

AAS 2017 Business Meeting Minutes: Juriquilla, Querétaro, Mexico

Submitted Paula E. Cushing, Secretary, August 17, 2017

- **Marshal Hedin, President, opened the meeting.**
- **2016 Business meeting minutes approved** (they had been sent to members earlier in the year).
- **Reports –**

- **Membership:** Brian Patrick – membership: 2006 – 2016 we have seen decline in membership of @ 40%. Spike in membership last year due to US ICA meeting. We are on par to keep those increased #s. People tend to lapse membership because they forget or don't plan to attend mtg. #s are stabilizing. 72 new members as of today for 2017. About what we get every year. Institutional memberships has decline @ 13%. But we make JoA available via JStor and BioOne and we get good income from those sources.

Wayne Maddison asked if it would be possible to pay for 3 yrs. Answer: Yes – you can pay for as many yrs as you want. He encouraged to become life member.

Way to proceed: when you go to check out in Paypal, select more than one payment or do paypal payment multiple times (for multiple yrs).

- **Journal of Arachnology:** Rich Bradley presented JoA report; tried to channel Deb Smith, Editor in Chief of JoA. Report for 2016 (Rich presented ppt).

Bob Suter stepped down as E-in-C and Deb Smith took over.

TJ Jones took over as Behavior editor from Beth Jacob

Rick Vetter Managing editor

Martin Entling is Ecology

Mark Harvey & Michale Rix are Systematics

Peter Michalik is Morphology & Systematics editor.

Journal is getting about 95 submissions (about same as in recent years). Increasing # from past yrs.

Acceptance rate was 32% (going down) Journal getting more selective

JStore + BioOne income is over \$44K.

Impact factor as shown by BioOne was 0.691 (same as 2015); although the most current is nearly 1.0.

Showed hits for Journal internationally. U.S. accounts for 33% and 17% for Brazil. Hits substantial from around world.

Presented top ranked journal articles since 2001. Many of these were review articles.

JoA does well in terms of comparable journals in terms of # hits. And revenue share (via BioOne) also comparable.

- **Future Meeting Sites:** Rich Bradley presented:

2018 Eastern Michigan Univ, Ypsilanti, MI 22-28 June 2018. Hosts: Cara Shillington & Anne Danielson-Francois

2019: TBD. If anyone is interested in hosting the 2019 meeting, contact Rich Bradley at bradley.10@osu.edu.

2019: ICA year Christchurch, NZ, 10 – 15 Feb 2019. Host Cor Vink, Canterbury Museum, Christchurch.

2020: Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. Host, Jason Bond.

Rich showed video promoting 2018 meeting in Eastern Michigan University.

- **Treasurer's Report:** Eileen Hebets – presented Treasurer's report. Income in slight decline but due to SNAIM 2nd edition publication. Have \$165K as a society and that has just been increasing over the years. We expect to make decline income back as SNAIM sells increase.
- **Graduate Student Report:** Julia Cosgrove– presented Grad Student report. She is our new Grad Student Representative. Students should have received email from Julia about this meeting so they have her email (it is: juliacosgrove@g.harvard.edu). Also we are putting together social media committee. **People interested in helping with that please get in touch with Julia.**
- **SNAIM Report:** Paula Cushing presented report on *Spiders of North America: an identification manual* report. 2nd edition of SNAIM has recently been published. Retail price is \$95 US; price for AAS members is \$50 US. It can be purchased by members via the AAS website.

SNAIM editors plan to produce an e-version of the manual; but this will be done at a later date. The e-version will be available via online book dealers and will retail for \$50 US. There will be no member discount for the e-version.

Both the e-version and the hard copy version are copyright protected and cannot be freely downloaded since sales are one source of income for the society.

2000 copies of the 2nd edition have been printed. We are compiling errors found in this first printing and will correct these errors for the 2nd printing. Email any errors to Paula.Cushing@dmns.org and/or pierre.paquin123@gmail.com.

- **PR report:** Paula Cushing is the Press Relations officer for the JoA and will serve as a member of the new social media committee chaired by Julia Cosgrove (see above). Cushing continues to send out PRs to promote articles of general interest in upcoming issues of the *Journal of Arachnology*. PRs are only sent out if Cushing and the JoA editors identify an article has having potentially broad appeal to a general audience. Cushing is always interested in receiving names of science journalists or bloggers. Send these contacts to Paula.Cushing@dmns.org
- **Election results:** Cushing presented. Candidates were thanked. Congratulations to Greta Binford for winning President Elect position and to T.J. Jones for Director position. Cara Shillington is our new Treasurer. Karen Cangialosi was thanked by applause for her long service as AAS treasurer. All those who ran for officer positions were thanked including: Linda Rayer (who agreed to run for President Elect) and Brent Hendrixson (who agreed to run for Director).
- **New Business – Marshal presented new business**
 - Membership decline –a survey will be sent out to try and determine how to retain members and why membership lapses.

New members needed for student grant committee.

We will start encouraging people interested in particular topics to get together informally during annual meetings.

EC discussed incentives for EC members to attend meetings.

Open floor for new business.

Marshal thanked Charles Griswold for serving as past president who will rotate off EC in September.

Marshal thanked all student presenters; particularly those who had to present in non-native language.

Also thanked all those people and students who helped Fernando and particularly to Fernando for being willing to host the meeting.

Movement made to ajourn. Movement seconded. Meeting adjourned.

ADDENDUM: Winners of student presentation awards 2017 AAS annual meeting:

1st place Oral Presentation: Mary Jones, Angelo State University: "Diversity in the diet of the microwhip scorpion (Palpigradi: Eukoenieniidae) from Val Verde County in southwestern Texas as revealed by molecular analysis"

Runner up Oral Presentation:

1st place Poster Presentation: