mary J. (Kathy) Packard
Program Officer	Frank L. Moore
Managing Editor	Milton Fingerman
Members-At-Large	Sharon M. Russell
	Jennifer L. Specker
	Penny M. Hopkins

C) Summary of 1993 Executive Committee Meeting, December 26, 1993

Specific items discussed during the meeting were as follows:

- 1) Revision for Constitutional Amendment: Article II, Section 5
- Emeritus Members

CURRENT WORDING:

Emeritus members: "Any individual who has retired and who has paid dues for twenty-five years shall, after written application to the Secretary, be designated an emeritus member. Any individual who has retired and who has paid dues for ten years shall, after written application to the Secretary, be designated a short-term emeritus member. Both emeritus and short-term emeritus members shall have all the rights and privileges of members. Emeritus members shall be assessed no dues; short-term emeritus members shall be assessed 25 percent dues. The *American Zoologist* shall be available to emeritus and short-term emeritus members by paid subscription".

PROPOSED WORDING:

"Any individual ASZ member who has retired shall, after written application to the Secretary, be designated as an Emeritus Member. Emeritus members shall hold one of two levels of membership; those who receive the Journal and those who do not. The Executive Committee will set membership dues as stated in the Bylaws".

A MOTION to change the current wording to the above noted proposed wording was made. The MOTION was SECONDED and PASSED.

2) The Past President's Banquet will be cancelled for future meetings due to the lack of attendee participation.

3) An ad hoc committee will be appointed by President-Elect Charlotte Mangum to organize a plenary session for future annual meetings.

4) An ad hoc committee will also be appointed by President-Elect Charlotte Mangum to review the ASZ divisional organizational structure to ensure they are meeting the needs of our members.

5) Pertinent to our next meeting and due to possible pending legislation in Missouri, the Executive Committee has PASSED the following resolution:

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

A MOTION was made from the floor and SECONDED that the above resolution be endorsed by the membership. This was PASSED. This resolution will be sent to the Governor of Missouri and to the St. Louis Convention and Tourism Bureau which is the site of ASZ next annual meeting.

6) Public Affairs Committee Chair Hans Laufer requested a letter be sent from the President to Jessica Laufer of Laufer & Associates in recognition of their support in helping arrange the Public Affairs Committee Panel Discussion with key people from the news media. This was PASSED and the Secretary, Mary Ann Ottinger, was directed to send the letter.

IV. 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 from the ASZ members for their volunteer support and assessment contributions. It is anticipated that the Society will end the year with a small loss since the Los Angeles Meeting attendance is slightly below budget. He also expressed thanks to contributors who donated more than the requested assessment and mentioned that those names were listed in the *American Zoologist*, Vol. 33 #4.

He reviewed the main points of the 1994 proposed budget including plans to implement the following 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.

A MOTION was made to accept the 1994 Annual Budget, it was SECONDED and PASSED.

V. Educational Council

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. Morse thanked Lou Burnett, Rachel Merz and Linda Mantel for their help in creating this new Council.

VI. Awards

Secretary Mary Ann Ottinger, Member-at-Large Mimi A.R. Koehl and President Peter R. Marler were recognized for their dedication as executive committee members to the ASZ.

VII. New Business

Charlotte P. Mangum was officially recognized as 1994 ASZ President.

Charlotte Mangum presented final comments primarily asking the membership to help organize broad cross-divisional symposia for future meetings. She mentioned that the 1994 symposium, being organized by Joan Ferraris, on "Molecular Approaches to Zoology and Evolution", will be an excellent forum for all members of the ASZ.

Charlotte Mangum announced Barbara Block as the 1993 George Bartholomew Award winner. She announced that a comprehensive survey would be mailed to the membership in early 1994 which will solicit members input on annual meeting and member services.

An announcement was made by ASZ member, Jane Westfall regarding an Anne Kammer Memorial Scholarship to fund women in Science at Woods Hole Marine Biological Laboratory. Contributions can be sent either to Woods Hole or directly to Dr. Jane Westfall, Department of Anatomy & Physiology, Veterinary Medical Science, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS, 66506.

A MOTION to adjourn occurred at 6:45 pm, it was SECONDED and PASSED.

Respectfully submitted by Mary-Ann Ottinger.

