

Society of Nematologists
53rd Annual Meeting
Second Executive Board Meeting
May 7, 2014
Recorded by Andrea M. Skantar, Secretary

In Attendance: Steve Thomas (President), Patty Timper (Vice President), Jon Eisenback (Past President), Senyu Chen (Treasurer), Andrea Skantar (Secretary), Horacio Lopez Nicora, Paulo Viera.

Call to order: *President Steve Thomas* called the meeting to order at 6:02 pm SA time

Approval of Agenda: *Patty Timper* moved and *Jon Eisenback* seconded a motion to accept the Agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

Updates: *Nathan Schroeder* will rotate off the EB; a replacement candidate needs to be identified soon.

Journal of Nematology: *Nancy Burelle* not present, no report.

NNL and web page: *Roxana Myers* not present, no report.

Cobb Foundation: *David Shapiro* presented the report at the SON Business Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **RFP for new web content:** *Jon Eisenback* reiterated that the EB previously approved an RFP for up to 5 proposals for \$2,000 each, to add value to the web site. Content such as PowerPoint presentations, survey maps, videos, techniques, etc. are desirable. *Jon* has a library of all species descriptions that could be included. *Steve Thomas* could ask the chair of Education Committee (*Ed McGawley*) to help. *Steve* and *Roxana Myers* will work to form an ad hoc committee of judges who will decide on who gets funded.
- 2) **NNL/web editor:** Associates initially contacted by *Byron Adams* have been doing the website modifications, but *Roxana* is limited in her access to update the page. If we change providers, whomever we choose needs to have security and functionality to do voting and online purchases of memberships, and donations, etc. We need more input from *Roxana* on what the limitations currently are. We pay up front for the service and continue to pay. **This issue needs to be followed up during the next electronic EB meeting.**
- 3) **Social media:** We have Facebook and Twitter sites that were started by *Vincat Parkunen*, who is no longer active in nematology. The pages have not been updated; someone currently involved needs to manage the sites. The EB concluded that for

now we need to focus on the web page improvement first and then social media content will come later.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **2015 budget (on calendar year basis):** Since several EB members could not attend this meeting, detailed discussion is being deferred until everyone has a chance to look at *Senyu*'s submitted budget, and then we can make further decisions. Budget item: \$2,000 awards are included when there is an Honorary Member inducted, which allows SON to pay for the inductees' travel and per diem to the meeting. Their registration and banquet ticket is paid by the Local Arrangements Committee.
2. **Widely Prevalent Nematode List:** APHIS PPQ has shifted responsibility for launching and maintaining the WPNL from the APS Nematology Committee to SON. There is a small amount of money that APHIS reimburses the Society for helping to maintain the list. The APS Nematology Committee lacks continuity and there are not enough SON members who routinely go to APS meetings to insure needed actions. It was proposed to make maintenance of the list the responsibility of a standing committee (probably the SON Regulatory Committee). *Steve* will be the interim contact person until we get someone/someway to launch and maintain the list. The list needs to be reviewed on a per state basis, sent to nematologist in that state, or in the absence of a nematologist then to the state pest regulatory officer who has APHIS PPQ contact for permitting. What is needed is a group of individuals who every 2-3 years will be willing to evaluate the list. Bugwood (managed by *Joe LaForest*) maintains the website in the background. The purpose of maintaining this list is to be able to get an expedited permit to receive plant-parasitic nematodes. Regulatory, Ecology, and Extension Committees could be involved.

***Patty Timper* moved and *Horacio Lopez-Nicora* seconded a motion to have Regulatory Committee take on the responsibility for updating the Widely Prevalent Nematode List. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. **Free student memberships:** *Saad Hafez* proposed during the business meeting that SON pay for some number of student memberships for a year (\$30 each). These would be free for new members for one year, to allow them to try out membership in the Society to see if they like it. The details of how this will be put into practice need to be worked out, such as, the major professor certifies that the person is a student and the Business Office needs to be aware that the membership fee would be waived.

***Patty Timper* moved and *Paulo Viera* seconded a motion that we institute a new membership rule that first time students receive free membership for the first year; this status would be indicated on the membership application form. *Jon Eisenback* proposed an actionable item for the Membership Committee**

(contacting chair *Ed McGawley*) to initiate an awareness campaign. The motion passed unanimously.

- 4. *Paulo Viera* moved and *Jon Eisenback* seconded a motion that *President Steve Thomas* would write a formal letter of thanks to the organizers of this meeting. The motion passed unanimously.**
- 5. Adjourn: *Patty Timper* moved and *Jon Eisenback* seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm South Africa time.**