

**Society of Nematologists**  
**Minutes of the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Business Meeting**  
Knoxville, TN  
16 July 2013

Recorded by Andrea M. Skantar, Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** President-elect Jon Eisenback called the meeting to order at 3:36 pm.
2. **Appointment of Parliamentarian:** Jon appointed Ernie Bernard to serve as Parliamentarian during the business meeting.
3. **Agenda Approval:** *A motion to approve the agenda was made by Patty Timper and seconded by Sally Stetina and the motion passed.*
4. **Approval of Minutes of 52nd Annual Business Meeting:** *A motion to accept the minutes was made by ?? and seconded by Terry Niblack and the motion passed.*
5. **Recognition of Deceased Members:** President Sipes informed the Society that the following members had passed away during the last year. Ivan Andrassy, Gregor Yeates, Patrick Haydock. The deceased members were honored by those at the meeting with a moment of silence.
6. **Officer Reports:**
  - a) **President-elect Jon Eisenback (for Brent Sipes, outgoing President, who was unable to attend)**
    - i. CAST membership has been withdrawn
    - ii. Member interactions with business office-please provide feedback; Bob Robbins mentioned his positive experience with the business office.
    - iii. Discontinuation of printed JON- printed copies cost us more than we make; ecopies freely available; subscriptions are only to libraries (some of which are asking for refunds); as of Jan 2014 - no more printed copies; taxonomic articles in Zookeys online archive satisfies Zoological Rules for new species descriptions.
  - b) **President-elect, Jon Eisenback:** His main duties this year were to serve as program chair.
  - c) **Vice President, Steve Thomas:** IFNS registration is up already, May 4-9 2014 are the meeting dates. Prices for registration go up the longer you wait. SON committee structure will be frozen in time for one extra year to accommodate the lack of activity anticipated at the IFNS meeting.

Haddish Melakaberhan, future local arrangements chair, talked on the 2015 meeting: information about the conference center; students are next generation-we need to get feedback about what they would like to see for local arrangements-also, what do other members want to see; diverse agricultural systems are one example; the Kellogg Center contains student friendly rooms and discussion rooms. Regarding IFNS in 2014, Haddish announced that industry will be helping to support nematologists from emerging economies; \$57,000 for 27 nematologists from 16 countries to attend the meeting. Haddish is seeking commitment from industry to also support SON students, with a goal to raise \$100K airfare for 30 students to attend the meeting.

- d) **Secretary, Andrea Skantar:** We completed the process for two Constitutional changes: One amendment would change the term lengths for the appointed Executive Board members, and the other amendment would move the names of the standing subject-matter committees from the Constitution to the Manual of Operations.
- e) **Treasurer, Inga Zasada:** financial standing \$168K, \$158; \$32K made on last year's meeting; we need to make money on meetings, helps keep SON in the black; SON has \$400K total assets; eliminating printed journals has been major cost savings; duties of business office have been clarified.
- f) **Nematology Newsletter Editor:** Sally Stetina will be replaced by Roxana Myers in January 2014. Members were encouraged to send in information and pictures.

**7. N.A. Cobb Nematology Foundation Report:** Patricia Timper, Cobb Foundation Chair

- a) New Chair, 2013-2016: Terry Niblack; Vice-Chair, David Shapiro Ilan.
- b) Travel awards for students: the list of awardees can be found in Cobb Foundation report.
- c) Samantha Lewis, who works for Brad Hyman at UC Riverside received the John Webster Outstanding Student award.
- d) The Cobb Foundation has spent \$22,500 for 36 awards given since its inception.
- e) Silent Auction to raise additional funds concludes at 5:15pm after Business Meeting.
- f) Cobb Foundation by-law changes were published in NNL prior to the meeting, as required. A brief summary of substantive changes: electronic meetings are now allowed; clarification of the types of investments allowed was put in the by-laws; EB members can serve on Cobb Foundation—only voting SON EB members cannot be Cobb officers.

*A motion was made by Jim LaMondia and seconded by Steve Thomas to accept the package of Cobb Foundation by-law changes. Motion passed.*

Koon-Hui Wang was acknowledged for her service as Vice-Chair of the Cobb Foundation and given a plaque.

**8. Local Arrangements, Parwinder Grewal:** registration costs were kept low, and the registration fee was purposely inclusive (for several meals). Industry involvement in meeting sponsorship and participation is at an all time high.

## 9. Standing Committee Reports:

- a) **Biological Control:** none
- b) **Ecology:** none
- c) **Education:** none
- d) **Entomophilic Nematology:** none
- e) **Extension:** none
- f) **Finance Advisory:** none
- g) **Honors and Awards:** none
- h) **Industry:** Jim McCarter; New Chair is Palle Pedersen. The committee is organizing a symposium and other future activities; overwhelming positive student response to the industry lunch; follow up conversations found students would like to do lunch again in East Lansing. Negatives: industry colleagues expected to contribute to SON but also expect things back (e.g. - rooms to meet). There are untapped sections of industry who are not represented at this meeting: e.g. breeders, microbiologists; these represent untapped potential to grow SON membership.
- i) **Long Range Planning:** none
- j) **Meeting Site Selection:** none
- k) **Membership:** committee has several new members; society has 270 members → goal for 300; increase number of students from 30 → 50 seems doable.
- l) **Plant Resistance:** none
- m) **Regulatory:** none
- n) **Systematic Resources:** none
- o) **Graduate Students:** none

## 9. Affiliated Organization Representative Reports:

- a) **International Federation of Nematology Societies (IFNS):** no report.
- b) **American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) representative:** no report.

## 10. Old Business

### New Business

## 11. Upcoming meetings

- a) 2014 6ICN
- b) 2015 Lansing MI
- c) Quebec CANADA
- d) 2017 Possible joint meeting - soil ecology > parasitology > APS

## 12. Journal of Nematology costs-Inga—no feedback

**13. Recognition of Service:** On behalf of SON, Jon Eisenback thanked several individuals for their service to the Society during the past year. He thanked the Executive Board liaisons for their service. *Antoon Ploeg, EB member; Byron Adams, web editor; Sally Stetina (departing as Nematology Newsletter Editor in Dec 2013) and Inga Zasada (Treasurer)* were recognized.

**14. Installation of New Officers:** Past President Jim LaMondia installed the new officers for the upcoming year. The new officers are President Jon Eisenback, Steve Thomas as President-elect, Byron Adams as Vice President, Senyu Chen as Treasurer. Andrea Skantar will continue as Secretary. Paulo Vieira was appointed as a new EB member, replacing Antoon Ploeg, who rotated off. Other continuing EB members are Horacio Lopez Nicora and Nathan Schroeder.

Jon Eisenback assumed control of the meeting as the new President.

*A motion to adjourn was made by Richard Davis, seconded by Sally Stetina. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.*