



**SOCIETY OF NEMATOLOGISTS
55TH ANNUAL MEETING (2016)
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING DATE: 7/21/16
LOCATION: Montreal, Canada
Executive Board will be referred to as EB in this minutes.

SUBJECT	DISCUSSION / INFORMATION	ACTION / STRATEGY / RESPONSIBLE PERSON
1. Call to order	President Adams called the meeting to order at 3:31 pm EST time	
2. Appointment of Parliamentarian	Jon Eisenback	
3. Approval of agenda	A motion to approve the agenda was made by Billy Crow, Ernest Bernard seconded, all in favor.	The motion passed.
4. Approval of minutes	A motion to approve minutes from the 54th Annual Meeting held in Lansing, MI was made by Patricia Timper, Andrea Skantar seconded, all in favor.	The motion passed.

5. Passing of Members: President Adams acknowledged the passing of several members in the past year. In addition, he dedicated the meeting to two founding members George Fassuliotis and Bill Mountain. A moment of silence was observed for George Fassuliotis, Bill Mountain and Raymond Rebois.

6. Executive Board Reports: Written reports will be published on the SON website.

- a) **President – Byron Adams:** We eliminated our old business office that lasted for 4-5 years. We like to thank Steve Thomas for agreeing to take over the interim office for a year or so. He will provide his experience to run the business office for future officers.
- b) **President-Elect – Patricia Timper:** There are a total of 255 abstracts received for this meeting. Thanks ONTA and all the symposium organizers in helping to put the program together.
- c) **Vice-President – Nancy Kokalis-Burelle:** Recruitment for 2018 meeting locations was made. Steve Thomas had proposed a potential location. For more details, look for the written report to be posted online.
- d) **Past-President – Steve Thomas:** nothing to add.
- e) **Secretary – Koon-Hui Wang:** nothing to add.
- f) **Treasurer – Senyu Chen:** Last year total income was \$151K; amount spent was \$139K, with a net income of slightly over \$11K. The main sources of income were the membership dues (\$23K) and the annual meeting profit (\$21K, which is a great income). Our Wells Fargo investment yielded \$5,868 in 2015. Our major expense is publication of the Journal (\$11,675). The business office expenses were \$24,688. Our last year finances were in good condition, but we need to think about how to pay the journal expense.

- g) **Editor-in-Chief – Andrea Skantar:** The Journal is currently on schedule. Journal Impact Factor = 1.333. There were lots of manuscript rejections due to failure to follow the journal format. Editorial board will be revising the journal format. If you would like to provide input, please contact Andrea Skantar. We are considering adding DOI links to manuscripts accepted for publication and possibly adding a new category on Genome Sequencing to the journal. Please volunteer to be journal editor and respond to the revision request.
7. **Web Page Editor – Roxana Myers:** The new SON webpage is more secure and easier to add new content. We aim to make it easier for SON Business office to operate.
8. **Other Reports:** Written reports will be published on the SON website.
- a) **N. A. Cobb Foundation – Terry Niblack,** President: nothing to add.
- b) **Archivist – Jon Eisenback:** Nothing to add. Please send anything that needs to be archived in the SON Museum to Jon Eisenback. Howard Ferris asked how to access the archive. Eisenback: Iowa State Library and 103 Hall in Virginia Tech are two locations of SON Museum. Currently there is not much in the collection. If interested, please contact Jon Eisenback and Greg Tylka. Tylka said just let him know he can take you to the 4th floor of the library in Iowa State University.
- c) **American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) – Pete Masler:** Available on the poster session during this meeting. The theme since July 2015 is activism and advocacy.
International Federation of Nematology Societies (IFNS) – Larry Duncan: The 2020 International Congress of Nematologists (ICN) will take place in Antibes, France. The Local Arrangements chair is Pierre Abad. Duncan showed a video on Sophia-Antipolis. The meeting will be on May 3-8, 2020. This is about the most centrally located place throughout the world. Hotel costs 37-100 EURO per night including breakfast. Registration will be 450 EURO. IFNS is working on getting subsidies for 100 students traveling to the meeting from developing countries. Byron Adams thanks Duncan for his hard work in selecting the meeting site despite the fact that SON original proposal for ICN in Cuba didn't go through.
- d) **National Scientific Collections Alliance (NSCA) -- Byron Adams:** NSCA has ceased collecting biological items until a new funding source is found.
9. **Standing Committee Reports:** Written reports will be published on the SON website.
- a) Biological Control of Nematodes – Louise-Marie Dandurand (no additional report)
- b) Ecology – Zhiqiang Cheng (no report, not present)
- c) Education – Robin Giblin-Davis – Tom Powers is the chair, Ann McGuidwin is the new vice chair. Jon Eisenback has decks of card for sale at the meeting. A printable version is available in the latest issue of the SON Newsletter. The committee is planning on hosting a Cobb Bowl jeopardy game during the 2017 meeting. The questions for the jeopardy game will be derived from information on the cards. Next year the committee will solicit new card designs from SON members. They also discussed uploading educational materials to SON website. Please see more details on the committee written report. The 2016 workshop taught members how to build a \$10 microscope. Presently they have a newer version that costs only \$4 / microscope.
- d) Entomophilic Nematology – Harit-Bal (not present).
- e) Extension – Billy Crow: The committee plans to organize a symposium. They also want to put together an Extension page in the SON website with a list of specialists by crop. Crow will be looking for members that are willing to be listed.
- f) Finance Advisory – Senyu Chen: Please refer to details in the written report. The committee is trying to balance the financial conditions of SON. The journal generates no income. We talked about increasing membership fees last year and this year but it was not accepted. A manuscript submission fee was being discussed. Phil Roberts strongly suggested the society charge a moderate fee for publication. Some journals charge \$1500 for open access publication, being completely free is irrational. Byron Adams said that EB had extensively discussed the open access charge, but had ethical issue concerns. It will not be easily accessible for developing countries. If we can subsidize journal publication cost by something else, EB see that as an alternative. EB is looking for ways to reduce publication costs. We also tried to

see if we can generate income from other source. Hadish Melakaberhan raised the idea of the open access journal model again. Tom Powers said it is about \$800-900 for a 40-page (Word document page) publication. Ernest Bernard supported to go with the open access model. Saad Hafez asked if we can use the meeting registration fees to cover the journal costs. Senyu Chen explained that this year we increased the registration fee by \$25 and dropped the abstract fee to reduce the business office workload and also address the concerns of ONTA about students not being able to pay abstract fees. Hafez said a few years ago the registration fee went into SON operation expenses. Senyu Chen reemphasized the need of engaging the SON treasurer in future local arrangements for meetings to decide on the cost and expenses. It is the attempt of the society to make money from the meeting registration to support its operation. Mario Tenuta said that he disagreed to use meeting registration fees to cover the society costs, and that we should use membership fee to cover society's operational costs. We have some Sustaining Members from Industry to cover some of these costs instead of using meeting registration fees to pay for Journal of Nematology. Byron Adams said that all the contributions from Sustaining Members are going into SON operations. Hadish Melakaberhan again said that we should charge publication fee. Adams said we are charging non-member publication fees in JON. Larry Duncan mentioned that for ONTA, they hire their secretary to prepare PDF for publication. That helps them reduce journal publication costs to \$3,000 per year. Nancy Kokalis-Burelle explained that part of the cost to publish JON goes to PeerTracks, not just printing in PDF.

- g) Graduate Student – Benjamin McInnes – Not present. Byron Adams said the Graduate Student Committee is a very active group.
- h) Honors and Awards – Inga Zasada – A total of 45 students participated in this year's student competition. The committee distributed 10 Bayer, 6 Dow, and 3 Cobb Foundation Student Travel Awards. Additionally, the committee evaluated 25 abstracts and narrowed the field to 16 for the Student Oral Competition. Among the SON Fellow, Syngenta, and Teaching of Excellence awards, only one nomination was received last year. Zasada encouraged members to nominate individuals for various awards in SON.
- i) Industry – Axel Elling – The committee is trying to get more Industry members. He thanked Mario Tenuta for getting many local supporters. They plan on working with Graduate Student Committee in 2017 to develop a career development session; and will collaborate with the Extension Committee next year.
- j) Long Range Planning – Steve Thomas -- Financial sustainability and membership numbers are two issues the committee is focused on. Membership is at a point that can only nominate 0.7 of a fellow. Steve reminded the emeritus members to renew their membership for free. This would increase SON membership. We have 176 members now, down from last year. Byron Adams said that this could be due to the rebuilding of the website. Hope to see an increase in membership next year as more would attend the meeting. Billy Crow asked "What are some plans to recruit members or reach out to a wider audience?" The committee is working on this.
- k) Meeting Site Selection – Nancy Kokalis-Burelle: 2017 SON meeting will take place in Williamsburg, VA. The Local Arrangements Committee is chaired by Jon Eisenback. She also solicited interest in hosting the 2018 Annual Meeting. Steve Thomas had agreed to make a presentation to host the 2018 meeting in Albuquerque, NM.
- l) Membership – Ed McGawley: Last two year no one showed up to the Membership Committee meeting, probably due to overlapping in meeting schedules. We need to have more members to participate in this committee. Byron Adams said that we have a list of past membership that didn't register this year and can contact these members. Billy Crow raised the issue that sometimes the website showed a different record of membership payment than his own record. Byron Adams said that the new website does have an issue with the ability to track multiple-year membership payments. Ernest Bernard suggested that we adopt "Every member get a member campaign" promoted by Don Schmitt few years ago by recruiting members from outside of nematology. There are more people interested in nematology outside of our society. Our faculty should encourage students working in their labs to become SON members. Hadish Melakaberhan added that SON has a lot of interest in Ecology. We can recruit other Ecologists to be members of the Society. John Webster agreed that we want scientists from other disciplines to join SON.

- m) Plant Resistance – Salliana Stetina/Andrea Westphal: The committee will organize a workshop on “Nematology 101: Nematode Resistance and its Use” and a symposium on “Tolerance and Resistance against Nematodes”.
- n) Regulatory – Steve Thomas: This year the committee successfully presented a workshop organized by Janet Brito. They plan on organizing a symposium on “Plant diseases transmitted by nematodes” next year. The committee also wants to review the list of Widely Distributed Nematode by States. If you are asked to provide a list, please respond for your state. Russ Bullock added that PPQ is asked to compile a list of root-knot and cyst nematode collections to collaborate with the European Scientists. PPQ office will be in touch with representative Nematologists in the country.
- o) Systematic Resources – Qing Yu: The committee is working on compiling an Orphanage Collection inventory, and planning another Nematode Systematic symposium for next year.

10. Old Business

- a) 56th Annual SON meeting - Jon Eisenback: The 56th Annual SON meeting will be held on Aug 13-17, 2017, right after the ONTA and APS meetings. The Wednesday tour is optional and we will have a banquet on Thursday. The weather at that time will be very hot. Jon presented a power point and video on things to visit and see in Williamsburg, and anticipated that this will be a very memorable meeting for SON!
- b) Reinstatement of NNL: Jon Eisenback said that NNL is published quarterly online now and is not limited to black and white pictures, with no page limit. He encouraged all members to submit materials to NNL. Roland Perry asked us to make an announcement about the 2017 SON meeting in the European Society of Nematologists’ newsletter, and to recruit SON members from the European Society of Nematologists.
- c) New web page: (reported earlier).

11. Recognition of Support for 55th Annual Meeting: Byron Adams asked all attendees from Industry to stand up and they received a round of applause from SON members. He thanked Mario Tenuta for arranging a successful meeting, and thanked the Canadian industry sponsors as well as:

- a. Bayer Crop Science –
- b. Dow AgroScience –
- c. Syngenta –
- d. Marrone –
- e. The Nathan A. Cobb Nematology Foundation
- f. Canadian Industry Sponsors:
 - Alberta Pulse
 - Saskatchewan Pulse Growers
 - Western Grains Research Foundation
 - Syngenta Canada
 - La Coop Federee
 - Pulse Soybean Growers
 - Grain Farmers of Ontario
 - Bayer: Science for Better Live|Canada
 - McCain
 - NorthStar Genetics

12. New Meeting Site proposed for 2018: Steve Thomas made a pledge to propose a meeting for 2018 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Potential dates are July 8-11, or July 21-25, 2018. He is looking into the option between the MSU-type meetings that includes meals at a slightly higher registration fee or keeping the registration fee low. Byron Adams suggested that we not bundle it if the meeting site has easy access to food outside of the meeting location. Timper said that sometimes by signing up for a food plan with the hotel, you can cut costs on hotel room prices or conference room prices. Joe Noling said that you can prearrange

for expedited lunches. Roland Perry: Funding is available for registration but not for meals, so bundling or including meals is attractive to students. Steve Thomas said that we will form a committee to plan this. The Hyatt Regency might be the location of this meeting. Weed Science Society just hosted a meeting at the Hyatt with \$350 registration fee. Reasonable price, one at old town (South Western venue hotel, plenty opportunities to outdoor activities, potential host a reception at the botanical garden or aquarium which is well known for jelly fish exhibition, Biopark, desert, tourist friendly), next to down town. Look at July 13, 2016 e-mail from Steve through SON listserv for more detail.

No other proposals were received for new meeting site.

Motion: James Kotcon moved to accept the bid by Steve Thomas to host the 2018 SON meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico, seconded by Axel Eilling. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Byron Adams reminded the members that in the 2015 meeting, we agreed that the SON meeting is a revenue generating event for the society.

13. Recognition of Service to SON:

- a. Secretary – Senyu Chen: Byron Adams applauded Senyu Chen for helping the society to transition from having an external business office to not having one. This is a great contribution to SON.
- b. Web Editor – Roxana Myers: Adams thanked Roxana Myers profusely for helping SON to rebuild the SON website. Roxana Myers thanked Ed McGawley for willingly taking over.
- c. Local Arrangements Committee Chair – Mario Tenuta: Adams thanked Mario for arranging a successful meeting. Mario thanked Benjamin Mimee for running the local arrangements and all the students and technicians that help on different events during the meeting.
- d. Journal of Nematology Editors whose 3-year term ended in 31 December 2015 were greatly appreciated and recognized for their efforts —
 - Andreas Westphal
 - Inga Zasada
 - Sally Stetina
 - Abigail Walter
 - Jyotsna Sharma
 - Billy Crow

14. Installation of Officers

- a. Treasurer – Kathy Lawrence: not present
- b. Vice-President – Billy Crow
- c. President-Elect – Nancy Kokalis-Burelle
- d. President – Patricia Timper

First order of business, Patty Timper presented a plaque to thank Byron Adams for his excellent service.

15. Adjournment	Jon Eisenback so moved, James Kotcon seconded to a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm EST.	The motion passed unanimously.
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Respectfully submitted by Koon Hui Wang.