

Reports

- President **Beth Jakob** called the meeting to order at 15:50 edst. She welcomed everyone, especially the students.
- A request was approved to waive reading of the minutes from the 30th annual AAS Business Meeting, held at the College of Notre Dame, 20 June, 2006.
- The membership report was given by Secretary **Alan Cady** standing-in for Membership Secretary **Jeff Shultz**. He reported there are 489 Individual members (573 in 2006), a departure from the previous upward trend. Past experience suggests this decline is temporary, probably with a slow recovery. The institutional membership continues to slowly decline. The report was approved by the membership, and Cady thanked Shultz for his efforts and service.
- Treasurer **Karen Cangialosi** reported that the Society's financial situation is similar to last year, but overall funds were slightly down compared to last year because of increased publishing (retiring the Journal of Arachnology backlog). Funds are slowly but steadily increasing because of the dues increase, and income from BioOne is helping. The Spiders of North America: An Identification Manual has ~ \$36K in the account; a profit so far of \$6K. The report was approved by a unanimous vote. Cangialosi was thanked by Jakob and the Treasurer received a round of applause for her efforts.
- **Jim Carrel**, Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Arachnology (JOA), reported that the JOA backlog is retired. This news was met with applause. Publication costs are stable. He stated that the Congress issue will have many manuscripts. Carrel made a plea for submissions of 2MB JOA cover photos. All those assembled expressed gratitude to Carrel and the JOA staff.
- President-Elect **Paula Cushing** reported on future meeting sites. The 2008 meeting will be hosted by **Rosie Gillespie** at Berkeley University, **Chris Buddle** will host at McGill University in 2009, **Tsunemi Yamashita** at Arkansas Tech hosts in 2010, we meet at Lewis & Clark College in 2011 hosted by **Greta Binford & Susan Masta**, and the 2012 meeting will be at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Green Bay hosted by **Mike Draney & Frank Pascoe**. All are confirmed. (Note: The venue for 2009 has been switched to Arkansas Tech. The 2010 meeting tentatively will be in Greenville North Carolina.)
- Secretary Cady reported on the 2007 AAS officer election. **Rosemary Gillespie** is the new President-Elect (starting September 2007), and **Greta Binford** was chosen as the newest Director, taking-over for Chris Buddle. Karen Cangialosi remains as Treasurer.
- Chris Buddle reported there are 500-600 'Spiders of North America: an Identification Manual' (SNAIM) remaining. The revision should start in 2008 under the guidance of **Darrell Ubick**. President-Elect Cushing announced that anyone who wishes brochures for SNAIM to please ask her.

Old Business and Announcements

- Space will be made available on the AAS website for obituaries and bio-sketches. If anyone wishes to write one, please contact Paula Cushing.
- **Brent Opell** announced that a panel of judges (Jim Berry, Greta Binford, Todd Blackledge, Doug Gaffin, Jeff Shultz, Gail Stratton, Robert Suter) chose two awardees from 13 entries for the AAS logo contest. **Eric Parrish** was First place (\$100) and **Carissa McCormack** was Second place (\$50). The final logo design is under consideration by the Executive Committee.
- President Jakob stated that 10 matches have been made for the Developing Nation Membership Sponsor program. There are 4 on the waiting list. Jakob gave a plea for more sponsors, citing this as a meaningful and tax-deductible activity. Perhaps Members could sponsor for a year then consider a renewal?
- The AAS Travel Grant judges (Greta Binford, Eileen Hebets, Bob Suter) evaluated three applications and made 3 awards. Information about the travel Grant and the application form are posted on the AAS website. The deadline will be in mid-May each year.
- President Jakob announced that a 5-page pre-proposal is being prepared for a March 2008 submission to NSF to fund an AAS-sponsored website on arachnids. Jakob stated that anyone interested should contact her.

New Business

- The new graduate student representative on the AAS Executive Committee is **Jenai Milliser** (Rutledge).
- The Marketing Committee chair will go from Chris Buddle to **Eileen Hebets** starting in January 2008. The Committee is being restructured to better address needs and opportunities as they arise. Anyone with ideas or other interests about marketing related to the AAS should contact Eileen.
- A new Associate Editor for the JOA for spider systematics & taxonomy is being sought. Associate Editor **Mark Harvey** had been handling all arachnid systematics and taxonomy. He will now do non-spider systematics and taxonomy. A \$1K honorarium accompanies the Associate Editorship.
- President-Elect Cushing recognized President Jakob's term in office (ending in September 2007). The assembled members showed their support and appreciation of their President with vigorous applause.
- A motion to adopt a resolution was brought forward from the floor by **Bob Suter** to President Jakob to recognize and praise the efforts and labor of the meeting's host **Matt Persons**, and his staff:

"Let It Be Resolved that Matt Persons, aided by his very able crew, has brought off a remarkably successful 2007 Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society. It is true that much of the success of the meeting is due to the high quality of the papers and those presenting them. Nevertheless, the careful planning, attention to detail, and on-site responsiveness of Matt and his team really made it all work smoothly. The Society offers Matt and Susquehanna University its deep gratitude for such a fine production."

The resolution was seconded, adopted by acclamation, and met with great applause from the assembled members and meeting attendees.

- President Jakob stated her appreciation for those who have helped her through her 2-year term as President of the American Arachnological Society. She thanked **Rick Vetter** for being the 'Meeting Nanny', the Executive Committee for their work and fast replies with e-mail, Secretary **Cady** for being the 'President Nanny' and the 'Institutional Memory', and President-Elect **Cushing** for helping to keep everything together.
- A motion to adjourn was forwarded by Secretary Cady. It was seconded by Parliamentarian **H. Don Cameron**. The motion was approved by acclamation.
- The Business Meeting was adjourned at 16:20 edst.

Respectfully Submitted,
Alan Cady
Secretary – American Arachnological Society