



**SOCIETY OF NEMATOLOGISTS
57TH ANNUAL MEETING (2018)
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: July 25, 2018
LOCATION: Albuquerque, NM
Executive Board will be referred to as EB in these minutes.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1. Call to order	President Elect Billy Crow called the meeting to order at 3:39 pm MDT time	
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian	Jon Eisenback	
3. Approval of agenda	A motion to approve the agenda was made by Patty Timper, Larry Duncan seconded, all in favor.	The motion passed unanimously.
4. Approval of minutes	A motion to approve minutes from the 57th Annual Meeting held in Williamsburg, VI was made by John Eisenback, Patty Timper seconded; Greg Tylka suggested that we don't have to read over the minutes but just moved to approve the minutes, Jon Eisenback seconded. All in favor.	The motion passed unanimously.

5. Passing of Members: President Elect Billy Crow acknowledged the passing of members in the past year including Virginia Ferris, George Kariuki, Norman Minton, Mohammad Siddiqi, David Kaplan, Walter Wyatt Osbone, and Dieter Sturhan. A moment of silence was observed for 0.5 minute.

6. Executive Board Reports: Written reports is published on the SON website. Only additional oral reports were recorded here.

- a. Acting President: Billy Crow
Nancy Kokalis-Burelle had asked Billy Crow to take over since Jan, 2018 to chair the EB meeting. Billy Crow had been serving as Acting President of SON since.
- b. President-Elect: Billy Crow
- c. Past President: Patricia Timper
- d. Vice President: David Bird
- e. Secretary: Koon-Hui Wang: Thanks all the candidates that accepted their nominations and run for officers for the 2018 SON election.
- f. Treasurer: Kathy Lawrence
- g. Newsletter Editors: Jon Eisenback and Paulo Vieira

Eisenback reminded all members that the newsletter is for members to share their news. Please submit articles or pictures to SON Newsletter to be published quarterly. Eisenback and Vieira will step down as editors at the end of 2018.

h. Web Editor: Mario Tenuta

There are two more cases of website breakdown this year. The latest one occurred right before the meeting was due to expiration of domain payment. The problem had been resolved. He hoped that the website will be running smoother this coming year. SON website is still in transition stage. Mario had asked members to help provide complete content when request to upload information especially when posting job announcement. Please follow the format existing online in particular a detail on contact information. SON Tweeter feed is linked to the SON home page (@SON_nemaweb). Mario encouraged members to join Tweeter to activate SON social media. Andrea Skantar is hosting the SON Tweeter feed. Mario planned to add Facebook feed on the website next. Andrea Skantar will tweet news that come in to SON Tweeter feed. Mario said the credit card and membership renewal function is still not accessible online. He is talking to web designer, 'Simply Ono' to get the membership list. Billy Crow said it is his priority to get membership directory up on the website during his term as the president. Mario Tenuta also said he will make Cobb Foundation donation option more obvious on the website.

i. EIC, Journal of Nematology: David Shapiro-Ilan

David Shapiro-Ilan showed the members how to access JON from SON website. David thanked Andrea Skantar for doing such a great job as EIC. David wore the t-shirt with the front cover of the first issue of JON (printed in 1969) to remind us how JON used to look like before. Our new publisher, Exeley, Inc., will archive past JON issues up to the last 3 years. Exeley will publish JON using "Online First" model which means that we don't need to wait for packaging of the entire journal into full issue before it go online for publication. CEO of Exeley attended our meeting on Monday and explained to us that all the manuscripts in the "Online First" will be uploaded, i.e. publish online soon after it is accepted and proof read, a DOI number and a volume number will be assigned but no issue and page number will be listed. Now JON has a nice new look online (https://www.exeley.com/journal/journal_of_nematology). JON will continue to be open access. Old archive will still be in UFL website. David wanted to get feedback from the members on the continuous publishing ("Online First" model) instead of publishing by issues (4 issues a year).

Robin Gibling-Davis asked about the taxonomy publishing dates to avoid duplication. David said that the date the publication go online will be the date of publication, it will avoid the duplicating issue. So it is of advantage to be published timely. The audience seems to like this changes. Billy Crow said this will also avoid reporting back up issues for the year. In addition, the index will be posted online. This would save us some money from the old pub method where index have to be generated for each volume. Some people said their Institution don't allow them to publish without a DOI. So this is another advantage of switching to publish online with Exeley. Currently JON has a 1.2 impact factor. David encouraged members to publish more in JON which might help to increase the impact factor.

Jim Lamondia and Zafar Handoo will rotate off as JON editors, we are welcoming Patty Timper and Paul Steinberg to join JON editor board.

Rollo Perry suggested to pay Exeley to archive old JON volumes. Dave Shapiro: It is expensive to ask them to archive now, but EB will consider that in the future. So far Exeley is providing three volumes of free archiving.

7. Other Reports:

- a. NA Cobb: Richard Davis – a lot of people don't know what Cobb Foundation does. The foundation was initiated by SON as a charitable foundation in 1990s to raise money to support student travel. Cobb Foundation had funded more than 50 student travel grants since the inception. Cobb has different endowment fund to support different disciplines. For examples, WF Mai Endowment – supports biology and ecology of plant-parasitic nematodes (PPN). This year we renamed it to Mai, Ferris and Bird Endowment. Davis encouraged all students to apply for this travel grant and members to donate to this endowment. Donation to the foundation is tax deductible. Davis had solicited a number of volunteers to represent different endowments, and plead these individuals that were being contacted to response to the invitation. Larry Duncan: EPN committee discussed that the donation link to Cobb Foundation is not very prominent on the website. Richard said it's undergoing for improvement.
- b. Archives – Jon Eisenback (no additional report)

8. Standing Committee Reports (see written report filed separately)

- a. Biological Control – Tesfamariam Mengistu
- b. Ecology – Marisol Quintanella: Hosted a successful workshop on canonical analysis this year. Ecology committee is planning for organizing a symposium next year, and making education videos for ecological calculation, multivariate analysis and etc.
- c. Education – Ann McGuidwin: Thanked Jon Eisenback for designing and printing Nematology trading cards and a fun Cobb Bowl. Education Committee likes to solicit pictures from members to make future trading cards.
- d. EPN – Proposed to organize a symposium on “Biotic and Abiotic factors affecting EPN”, “EPN and Bacteria”. The committee also plan to generate videos education materials.
- e. Extension – Two grad students joint. They planned to organize two workshops and make fact sheet that will be posted on SON website.
- f. Finance advisory – Kathy Lawrence reported that SON finance condition is in good shape.
- g. Graduate Student – Ruhiyyih Dyr Dahl-Young
- h. Honor and Awards – Patricia Timper
- i. Industry- The committee has good representatives from each industry. After a successful workshop for students to talk to industry representatives last year, this year they organized a speed dating event with the graduate students. For next year, they will organize a pre-meeting session to learn from the industry in North Carolina through field trips.
- j. Long Range Planning – Patricia Timper
- k. Meeting Site Selection: David Bird received three submissions this year, will report in the later section.
- l. Membership – Inga Zasada reported about Capacity Building grant this year, four members submitted proposals, the committee meet to select the top two proposal and will announce the recipients at the SON banquet tonight. The goal of this grant is to enhance membership by improving educational content of the website.
- m. Plant resistance – Andreas Westphal: The committee hosted a good symposium this morning. Location next year will give opportunities for industry to present another symposium related to host plant resistance next year. Currently the committee has 7 members and would like more members to join.
- n. Regulatory – Tom power: Currently also have 7 members. The committee is updating the list for Widely Prevalent Nematodes for APHIS. Try to come up with a definition for Widely Prevalent Nematodes. Every state has a representative. The committee is reviewing the taxonomy on the list. The committee

is also coming up with a guidelines for “First Report” in JON, and is communicating with Taxonomy Committee to start a “First Report” publications in JON.

- o. Systematic Resources – Danny Humphreys: The committee is worried about the status of SON nematode collection. The committee might need funding. They plan to apply for NSF grant this year to widen our collection. “Biogeography and speciation”

9. Affiliated Organizations reports:

- a. AIBS – Pete Masler
- b. IFNS – Larry Duncan: Shared a YouTube video about 2020 ICN meeting site in Antibes, France (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6Mu0Ht6hDw&feature=youtu.be>). Early registration will begin in December. IFNS will accept dual membership status and help poorer country members to pay at a cheaper registration fee of \$250. Hadish Melakaberhan is fund raising for students’ travel. Registration fee will cover lunch, gala, banquet, and coffee. There will be a tour scheduled in the middle of the meeting, possibly include perfume making tour, antique tour, or museum. Accommodation will have hotel suites for students to share rooms.

Duncan said IFNS had put together a tentative program to be finalized in May 2019. He encouraged SON members to send suggestions to IFNS (Pierre Abad). Currently, the planetary session and symposia titles are up but no speakers are assigned yet. Antibes is a beautiful place. To find out more about the meeting, please Google IFNS nematode or ICN2020 Antibes (<http://www.ifns.org/home/index.php/ifns-2020/>).

Jon Eisenback suggested Mario Tenuta to link the 8th ICN website with SON website.

10. Old Business

- a. 58th SON MEETING – Rick Davis: Shared a video about downtown Raleigh and invite members to attend 58th annual meeting in Raleigh July 21 to 24, 2019. The meeting will take place in downtown Raleigh where 1998’s SON meeting was taken place. The meeting will be in Sheraton Hotel. Downtown Raleigh has changed significantly since the last meeting. Smoky Mountain and beach are 2-3 hours away. Airport is nearby. The meeting site will be 20 minutes from The Research Triangle, 10 minutes from North Carolina State University, thus it will be convenient to schedule agriculture tours or conduct hands on workshops. We will have easy interaction with Program chair, David Bird. Rick Davis asked members to provide any suggestions to himself or David.
- b. JON Transition to Exeley, page charges, etc. – See report by David Shapiro earlier
- c. Business office – Incorporation update. Future plan.
Steve Thomas are moving all the different contact addresses from previous office to a centralize address so as to reestablish relationship with new accountant and tax business. He is trying to make SON business office to have a smooth transition to new bank and mailing address. Billy thank Steve Thomas for his great services, donating significant of his time and effort. Board is making a transition plan to next business office. EB has some plans for future SON Business office to find a retired nematologist that is willing to run SON business.

11. New Business

- a. SON involvement with NIFA – Billy Crow announced Tesfa Mengistu has joined NIFA as a national program leader in plant pathology. NIFA is interested to strengthen nematological research and would

like to hear back from Nematology groups, this would mean more funding opportunities for nematology. Tesfa who cannot be here at the meeting would want to hear more inputs from SON in this regards. As one of their goal to increase work force development, NIFA want us to post out to students and postdoc on their job opportunities to be offered. He likes to ask SON to be highly involved with NIFA, and he will be sending mass e-mails about funding opportunities.

b. Recognition of support for 57th meeting

Steve Thomas pointed out to the members that banners of companies posted at our lunch and breakfast hall ways are cooperates and public sectors that donated funding to support the meeting. The banner size is according on the donation amount. These donation varies from \$2500 to 7500 /company. Billy thanked all the companies that provided these supports.

Steve Thomas said that these SON members are posted in the proceeding (book), SON website. For some companies that are registered late for the meeting, Mario Tenuta had posted their company names on the website.

Billy announced to the member that because SON need to establish a bank and accountant for a long term, EB had appointed Steve Thomas as SON Bank liaison. With more restrain for business operation now a days, it is making continuous changes in bank and accountant for the society more and more difficult. With this Bank liaison appointment to establish a long term bank and accountant, this will make future SON Business operation easier. Billy Crow thanked Steve Thomas profoundly again. Byron Adam said Steve had saved SON \$20-50K a year.

c. Bids for future meetings

Inga Zasada – bid to host a meeting in Alaska. She is suggesting to join the meeting with parasitology group and planned to tour agricultural sites in the North West.

Byron Adam – bid to host a meeting in Utah in 2022.

d. Business from the floor

Isgouhi Kaloshian: Attending SON meeting every year is difficult for some members. She is suggesting to alternate SON meeting with European Society of Nematologists (ESN) meeting. Jon Eisenback said some of us like to attend this meeting and would want to come to this meeting every year, it is a choice of personal preference. Inga Zasada said that we do need to attend other meetings to extend our scientific interaction with other disciplines/societies. Rollo Perry said that he supported alternate year meeting is becoming more relevant now especially to alternate the meeting with ESN. Ann MacGuidwin said it is difficult to decide on what is alternative year. Billy said that meeting income fund our society. We use meeting income to subsidize the journal, without the meeting, we will not be financially stable. Kaloshian said SON is in great financial standing now, she suggested to have an anonymous vote on preference to host SON every other year. Her justification is that members go to other meetings but it is difficult to support to travel to multiple meetings a year. Nematological research funding is not plentiful lately. Students also need to be exposed to other societies. Billy Crow: we are not financially rich at this point. Inga Zasada said it is timely to conduct a survey now. Larry Duncan said if we conduct a vote using Survey Monkey, we need to have a educated prevoting discussion to ensure for a healthy vote. Hadish Melakeberhan: We need to have pro and cons information to make informed decision. Patty Timper said that we need membership list to do Survey Monkey. Billy said EB will discuss this issue during the 2nd EB meeting. We will gather information before posting for vote.

Brent Sipes moved that EB is charged to develop pro and cons of annual vs alternate year SON meeting to member for a member survey within this year. Hadish Melakeberhan seconded. All in favor, no oppose. Motion passed.

Mario Tenuta: What is the appetite for joint meetings? We will have to rely on the local arrangement committee (LAC) to make join meeting happen. We will be restricted by venue, pool of people that involve in organizing a meeting at one location will be thinning down. His opinion is that it will be harder to do local arrangement.

12. Recognition of service to SON.

Billy presented a plaque to Koon-Hui Wang who rotated off as EB secretary

Billy also thanked Eric Ragdale for his service as an EB liaison.

Billy announced:

New EB secretary- Brent Sipes

New Vice President – Sally Stetina

New EB member (liaison) - Tesfa Mengistu

13. Installation of officers

Billy Crow is installing Billy Crow as SON new president. Steve Thomas presented a Mexican hat to Billy Crow.

Byron Adam moved that Billy wear the hat for the rest of the meeting. Travis Faske seconded.

10. Adjournment	Jon Eisenback moved, Larry Duncan seconded to a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm MDT.	The motion passed unanimously.
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Respectfully submitted by Koon Hui Wang.