Call to Order at 3:30pm.

Minutes of 2009 Business Meeting were approved.

**Report from the Chair**

This year the Paleobotanical Section had a program for the 2010 meeting in Providence which included 42 contributed papers, and 6 posters. I would like to thank the various members who acted as chairs for the section’s presentation sessions: Stefan Little, Patty Ryberg, Anne-Laure Decombeix, Mike Dunn, Leo Hickey, Maria Gandolfo, Liz Hermsen, & Lisa Boucher.

Of the contributed papers, 7 were student papers which were eligible for the Isabel Cookson Award, as well as the Maynard Moseley Award. Notably, the section sponsored an invited guest for a paleobotanical section special lecture; Brigitte Meyer-Berthaud from Montpellier presented. The Section held its annual mixer and banquet on Monday, 2 August 2010 in the Rotunda Room of the Convention Center.

The annual fundraising efforts of the section include the annual button “I Dig Paleobotany” sales that raised 165$. In addition, this year we held the biennial auction at the section banquet, as well as a concurrent silent auction. The auction sold 12 donated items which brought in 554 in total. Thanks to Wily Taylor for once again being an efficient and entertaining auctioneer. A special raffle was held for an anonymously donated Zeiss Compound Microscope, which raised 430$. It was a pleasure to see that the scope raffle winner is a student, Christopher Steenbock, from the Tomesecu Lab at Humboldt State.

I conclude my report with the formal announcement of the passing of members of the Paleobotanical community. After the special lecture on Monday, there was an informal lecture honouring the memory of Don Eggert, who passed away July 16, 2010. Sergei Gzeelin from The Komarov Botanical Institute, St. Petersburg also passed away this year. I would like to ask now if there are any other names the section would like added to our records and honored in a moment of silence.

“As chair of the Paleobotanical section of the Botanical Society of America, I would like to call for all the members present to stand and join in a moment of silence in honor of Don Eggert, Sergei Gzeelin”

**Report from the Secretary and Editor of the Bibliography of North American Paleobotany**

The Paleobotanical Section currently has 374 members (339 regular members, 19 associate members, and 16 honorary members). This represents an increase of 3 members since last year, but it also includes a hard audit of the membership list where all members in arrear (excluding hardship exemptions) for more than one year were deleted from the list.

Keeping membership lists up to date continues to be an issue, so the Secretary/Treasurer will attach an Excel Spreadsheet to each newsletter so that address changes come directly to the Secretary/Treasurer.
Report from the Treasurer

Financial activity was light during the year and was primarily restricted to printing and mailing costs for the The Bibliography of American Paleobotany for 2009.

Fran Huber donated $15,000 dollars to the Section; $5,000 to the Michael Cichan Fund, $5,000 to the Paleobotany Endowment, and $5,000 to be used as the Section sees fit.

Report of the Executive Council Meeting

Cookson Winner will get an invitation to publish in the Plant Science Bulletin

No Corresponding Members this year.

Membership rates stay the same.

AJB subscriptions are up $40.00 for Institutional Subscriptions but stay the same for Members, including print subscriptions even though hardcopies cost BSA @ $80/per subscription and account for an approximately $30,000/year loss for BSA

Budget: Slightly ahead of goals

$75,000 has been allocated for a Development Officer who will attempt to get BSA to a minimum endowment of 10-15 million.

A Finance Committee has been added to the standing committees to act as an advisor to the Treasurer. The membership of that committee includes Darleen Demason, Kristina Schierenbeck, and Mike Dunn (Chair).

Report from the Collections Committee

Rudy Serbet reported on a Proposal for an NSF Grant that would fund a Collection Technician and facilities to coordinate the organization of American Paleobotanical Collections. KU would be the hub but each collection would remain at the original institution.

Report on Meetings

1) Recent meetings: MPC 2010: Was at Frostburg University in May with s fieldtrip to an Upper Pennsylvanian Coal Mine. Gar Rothwell reporting.
   IPC: Was poorly attended by Paleobotanists, but the talks that were there were of high quality. Bill Crepet reporting.
   EPPC July 2010: Was in Budapest, Hungary, and was well attended with more than 400 in attendance and many symposia.
Willy Taylor reporting.

2) Upcoming Meetings:
- GSA 2010: Denver
- CIMP 13-16 September, Warsaw
- BSA 2011: St. Louis, Chase Park Plaza July 7-13, Field Trips have yet to be determined.
- BSA 2012: Columbus, OH marks the 75th Anniversary of the Paleobotanical Section
- IBC: Melbourne, Australia, 23-30 July 2011
- IOPC 2012: Tokyo
- Argentine Paleontological Congress. Will be held in La Plata, 18-19 November 2010,
- The next EPPC will be held in Pordoba, Italy

Old Business

There were zero respondents for the Grant Review Program that was launched last year by Tom Taylor and Pat Herendeen.

New Business

Motion:
A Committee will be appointed to determine if there is a need to establish Graduate Student training guidelines in Paleobotany. In particular to address the question: what does it take to become successful in the Discipline of Paleobotany? Passed by majority.

The Committee will be formed after consultation with Bill Crepet

Motion:
By-Laws Change: See attached. Passed by majority.

Motion:
Mike Dunn will serve another year as Secretary/Treasurer. Passed unanimously

Motion as amended:
The Bibliography will be sent electronically by PDF email attachment with hard copies by request only: Passed unanimously

Motion:
That the Paleobotanical Section express their displeasure with the new abstract format, though a letter from the S/T to the Chair of the Council, The Editor in Chief of AJB and the other section chairs. Passed by majority.

Motion:
A Committee will be appointed to determine the best way to Honor the Career and
Legacy of Don Eggert at next year's meeting. Passed unanimously. Gar Rothwell will chair the Committee.

Awards
- Isabel Cookson Award: Committee members Melanie De Vore, Leo Hickey, and Cindy Looy named Andrew Leslie as this year’s winner.
- Marcia Winslow Award: None this year.
- Michael Cichan Award: None this year.
- Remy and Remy Award: None this year.
- Mosely Award: None this year.
- Paleobotanical Section Award: Shya Chitaley and David Dilcher received their awards at the Paleobotanical Section Banquet.

Editor of The Bibliography of American Paleobotany: Committee members Patty Ryberg, Edie Taylor, and Carolyn Stromberg nominated Diane Erwin. Passed unanimously

2010-2011 Chair: Committee members Lisa Boucher, Mihai Tomescu, and Ruth Stockey nominated Willy Taylor. Passed unanimously

Secretary/Treasurer Elect: Committee members Tom Taylor, Gar Rothwell, and Karl Niklas nominated Brian Axsmith. Passed unanimously.

Adjournment at 5:25pm.