

BOTANICAL SOCIETY OF AMERICA
Minutes of the Business Meeting
Tuesday, July 28 July, 2009
4:45 - 5:45 PM
Wasatch A/Cliff Lodge - Level C
SNOWBIRD, UTAH

President Karl Niklas assumed that a quorum was present, and brought the 2009 Business Meeting of the Botanical Society of America to order.

The secretary noted that the following individuals were present at the meeting:

Rainer Bussmann
Janice Coons
Bill Dahl
Pam Diggle
Laura Galloway
Marissa Grant
Chris Haufler
Kent Holsinger
Jack Horner
Judy Jernstedt
Carol Kelloff
Suzanne Koptur
Karl Niklas
John Raven
Jenny Richards
Larry Skog
Pam Soltis
Judy Skog
Marsh Sundberg
Anitra Thorhaug
Steve Weller

A motion to approve the minutes from the 2008 Business Meeting at Vancouver passed.

A motion from Karl Niklas to approve all reports passed

Karl noted that all reports are on file. These reports are appended to the Minutes from the 2009 Advisory Council Meeting.

Karl asked for questions regarding the reports, and there were none.

Karl noted that we have four new corresponding members, and that one of these new corresponding members, John Raven, from the University of Dundee, was present at the

Business Meeting. Karl stated that he is looking forward to announcing his induction on Wednesday at the BSA banquet.

There was no old business.

New Business

Pam asked whether we needed approval of the new corresponding members. Karl stated that we did need approval.

Pam read the names of all four individuals recommended as new corresponding members: Prof. Enid A. C. MacRobbie (University of Cambridge, England), Prof. John Raven (University of Dundee, Scotland), Prof. Anca Sarbu (University of Bucharest, Romania), Dr. David E. Symon, State Herbarium of South Australia, Australia), and Prof. Muddasir Israr Zaidi (University of Balochistan, Pakistan). Pam presented a motion that these four individuals become corresponding members of the BSA. The motion was approved unanimously.

Bill Dahl presented five suggestions to the council that had been proposed in advance of the Advisory Council meeting, and a sixth motion that was presented at the Advisory Council meeting:

1. Family memberships should increase 5 dollars.
2. Students and post docs should be provided with an early-renewal incentive.
3. There will be a new student membership drive in fall.
4. Fees for section membership should be waived to encourage students to go into these programs
5. There should be a \$10 shipping charge for journals for those who miss the renewal deadline.
6. A motion was presented at the Advisory Council meeting to move the print cost of the American Journal of Botany to the actual cost. Bill estimated that this would be about \$125.

Bill noted that the institutional cost is about \$625.

Karl noted that this was a recommendation from the Advisory Council. In future meetings there will no longer be print version of abstracts.

Karl noted that the Society is also exploring the idea of getting rid of abstracts. Most sections want abstracts. Bruce said that the ASPT wants to get rid of abstracts. One compromise would be to have each society adopt its own protocols.

It was noted by Anitra Thorhaug that there is a historical aspect to abstracts, and that you can't get everything into a title.

A majority of Board members want abstracts.

Laura Galloway, the Society Treasurer, commented on the budget. The budget will be \$1.96 million, because we anticipate less revenue in the upcoming year. Also, expenditures have been lower this year, so the budget will match the anticipated lower level of expenditures next year.

Karl noted that the name of the Financial Advisory Committee will be changed to the Investment Committee. We will also have a Finance Committee.

Karl would like to request nominations from the sections for Chair of the Advisory Council. The Advisory Council can no longer be chaired by the President. The Chair of the Advisory Council will act as a liaison between the Advisory Council and The Board. There will be a ballot measure to elect the chair of the Advisory Council.

Karl announced that there will be four 4 merit awards. Some awards are missing because they have not been determined. All awards will be announced at the BSA banquet.

Karl acknowledged the new Board members, including Directors at Large Chris Haufler, Dennis Stevenson, and Scott Russell, incoming President Elect Judy Skog, incoming secretary Pamela Diggle, and the new student Board member, Rachel Meyer.

Karl noted that Marsh Sundberg was receiving a Merit Award.

There was a motion for adjournment.

Bill noted that the name of the Web Committee will change to the Technology Committee.

Rainer Bussman suggested that we need a more stringent mechanism for dealing with no shows. Bill will deal directly with this problem.

Pam asked whether we needed a vote on recommendations?

Karl asked if there was a motion to approve the recommendations. A motion was approved unanimously.

A motion for adjournment was passed unanimously.