

Society of Nematologists
50th Annual Meeting
Second Executive Board Meeting
20 July 2011 Corvallis, OR
Recorded by Richard F. Davis, Secretary

- 1) In Attendance: Parwinder Grewal (President), Jim LaMondia (President-elect – present by conference call), Brent Sipes (Vice President), Inga Zasada (Treasurer), Richard Davis (Secretary), Kris Lambert (Journal of Nematology Editor-in-Chief), Paula Agudelo, David Shapiro-Ilan, Antoon Ploeg, and Jon Eisenback (incoming Vice President). **Note: This meeting took place before the Annual Business Meeting, so the new officers had not yet been installed.**
- 2) **Call to Order:** Parwinder Grewal called the meeting to order at 8:14 am.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** *Brent Sipes moved and David Shapiro seconded a motion to approve the agenda, and the motion passed.*
- 4) **Executive Board Reports :** No additions to written reports
 - a) **President:**
 - b) **President-elect:**
 - c) **Vice President:**
 - d) **Past President**
 - e) **Secretary:**
 - f) **Treasurer: Editor-in-Chief, JON:**
 - g) **Nematology Newsletter Editor:**
 - h) **Public Relations Director – Vacant:**
 - i) **Web Page Editor –**
 - j) **Budget Report by Inga Zasada:** The budget for 2012 meeting is projected to be the same as 2011. Brent Sipes pointed out that the meetings were supposed to be self-supporting (and often made a small profit), so it didn't really matter much what figure the Treasurer put into the budget. The new website could have some unexpected expenses. Awards should be the same as last year. The new business office expenses are higher than before. Some of this is start up and transition cost and should go down some, but this bears monitoring. We plan to hire an accountant (to do our taxes) close to the business office. Membership is down to just over 500 people, so income from dues is down. The page charge holiday for JON will end in September. Income from page charges will be lower because of the page charge holiday. In order to get more papers for JON, some symposium speakers will be invited to submit papers on their presentation, and the anticipation is that they will not be charged page charges for invited papers. Parwinder suggested that there should be a page limit on how much was free. The intent is for multiple speakers to combine their presentations into one manuscript when possible, but individual speakers could submit papers in

some cases. Jim LaMondia and the committee liaisons will work with the symposia chairs to make sure they know this. Brent Sipes moved that invited papers based on symposium presentations would be exempt from page charges for the first 10 pages if the paper was coauthored by multiple symposium speakers. Papers from individual speakers would be exempt from charges for up to 5 pages. After brief discussion, Brent withdrew the motion. *Jim LaMondia then moved that any symposium speaker could submit a paper based on their symposium presentation and be exempt from page charges for up to 10 pages if their papers were submitted before December 31st 2011. Inga Zasada seconded the motion. Motion passed.*

Richard Davis moved, and Brent Sipes seconded the motion, that the budget be approved as proposed by Inga and amended based on comments from the EB. The motion passed.

5) Other Reports

- a) **N.A. Cobb Foundation:** Presented by Patricia Timper, and accepted as submitted.
- b) **Archives:** No report submitted.
- c) **Standing Committee Plans and Budget Requests** (presented by the liaisons):
- d) **Biological Control:** Paula Agudelo: Plans for a workshop with a portion of it in collaboration with the Entomophilic Nematology committee.
- e) **Ecology:** Are interested in having a symposium or a workshop. They do want to submit at least one symposium paper from the 2011 meeting.
- f) **Education:** Will work on criteria for a teaching excellence award. They do want to have a symposium in 2012. The Honors and Awards committee was concerned about the possibility of a proliferation of awards. Education Committee should solicit nominations for the award, but Honors and Awards should make the decisions about whether to give the award and who should receive it. It would be highly desirable to have the award be a sponsored award so that the Society does not have to cover the cost.
- g) **Entomophilic Nematology:** Want to have a symposium and possibly a molecular and an extension workshop. The Biocontrol committee has expressed interest in working with them on a workshop.
- h) **Extension:** Antoon Ploeg: Will not have a symposium, but may coordinate to have a speaker at the student session about jobs in extension. Also may coordinate with the Entomophilic Nematology committee.
- i) **Finance Advisory:** No report.
- j) **Honors and Awards:** Brent Sipes: See Comments in education and Student committees. There will be an honorary member at the 2012 meeting. They expressed that a student should only be able to win one travel award for a meeting. They asked if they could get more money for student travel awards, but the EB was reluctant because it would require taking money away from someone else.

- k) **Industry:** Plan to have a symposium but they would not need money for it. Could be encouraged to coordinate with the Plant Resistance Committee.
- l) **Long Range Planning:** No report.
- m) **Meeting Site Selection:** No report.
- n) **Membership:** Paula Agudelo: Did not meet for the second year in a row.
- o) **Plant Resistance:** Interested in a symposium for 2012.
- p) **Regulatory:** Antoon Ploeg: Interested in organizing a symposium for 2012.
- q) **Systematic Resources:** Paula Agudelo: 1st time they have met in several years. Interested in a symposium on collections.
- r) **Student Committee:** Paula Agudelo: Would like to continue the “lunch with the legends” and the graduate student social at the meetings. Brent Sipes noted that the Honors and Awards Committee found that the Ops Manual states that there should only be one student competition session. The student committee seemed open to the idea of preselecting students for the competition based on the abstract. This will be up to the Honors and Awards Committee.
- s) **Affiliated Organizations**
 - a. **AIBS:** no report.
 - b. **CAST:** The dues (\$1500 plus about \$1500 for travel to the meeting) are high for a small society like SON. Jon Eisenback is the SON representative to CAST, and he stated that SON does get a good return on its investment. Two CAST reports in the coming year should be beneficial to SON. One is on the role of government funding of agricultural research and one is on the role of pesticides in agricultural production. He stated that the reports from CAST are influential to Congress. Jon Eisenback has spent 6 years as the CAST representative, so Jim LaMondia will need to appoint a new representative next year. SON should have a link to the CAST website and their reports.
 - c. **CoFarm:** no report.
 - d. **IFNS:** no report.
 - e. **NSCA:** no report.

Old Business

- a. **JON:** SON needs to decide whether JON should become an online journal. Publishing online only could be a very significant cost savings even after considering the lost revenue from library subscriptions, page charges, and other journal-related income. An online only publication would also make it much easier to get the journal out on time because the number of papers per issue would not be a limiting factor anymore. In fact, one model would allow papers to be published online as soon as they are ready, so an issue would not necessarily be published all at once. Eliminating page charges would also reduce the cost of the business office because they spend nearly one fourth of their time on journal related issues (e.g., billing, shipping issues to members who did not receive them). This will be one of the first items discussed in the electronic business meeting.

- b) **Committee Structure:** We need to start the process for the Constitutional changes needed to move the subject matter committees into the Operations Manual instead of the Constitution. Regrouping the journal under more autonomous subgroups could be explored after the decisions are made regarding going to an online format and which online format.
 - c) **Vista II:** The EB was highly supportive of this project. Jim LaMondia will contact Terry Niblack to discuss what is needed to see this project to fruition.
- 6) **New Business –**
- a) **Vice President election:** Parwinder Grewal suggested that each candidate should submit a brief statement of what they would do for the Society. A request for this information can be made when the candidates are asked for their biographical information. ***Brent Sipes moved that candidates be requested to include a statement of their plans for the Society in their biographical information for the ballot. Russ Ingham seconded the motion. The motion passed.***
 - b) **IFNS Incorporation:** SON may be asked to help pay some costs for IFNS incorporation in the US. We do not know at this time how much will be requested. No action by SON was taken at this time.
 - c) **APS Representative:** Terry Niblack is our representative to APS. They have asked about our desire to have future joint meetings. There was a sense of the EB that we should consider occasional joint meetings with APS, but not the year after the international congress because that would probably be too disruptive for the committees. The meeting site selection committee has responsibility for recommending meeting sites.
 - d) **Student Representative on EB:** Parwinder Grewal said that a suggestion had been made to him that the Executive Board should consider allowing a student representative to attend the EB meetings. Although no one spoke against the idea, the board was reminded that having more people attend the meeting almost always slows down the meetings, and that would be considered a substantial downside to this suggestion. This item was tabled for now.
- 7) **Adjourn:** *Jon Eisenback moved, and Inga Zasada seconded the motion, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed* and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.