

- President **Charles Griswold** called the meeting to order at 14:40 edst. He welcomed everyone and encouraged their participation, especially that of students.
- A movement to waive reading and accept the minutes (with three minor corrections) from the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual AAS Business Meeting, held at East Tennessee State Univ. of Johnson City, TN, 15 July, 2013 was made, seconded by, and approved by those present.

### Reports

- **Membership** - The membership report was given by Membership Secretary **Jeff Shultz**. He reported there is a decline in the number of regular members not renewing, leading to a gradual decline in overall membership. There are many new student members. International institutional memberships are declining, but JSTOR compensates for that loss.
- **Treasurer** - The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer **Karen Cangialosi**. It was reported that the Society's financial situation is good, and that we are at an all-time high. The investments are doing well, earning \$3K since last year. We received about \$37K from BioOne & JSTOR, which continues to grow.
- **Journal Of Arachnology** – The JOA report was given by Editor-in-Chief **Bob Suter**. He recognized the 5-year service of **Doug Morse** as Managing editor, and announced his replacement, **Rick Vetter**. There were 9 submissions from the International Congress. These will be published in a 'hybrid' issue of The Journal. The acceptance rate is slightly lower than last year. Impact factors for 2013 have not been published. As the Treasurer mentioned, the royalties from JSTOR and BIO1 are increasing, which covers most of publication costs.
- **Future meeting sites** – President-Elect **Marshal Hedin** reported **Brian Patrick** will host the meeting in 2015 at South Dakota Wesleyan, we will meet in 2016 for the International Congress in Golden CO, hosted by **Paula Cushing**, Mexico (Yucatan) will be the venue in 2017 (hosted by **Fernando Alvarez**), the 2018 meeting will be at Eastern Michigan University, hosted by **Cara Shillington**, and the 2019 meeting will be in Auburn AL or UC Davis.
- **2014 Election Results** - Secretary **Alan Cady** reported on the 2014 AAS officer election. **Mike Draney** is the newest Director, replacing **Ingi Agnarsson**. **Paula Cushing** is the new Secretary, replacing **Alan Cady** after 21 years of service. The assembled membership acknowledged his service with enthusiastic applause. The new officers will assume their duties in September 2014.
- **Facebook** – **Brian Patrick** related what **Dustin Wilgers** and he have been doing to enhance and maintain the AAS Facebook page. There are currently 727 members, with 662 'likes'. The page is used to announce JOA publication, AAS events and meetings, calls for grant proposals, messages, and images. Brian made a plea for others who may be interested in becoming an administrator for the Facebook page.
- **Spider of North America – An Identification Manual** – President **Griswold** reported that the process of revising and updating SNAIM is underway. It will involve updating families and genera, with new range extensions. The revisions are hoped to be done in mid-August 2014, with the new version out in January 2015. An electronic version will be available.

### Old Business

- The student paper competition application will be made simpler with the development of a form explicitly outlining procedures and rules.
- **Website** – recent changes made by webmaster **Jan Weaver** have improved the appearance and usability of the AAS website. A committee of **Paula Cushing**, **Marshal Hedin**, and **Karen Cangialosi** will oversee an upgrade to the website and its adaptation for use on mobile devices.

### New Business

- President **Griswold** announced the abolishment of the Marketing Committee. It will be replaced by the **Office of Press Relations**, headed by **Paula Cushing** and the JOA Editor, **Bob Suter**. They will oversee and issue press releases about AAS events, publications, and advances.
- New student travel grants were announced by **Griswold** designated for students in the Americas south of the United States. There will be 6 \$500 awards available.
- There was no new business from the floor.
- President **Griswold** gave special recognition to the international members who made special efforts and sacrifices to travel to the AAS meeting in Newark, Ohio.
- President **Griswold** recognized **Andy Roberts** and his staff for planning and conducting a very **smooth** and pleasurable meeting for the AAS Members. The Members present showed their agreement with the President by rising and giving a sustained round of applause to **Andy** and his crew.
- A motion to adjourn was forwarded and seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.
- The Business Meeting was adjourned at 15:05 edst.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Alan Cady  
Secretary – American Arachnological Society