
Items of major import:
   The Society conducted its own first meeting successfully at Portland in 2000, thanks to the efforts and skill of Wayne Elisens, Meetings Coordinator

   A Meetings Manager was hired in the Business Office, Ms. Johanne Stogran. Organization and duties of Business Office personnel have been evaluated and assigned. A Personnel Committee was established to provide oversight.

   An *ad hoc* Committee was established to evaluate issues relating to membership, dues structure, resulting in a proposal to be presented for a tiered membership dues structure. (See later for details)

   A Strategic Plan, initiated earlier, has been revised and will be considered at this meeting in order to establish priorities and an Action Plan.

Specific items:

Letters
   o Official letter of thanks to former Committee chairs and members
   o Formal appointment of new committee chairs, members
   o To ASPP objecting to name change; letters to several botanists urging them to write also
   o Fall letter in PSB
   o Appreciation for Leisman Bequest
   o Proposing name change of Past President’s Symposium to Plenary Symposium
   o Thank you to Mary Dawson for site visit and report
   o Congratulations to Peter Raven on Presidential Medal
   o Letter about Corporate Sponsorship Package
   o Appointing Dieter Wilkin Chair, Pacific Section
   o Raven and Evert dealing with their concerns about McGraw Hill sponsorship
   o Thanks to McGraw Hill for support
   o Spring President’s letter in PSB
   o Formal invitation to E. O. Wilson to be Plenary Speaker, 2003
   o Karling Award Congratulations letters
   o Letter to Rieseberg about Symposium
   o Invited Marlene Dickison to meeting
   o Letters of invitation to other societies for 2002 meeting in Wisconsin
   o Winter email to society members
   o Email to Council about proposed change in member rates, page charges

Assisted with developing job description for Meetings Manager
Worked on having BSA endorse letter about endangered species applying to plants

Corresponded with IBOY, resulting in announcing it on website

Discussion with President of ASPB about joint projects; nothing specific established. Pursue this

Appointed ad hoc Membership Tiers Committee; informed Council of outcome of their deliberations after Spring EC meeting; presented proposed changes to membership in the spring mailing; will bring proposed changes to a vote at the 2001 BSA Business meeting.

Appointed an ad hoc committee to work out a MOU for interaction between BSA and AABGA

Provided information and guidance on various committee functions to committee chairs

Personnel Issues
  - Received Dawson Report,
  - Established Personnel Committee to provide oversight of Business Office and implemented several additional suggestions from Dawson Report
  - Evaluated organization of Business Office
  - Established search committee, interviewed (with Schneider, Osborn, Hiser) and hired Meetings Manager, March 2001
  - With EC input, offered recommendations about organization and established duties of Business and Meetings Managers, spring 2001
  - Completed Performance Review, in conjunction with Personnel Committee of both Kim and Johanne, July 2001

Editor-in Chief, AJB
  - Dealt with issues regarding special papers
  - Discussed with Editor the Special Paper Policy, but have not resolved this by a written statement
  - Completed revision of Editorial Board Policy, conveyed to Editor in Chief

Meetings attended:
  - AIBS Council meeting in October, 2000; the initiative to increase staff working on Public Policy, using funds committed from member societies is most important issue for BSA to consider
  - CSSP in December, 2000; discussion of election outcome included consideration of how to maintain increasing, or even, current funding levels by Congress; concern about teaching evolution and some of the antievolution movements was presented, ideas of how to publicize scientific research presented.
  - AIBS as Council Representative, Board Member in March 2001
Bylaws change about K-12 teachers receiving a special member rate was written, distributed in spring mailing, and passed by member vote.

Drafted President’s Forum Discussion Session for Botany 2001, invited NSF officers to attend, Presidents of other attending societies at Botany 2001, established agenda

Strategic planning

- Revised strategic plan, discussed at spring EC
- Proposed and organized strategic planning/action session, interviewed and hired David Northington as facilitator, for August 2001. Established session agenda.
- Altered strategic plan into a “wish list” for FAC to use as fund raising

Respectfully submitted,

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