

## **Second EC Meeting**

July 25, 2018

Albuquerque, NM

**Present:** David Bird, Billy Crow, Cynthia Gleason, Kathy Lawrence, Tesfamariam Mengistu, David Shapiro-Ilan, Brent Sipes, Sally Stetina, and Guiping Yan

**Invited:** Steve Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m.

**Approval of all Minutes of 2017-18:** KL moved and GY seconded to approve minutes of electronic board meeting and Second EB meeting of 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

**Journal of Nematology:** DS summarized discussion of the Editorial Board. For timing, issue number 2 will be published soon. Two publication charge options were presented (detailed in handout). Option 1 Manual - SON will email and ask for payment. This comes with issues of when to charge, how well the SON webpage handles charges (a separate area may be needed for nonmembers), and who will check to ensure payment. Option 2 "Commerce Manager" – service provided for a fee. The program service costs and Paypal are possible issues. The program goes from a very basic to Cadillac version with increasing costs. Currently SON uses Stripe, but Commerce Manager uses PayPal. Steve Thomas will check on PayPal impacts with current bank account. Proposed charges would generate an estimated \$9000 (\$200 to \$400 per article). The Editorial Board recommended the Commerce Manager basic option. The journal will move to continuous publication with the 2019 volume. Taxonomic paper issues and publication date seem to be taken care of.

*DSI moved and BS seconded to proceed with the Commerce Manager option. The motion passed (4 approve, 1 abstain).*

**Annual Meeting Switch to Alternative Years:** The Annual Meeting motion passed at the Business meeting was discussed. Most members renew at meeting registration. The meeting generates most of the income for the society and supports JON costs. SON would probably not be economically viable without an annual meeting. The possibility of securing a grant to support meeting was mentioned.

BC proposes a couple people develop pros and cons for an annual meeting. Isgouhi Kaloshian will be asked to develop pro for alternative year meetings. Jon Eisenback will be asked to develop cons to alternative year meetings. The first step is to articulate the goals of a SON meeting (engagement, recruitment, income to support society) and then how meeting frequency contributes to the goals. BC will make contacts to JE and IK to serve as leaders. After development, a survey will be developed and put forth to members.

**Electronic Meetings:** BC will schedule video meetings of the EC monthly.

**Website:** BC will follow through on this.

**Nematology Newsletter:** The term has ended for Jon Eisenback and Paulo Viera. BC has appointed Gary Philips from TN to serve as the incoming editor.

**Student Awards:** The Ops Manual may be outdated in terms of the amount of the awards.

*BS moved and DB seconded to remove the award amounts and then to allow the Honors and Awards Committee to request an award amount annually. The motion passed.*

**Use of Zoom/Video during annual meeting sessions:** Concerns were raised about the quality of video presentations and the ability of the audience to interact with the distance presenters. A concern was voiced that this one-time use of video presentation could be habit forming with subsequent detrimental effects on meeting attendance.

**Regulatory Committee:** If the committee updates and submits a most prevalent nematode list to USDA APHIS, APHIS will provide \$5000. The committee will try to submit a list.

**Committees:** No minimal membership is required. The committees need to be listed on the website. The listing of committees should also have committee charges. SS will receive information from liaisons with minutes and member names. The EC Liaisons offered the following summaries of committee activities:

**Education:** Very active. Card submissions are requested. The Cobb Bowl was well received. The committee wants to develop YouTube lectures and a workshop on good scientific presentations.

**Graduate Student:** This is a large well organized committee that would like a workshop with critiques of CV, how to develop careers, a career fair, and industry tours.

**Ecology:** They have proposed a symposium on microbiomes with an outside speaker and request \$2500 in support. They are interested in a capacity building grant.

**Honors and Awards:** No report at this time.

**BioControl:** The committee wants to have an art exhibition on biological control concurrent to the poster session.

**Membership:** They awarded the capacity building grants and are requesting \$10,000 capacity building and \$1000 social media traffic increase (We need to check on last year's minutes to see if the \$10,000 was previously approved). BC recommends the Membership Committee Chair email the budget request and then EB will vote.

**Systematics:** The status of nematode collections and a unified database, requesting funding at some point; proposed a biogeography and speciation with an outside speaker.

**Long Range Planning:** No report.

**Industry:** The committee proposed an extension panel, graduate student cv workshop, and industry visits for the 2019 meeting.

**Regulatory:** The committee has three objectives - update state reference list, fix taxonomy list from 1984, and define “widely prevalent.”

**Entomophylic:** A symposium is desired and the committee will request funding. The committee seeks to establish an endowment fund and perhaps rename an existing one (need some clarification from Cobb). They would like to produce series of educational videos on EPNs.

**Resistance:** The committee would like a symposium with invited speakers, diverse topics/ideas.

**Extension:** The committee seeks to develop a group write on crop nematode protection aspects. No plans for a symposium but seek to have a contact list on the website.

Reports are requested by 31 August 2018 to SS. As committees firm up symposiums, please keep DB informed.

**Membership, Fellows, and Honorary Members:** Constitution limits to a percentage of membership. Do we want to revisit the rule or examine how membership is determined?

**Adjournment:** Moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Brent Sipes  
Secretary