

2016 AAS Business meeting minutes

- Approval of 2015 Business meeting minutes (**Hedin**)

Motion made and approved to waive the minutes of the 2015 meeting.

- Membership Report – (**Jeff**)

Pointed out that if we look at regular members, there has been a consistent decline in membership. Went down 11% since last year and 41% since 2006. May represent socio-economic factors but it is something we should consider. We did have an increase in total membership because of the ICA (mostly because of students joining).

Institutional membership continues to decline but is compensated for by JStor and BioOne.

Brian Patrick is taking over as membership secretary.

Al Cady recognized Jeff's service to the society.

Thanks to Brian for taking over from Jeff.

- Treasurer Report – (**Karen**)

Society is doing well financially. Total assets are \$207K roughly. BioOne is our major source of revenue now with \$38K this year, compared to \$31K from membership dues. We also get money from JStor.

We have \$ in our investment acct totaling about \$74K.

ICA host raised money to support attendees to the ICA.

We also continue to get money from our anonymous donor.

We raised \$31K to support attendees.

SNAIM is being revised so we have paid out \$ for Pierre Paquin and Sarah Crews towards that revision. We still make \$ from existing guide (made about \$5K this year from SNAIM sales).

- JOA Report – (**Hedin**, brief summary)

@ 100 submissions per year. Acceptance rate about 50%. Impact factor hovering around 1.0. Journal has moved to an online submission process and review process. This is a good thing moving forward.

- Future meeting sites – (**Rich**)

2017: Fernando Alvarez Padilla will host in Yucatan, Mexico

2018: Cara Shillington and Anne Danielson Francois will host at Eastern Michigan campus.

2019: Joel Ledford has volunteered to host at UC Davis.

- SNAIM update - (**Paula**)

Paula updated attendees on the status of the full revision of SNAIM. Expect the hard copy to be ready before the end of the year. E-version will take a bit longer.

- Election results – (**Marshal**)

Eileen Hebets was congratulated on being elected the new Director

- **New Business from EC meeting (Hedin)**

We created a job of auditor to the past-president Director's role.

- Increased funding to AAS/Roth Student Research Grant.

We will increase funding levels of AAS and Roth student research grants

Deb Smith, Al Cady, and Bruce Cutler were thanked for their service on the grant review committee.

Deb has asked for volunteers to be added to the committee to share the workload.

- New Business from the Floor??

- Petra Sierwald: Requested some report of winners of HLMGAR grants to be posted on the website.

Paula can ask Jan to post notifications of winners on the website. Petra will send Paula the reports and will suggest where to post.

Paula was thanked for hosting the ICA meeting

- Fernando presented about 2017 meeting in Mexico.
- Marshal announced needed nominations for student rep for the AAS EC
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