

**Society of Nematologists**  
**Minutes of the 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting**  
Boise, Idaho  
13 July 2010

Recorded by Richard F. Davis, Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** President Russ Ingham called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.
  
2. **Appointment of Parliamentarian:** Russ Ingham appointed Ernie Bernard to serve as Parliamentarian during the business meeting.
  
3. **Agenda Approval:** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by John Webster and seconded by Parwinder Grewal and the motion passed.*
  
4. **Approval of Minutes of 49th Annual Business Meeting:** *A motion to accept the minutes was made by Steve Koening and seconded by Jim LaMondia and the motion passed.*
  
5. **Recognition of Deceased Members:** Russ Ingham notified the Society that the following members had passed away during the last year: Eino L. Krall, Estle J. Wehunt, Vernon G. Perry, Anastasios (Tasso) Christos Triantaphyllou, Michel Luc, Fred Allen Gray, and Armand Maggenti. The deceased members were honored by those at the meeting with a moment of silence.
  
6. **Officer Reports:**
  - a) **President:** Russ Ingham – Reported that during the previous year he ran Executive Board meetings, including the electronic meeting. He reported as a noteworthy item that he wrote a response to Roger Beachy (Director, USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture) protesting the exclusion of nematodes from the AFRI grant program.
  
  - b) **President-elect:** Pawinder Grewal – Reported that his major activity was to plan the program for the Boise meeting.
  
  - c) **Vice President:** Jim LaMondia – Reported that he worked to get the committees back on track. Some committees were in disarray following the international congress in 2008 and a

joint meeting in 2009. He began working to plan the next meeting (2011) and worked to help select the next meeting sites.

**d) Secretary:** Richard Davis – Reminded the membership that the committee reports will be available on the SON website. His major activities during the previous year were to record the minutes of Executive Board meetings and to conduct the election of new SON officers.

**e) Treasurer:** Inga Zasada (Treasurer-elect reporting for Brent Sipes) – Reported that the Society remains in good financial standing.

**f) Past president:** Robin Huettel – Provided guidance to the President as needed.

**g) Editor-in-Chief, JON:** Kris Lambert – Thanked reviewers and editors for their service. Encouraged everyone to submit their work to the Journal of Nematology. Discussed page charge holiday for the Journal.

**h) Nematology Newsletter Editor:** Byron Adams – no report

**i) Public Relations Director: Vacant:** no report.

**j) Web Page Editor: Vacant:** no report.

**7. N.A. Cobb Nematology Foundation Report:** Robin Giblin-Davis presented a report on the N. A. Cobb Nematology Foundation activities during the past year. The Foundation funded 3 Cobb Foundation travel awards to students (\$700 each). Elections were held for Chair and Vice Chair, and Patricia Timper was elected Chair and Koon-Hui Wang was elected Vice Chair. Changes to the Foundation's bylaws about investments were discussed and proposed language was chosen, but it was not completed in time to present it to the membership at this meeting. It is envisioned that investments will remain conservative until the accumulated balance is substantially larger than it is now. That information will be available soon from the new Chair. The Cobb Foundation is taking steps to separate its identity from that of SON. This is needed to comply with tax exempt organization tax laws. A new website will be created to link to the SON website. The new website will facilitate fund raising and record keeping of donations. The foundation is hoping to increase its endowment by at least \$50,000, in large part through donations and pledges, before the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting in Corvallis, OR next year. Robin thanked everyone for their support.

**8. Standing Committee Reports:** R. Ingham asked whether any of the standing committees wanted to add to the written reports that they had submitted prior to the meeting.

- a) Biological Control: no verbal report
- b) Ecology: no verbal report
- c) Education: no verbal report
- d) Entomophilic Nematology: no verbal report

- e) Extension: no verbal report
- f) Finance Advisory: no verbal report
- g) Honors and Awards: no verbal report
- h) Industry: no verbal report
- i) Long Range Planning: no verbal report
- j) Meeting Site Selection: no verbal report
- k) Membership: no verbal report
- l) Plant Resistance: no verbal report
- m) Regulatory: no verbal report
- n) Systematic Resources: no verbal report
- o) Student Committee: no verbal report

**Affiliated Organization Representative Reports:**

Robin Huettel, International Federation of Nematology Societies (IFNS) liaison, reported that IFNS will meet in Cape Town, South Africa in 2014.

Jon Eisenback, Council on Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) representative, encouraged everyone to submit ideas to CAST on issues that need objective “white paper” reports to help highlight and explain issues affecting nematology. Phil Roberts suggested that CAST may be an appropriate organization to help protest the exclusion of nematodes from the AFRI grant programs.

Pete Masler, American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) representative, suggests that the SON website be linked to COPUS (Coalition on the Public Understanding of Science), the AIBS project to improve the public’s understanding of science. COPUS is the ongoing communication & collaboration network of like-minded organizations that AIBS plans to keep in place for many years to allow the sharing of information about the public understanding of science among organizations and with the general public ([www.copusproject.org](http://www.copusproject.org)). SON can link our website to COPUS or develop a submenu with more content.

**9. Old Business**

**a) 2011 Meeting Update:** 2011 will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting of the Society of Nematologists. July 17-21 are the tentative dates for the meeting to be held in Corvallis, Oregon. David Bird is organizing a NemaSym meeting on “Nematode-Bacterial Interactions” before the 2011 meeting. Most people coming to Corvallis fly into Portland or Eugene and drive or take a shuttle to Corvallis. The Hilton Garden Inn will be the conference hotel, and it is very near the conference center where the meetings will take

place. Russ Ingham questioned the members on their preference on including the banquet fee into the registration fee. By a show of hands, a large majority preferred to include it into the registration fee rather than having it as a separate fee. Lunch during the meeting will probably be included because there are not many restaurants near the conference center. Possible tours are still being selected. Jim LaMondia asked for program ideas, especially ideas to make the anniversary meeting special. Anyone having such ideas should contact Jim. The theme for the meeting has not been chosen yet, but it will be something referencing history.

**b) Constitutional Amendment – electronic mail, VP duties:** Constitutional amendments were passed in an election by the society during the preceding year. These changes, described in detail in the Nematology Newsletter and in the ballots for the vote, allow for 1) votes of the society to be conducted electronically instead of by paper ballots sent by regular mail, and for 2) a change of duties regarding which officer selects new members of the society's committees.

**c) N. A. Cobb Foundation Fundraising Campaign:** Discussed in the Cobb report.

**d) Annual Meetings - 2011, 2012, 2013:** 2011 will be the anniversary meeting in Corvallis, OR. 2012 will be in Savannah, GA August 12-16. The Savannah Marriott Riverfront Hotel will be the conference hotel. Patricia Timper made a presentation on the meeting site. 2013 will be in Cleveland Ohio. The dates have not yet been set for the 2013 meeting.

**e) Other old business:** There was no other old business discussed.

## 10. New Business

**a) Invitation to host SON meeting in 2015:** There were no offers to host the 2015 meeting, but R. Ingham noted that 2015 is a long time in the future, so we have time to find a host.

**b) Other new business:** Russ Ingham discussed the need to change the term length for executive board members who serve as liaisons to standing committees so that they will serve staggered three year terms (instead of the current 2-year terms) with only one member term expiring each year. This change would allow greater continuity than the current system. ***Jim Kotcon moved, and Russ Bullock seconded the motion, that we proceed to amend the SON Constitution to allow it. The motion passed.***

**11. Recognition of Service:** On behalf of SON, Russ Ingham thanked several individuals for their service to the Society during the past year. He thanked Robin Huettel (Past President) for providing guidance, and he thanked Susan Meyer and Patricia Timper for serving as EB liaisons. Paula Agudelo and David Shapiro-Ilan are the new liaisons. He also thanked Brent Sipes for service as SON Treasurer.

**12. Installation of New Officers:** Current President Russ Ingham installed the new officers for the upcoming year. The new officers were Parwinder Grewal as President, Jim LaMondia as President-elect, Brent Sipes (*in absentia*) as Vice President, and Inga Zasada as Treasurer. Following his installation as President, Parwinder Grewal thanked Russ Ingham for his guidance and service as President during the past year.

*John Webster moved that we thank Saad Hafez for organizing the meeting. Jim LaMondia seconded the motion, and the motion passed by acclamation. Saad received a round of applause for his efforts.*

**13. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard F. Davis, Secretary