

Annual Business Meeting
Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology
January 7, 2000
Atlanta, Georgia

I. Welcome

President, Martin Feder welcomed everyone to the meeting.

II. Secretary Report

A. Tom Wolcott asked for a motion to approve the 1999 Business Meeting minutes
Minutes were approved by acclamation.

B. Review of Election Results

- Marvalee Wake President Elect
- Ron Dimock Treasurer Elect
- Kim Hammond Member At Large

III. Treasurer Report

Kimberly Smith, reported the societies revenue and expenses for 1999.

- **Revenue** - The journal is declining. 50% of the societies revenue is generated from the journal. We need to find other ways to generate revenue to foster the revenue associated with the journal. There has been a decline in international subscriptions.
- **Expense** - \$910,000 was budgeted and \$757,000 was spent in 1999. The main reason behind the decrease is discontinuing the subscription of IB. IB would have cost the society \$76,000 in 1999.

Two charts were shown on the overhead projector displaying summary sheets of 1999 Year in Review.

IV. 99 year in review

- A. Switched to topical sessions and plan to move forward.
- B. Electronic communications has saved the society a lot of money.
- C. The Strategic Plan is on the web site for reading.
- D. Integrative Biology - was not a success and has since been discontinued.
- E. Transition of management companies. Smith Bucklin will be replaced by Burk and Associates. BAI is a smaller management company that is less expensive. The transition not happening because of poor performance. This has been the smoothest running meeting in history. Audience agreed and applauded.
- F. Brief report was given by NSF representative Grace Wyngard.
NSF currently has several vacancies due to staff changes. Please contact Grace at NSF for further details.

V. 2000 Focus

- A. Again emphasized that the transition of management companies was not due to poor performance.
- B. SICB has a small membership and meeting. This is a good time to begin to increase membership and if not, SICB will see a downward spiral. The society currently has 2200 members. Please encourage members to complete the questions for SICB.
- C. Looking to decrease 2001 dues by 10%, eliminate abstract fees, decreased full member registration fee's.
- D. Shift to topical sessions. Encourage divisions to promote own division.
- E. Electronic communications - Several attendees felt that the final program should continue to be printed and that they no longer read the newsletter. Some cautioned that the society not to do too much too fast.
- F. American Zoologist on the web. From the responses Martin has received, it was clear that members wanted to continue receiving the program book. Some members would like to be able to pay extra to receive the printed book prior to the meeting. The overall majority would rather pick up the final program on site.

G. Vote on proposed by law change - Presentations at the meeting to be approved by the Executive Co.
Motion was approved by acclamation.

VI. Other Business

Victor Hutchison spoke about the current issue of textbook disclaimers. He asked that the Executive Committee approve to draft a resolution to find out what is happening in each state.
Motion was approved by acclamation.

VII. Adjournment