

Society of Nematologists
51st Annual Meeting
First Executive Board Meeting
July 17, 2013
Recorded by Andrea M. Skantar, Secretary

In Attendance: Jon Eisenback (President), Steve Thomas (President-elect), Andrea Skantar (Secretary), Senyu Chen (Treasurer), Sally Stetina (Nematology Newsletter editor), Horacio Lopez Nicora, Nathan Schroeder.

- 1) **Announcements:** none
- 2) **Call to Order:** Jon Eisenback called the meeting to order at 8:01 am EST.
- 3) **Approval of Agenda:** *Steve Thomas made, and Nate Schroeder seconded, a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.*
- 4) **Reports from the board:**
 - a) **JON publishing workshop feedback (Sally Stetina for Nancy Burelle):** Howard Ferris positively commented that the speed of publication is better. Members don't appear to be put off by the online-only publication and no more print journals. Rollo Perry made some helpful comments since *Nematology* uses the same online review system as JON. We should send a follow up email to the membership to reiterate what was said at the workshop: encourage symposium speakers to submit write ups of their presentations; put links to the "how-to submit to JON on-line" presentation slides on the SON-JON web site. To encourage first report of nematodes as short papers in JON, we need to tweak the instructions to authors to reflect what should go into such notes. Axel Elling had asked about the possibility of early posting of accepted publications as "first looks" online eventually. Horacio Lopez-Nicora asked about the journal philosophy regarding survey papers; consensus was that certain types that have a scientific question associated with a survey are acceptable. The style guide should clearly state the expectations for what type of questions and data should be addressed in a survey. Nate Schroeder said that the Worm Breeders Gazette has been resurrected to include techniques, with short research reports, but because it is not an "official" peer reviewed publication it does not count. Perhaps we could encourage those folks to submit their techniques to JON for the potential to get peer-reviewed credit.
 - b) **NNL (Sally Stetina):** Roxana Myers will be appointed now as web editor and then eventually will become NNL editor and web editor both. Brent Sipes talked to her about what is needed.
 - c) **Biocontrol standing committee (Senyu Chen):** a symposium is proposed for 2015 on the topic of "new technology in biocontrol", with four or five speakers; \$2000 budget request was made for international speakers. More money may be requested for two speakers, so the committee may possibly need to bump the request up a little. The program chair/local arrangements chairs will be able to work out an appropriate amount

(Byron Adams). In general, Steve Thomas will be putting up the lists of members for the committees.

- d) **Web Editor:** on the web site we could put up links to “what do you want to do?” and then instructions to help people navigate their way around the site. (Suggestion for Roxana Myers).
- e) **Resistance committee:** Tom Welacky and Sally Stetina will be new officers. George Bird will solicit input from breeders for the meeting in 2015. The committee is considering putting together review articles on the status of breeding or something to that effect for publication in the journal. The committee appears to be revitalized.
- f) **Membership:** the committee is working on ways to encourage people to join.
- g) **Graduate Student Committee** (Horacio Lopez-Nicora-EB liaison): Feedback from the students: they wish to get presentations over with on first day; for the poster competition, if there could be a way to advertise their posters during the talk sessions, that would help to draw a bigger audience since they put in a lot of work and sometimes few people attend their posters.
- h) **Entomopathogenic Nematodes** (Horacio Lopez-Nicora): They are close to having a review article written for JON on their symposium; they will update pictures and cartoons for the web site. They are joining efforts with other committees (Ecology) to do joint symposium for 2015.
- i) **Ecology:** they seek funds for speakers in 2015, and plan to run a symposium; new Chair Cecelia Tomaseil.
- j) **Affiliated organizations reports-none.**

OLD BUSINESS:

- a) **2014 Budget:** Senyu Chen should ask Inga Zasada for the proposed budget. Sally Stetina reiterated that the membership was amenable to losing printed copies of the journal, so we can assume the version of the budget without the cost of printed copies. We still do not have the numbers on costs for the current Knoxville meeting. We need to spend some money to make membership more valuable (grants); resources for members only; we need a unified strategy for investment of the society’s assets.
- b) **Business office:** no negative feedback was received from members on interactions with Rosewood Associates.
- c) **Joint meeting in 2017:** If we have a joint meeting with APS, will we get overwhelmed? Would a meeting with another society that is of similar size would be better? Perhaps meetings of two societies can overlap in the middle but have some days before or after the joint meeting that are only SON. Soil Ecology Society or Parasitology Society are

good choices for societies similar in size to SON. It's very tough to maintain equality with APS in meeting planning. Some SON members said if we don't meet with APS they won't go to a different joint meeting. Does Soil Ecology Society meet in even years or odd...could we match? (answer: yes, they last met with us in 2009, an odd-numbered year). There was leaning towards recommending that we meet with a society other than APS. Economically, there's no benefit to meeting with APS. Next year APS has a joint meeting with Canadian Phytopathological Society in Minneapolis, MN.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) The advertisement before this year's banquet came from MANA. They gave a lot of money to support the meeting, and that is why the ad was shown. There is fee schedule for what industry gets when they give money. MANA has promised a significant amount for student travel. The decision to allow the advertisement was also a local arrangements issue-we need guidelines to limit the amount of commercials (10-15 min?). Can be EB policy. ***Steve Thomas moved that we not have advertisements at the banquet but allow the local arrangements committee to provide adequate booth space for contributors at a certain \$\$ level to have space/accommodation at other times. Horacio Lopez Nicora seconded. The motion passed.***
- b) *Jim McCarter* (speaking for Industry sponsors) *complained about how things were organized*; the request for support by Monsanto only came in June. Jim put money out of pocket hoping he was going to get reimbursed. Moving the meeting threw off the schedule. **Put in OPs manual for local arrangements chair to contact sustaining members to make requests early so members can get such requests into their budget.**
- c) **Plenary session feedback:** *Rollo Perry commented that it was a bunch of old guys reminiscing at the plenary session.* The content varies year to year, depending on the program chair.
- d) **Jeopardy session:** Feedback was generally positive; it helped round out the meeting schedule; maybe next time we could do old-timers vs new kids?
- e) **Adjourn:** *Jon Eisenback made and Sally Stetina seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting ended at 9:18am.*