The meeting was called to order at 3:33 P.M. by Chair Genaro Hernandez-Castillo.

The minutes of 2008 Business Meeting were approved.

Report from the Chair

The Section has a program for the Snowbird meeting with 35 contributed papers, and 11 posters. Of the contributed papers, 7 are student papers. The annual mixer and banquet was Monday evening, 27 July, 2009 at the Eagle’s Nest and Golden Cliff respectively. The Section is also sponsoring a three-day post-meeting field trip to collect Paleogene fossil floras of southwestern Wyoming organized by Peter Wilf and Steven Manchester. This years Paleobotany button “Plant Evolution is the Solution” are still available for $2.00 each.

Report from the Secretary

The Paleobotanical Section currently has 371 members (332 regular members, 23 associate members, and 16 honorary members). This represents an increase of 77 members (21%) since 2008. All unpaid members for 2009 were contacted. Hardship exemptions for dues payment are at the discretion of the Secretary/Treasurer, so please feel free to contact the S/T if there are issues with the current economic situation. The issue with the BSA Office and the Section regarding address updates was addressed at the BSA Council meeting, so the S/T should now be notified when Members change addresses.

Report from the Treasurer

Major expenditures for 2008-2009 include the Bibliography for American Paleobotany ($1669.70), Student travel to IOPC 2008 ($5000), membership in American Geological Institute ($434), and Student Speaker Paleobotanical Section Banquet Tickets ($650).

Major income includes Dues ($2530), Donations ($1167), BSA Allotment ($1300), Paleobotanical Section Auction ($3058.52), Button sales ($116.00), and Institutional Bibliography Subscriptions ($264).


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Isabel Cookson Fund $14,828.11
Remy and Remy Fund $8,420.74
James M. And Esther N. Schopf Fund $44,668.99
Marcia R. Winslow Fund $12,000.00
Secretary/Treasurer Account $5,287.95

Known upcoming expenditures for 2009-2010 include Bibliography of American Paleobotany 2008 (Printing = $1028.02, Mailing = $1142.6) and student Paleobotanical Banquet Tickets 2009 ($400). There will be no BSA Allotment this year.

Report of the Executive Council Meeting

There are approximately 1200 attendees at this years meetings. There will be no allotment this year and an overall 10% budget reduction.

With the exception of a slight increase in family memberships, a $10.00 increase in post May subscriptions, and a $35.00 increase in print subscriptions, membership rates stay the same.


425 copies were printed, 404 were mailed at $5.10 per copy.

Report from the Collections Committee

Chair Rudy Serbet presented the results of the initial survey of paleobotanical collections. Details are available upon request.

Report on Meetings

1) Recent meetings:
   Nathan Jud reported on the 2009 Mid-Continent Paleobotanical Colloquium at East Tennessee State University, 13-15 March 2009.

   Ruth Stockey reported on the 2008 Geological Society of America Meeting at Houston, TX, 5-9 October.

2) Upcoming Meetings:
   The American Association of Stratigraphic Palynology will meet 27-30 September 2008 at East Tennessee State University.
The Geological Society of America will meet 18-21 October 2009 at Portland, Oregon. A Paleobotany Field trip to the John Day fossil beds of central Oregon will be led by Richard Dillhoff, Jeff Myers, Caroline Strömberg, Regan Dunn, Thomas Dillhoff.

The Mid-Continent Paleobotanical Colloquium will be hosted by Hongqi Li, 28-30 May 2010, at Frostburg State University, Maryland.

The Botanical Society of America will meet 31 July-4 August 2010 at Providence RI.

The Botanical Society of America will meet in 2011 at St. Louis MO in Honor of the retirement of Peter Raven. Date TBA.

Old Business

None

New Business

Tom Taylor proposed to invite Brigitte Meyer-Berthaud to attend the 2010 BSA meetings, and selected Paleobotanical labs, sponsored by the Section for up to $3000.00 with the caviate that the Secretary-Treasurer has the discretion to postpone if financial issues preclude this expenditure. Final determined by Feb 2010. The motion passed.

Tom Taylor proposed that the Section support grant writing by members by establishing a committee to review grant proposals prior to submission. All grant proposals and all members are eligible. Tom Taylor, and Pat Herendeen will organize the committee. The motion passed.

Gar Rothwell proposed that in the next Section mailing the Secretary/Treasurer will ask for members who would prefer to receive the Bibliography of American Paleobotany as a PDF, rather than as a hard copy. The motion passed.

Steve Manchester nominated Honshan Wang as webmaster. Honshan was elected for a three year term: to expire at the business meeting 2012. The Section thanked Chuck Daghlian for his service as previous webmaster.

Announcements: Patty Ryberg will Post Doc. at Ohio University.

Awards

Isabel Cookson Award
Committee members Ruben Cuneo, Diane Erwin, and Michael Krings selected Patty Ryberg as this year’s winner of the Isabel Cookson Award.
Mosely Award
Committee members Gar Rothwell, Roger Meisenhiemer, and Bonnie Jacobs selected Erin Bissel for this year’s Mosely Award.

Paleobotanical Section of BSA Award
Gar Rothwell’s nomination of Aureal Cross for the first Paleobotanical Section of BSA was accepted. Professor Cross was in attendance as a guest of the Section.

BSA Merit Award
Paleobotanical Section members Alan Graham and Gar Rothwell were congratulated for their Botanical Society of America merit Awards

J.S. Karling Award
Andrew Schwendemann was this years awardee of the J.S. Karling Award

Young Botanists Awards were given to Paleobotanical Section Members:
Lucas Henderson: Advisor Mihai Tomescu
Ashley Klymiuk: Advisor Ruth Stockey

The Section thanked Session Chairs: Rudy Serbet, Linda Graham, Willie Taylor, Genaro Hernandez-Castillo, Brian Axsmith, Patty Ryberg, Lisa Boucher, and Diane Erwin, and field trip leaders Steve Manchester and Peter Wilf.

2009-2010 Chair Committee Willie Taylor, Jim Doyle, and Peter Wilf nominated Stephan Little as 209-2010 Chair. Approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:29 P.M.