The meeting was held on Thursday, 20 April, at the New Orleans Marriott in Studio 4/5. The meeting was called to order at 7:08 PM by President Omer Gokcumen. Dr. Gokcumen commended the large attendance at the business meeting, as well as the growth in genetics presentations in the American Association of Physical Anthropologists (AAPA) meetings more generally. He noted further the importance of the work AAAG is doing in improving students’ career prospects. At the beginning of his term, Dr. Gokcumen’s goal was to grow membership by 20%, and this goal was reached thanks to continued and expanded work from the Outreach Committee. In particular, Dr. Gokcumen highlighted the new website and tremendous growth in Twitter presence, which positions the AAAG as a modern, highly connected association. New members are also recruited via our excellent education activities, including the session held on Wednesday focused on data management in anthropological genetics.

**Vice President’s Report**

Vice President Connie Mulligan spoke about the AAAG/AAPA symposium session that she organized on collaborative and transdisciplinary research. The session featured speakers from a broad range of fields—historians, psychologists, cultural anthropologists, human geneticists, and more—all looking to improve their research by applying interdisciplinary approaches. Dr. Mulligan noted that if you are interested in humans, you are probably interested in complicated questions, and the best way to answer those questions is interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research. Such research can be frustrating but is eye-opening, and she hopes that sharing her own experiences will foster more collaborative research and break down barriers.

**Secretary-Treasurer’s Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Ellen Quillen asked the members to consider the minutes of the 2016 business meeting and the 2016 treasurer’s report, which were distributed via e-mail prior to the meeting and in hard copy. M. Geoffrey Hayes motioned to approve the minutes, Dr. Gokcumen seconded, and the minutes were approved via a voice vote with no opposition. Similarly, Moses Schanfield motioned to approve the treasurer’s report, Dr. Mulligan seconded, and the treasurer’s report was approved via a voice vote with no opposition. Dr. Quillen noted that membership has grown relative to the same point in 2016, but there are high levels of turnover with individuals failing to renew. She noted that dues are the only source of income for AAAG and support networking events, student prizes, and travel awards.

**Education Committee Report**

Education Committee Chair Heather Norton reported on the Society for Molecular Biology and Evolution (SMBE) satellite meeting on the “Genetics and Evolution of Admixed Populations” of Human Biology is the official publication of the American Association of Anthropological Genetics (AAAG), an educational and scientific organization founded in 1994. AAAG aims to promote the study of anthropological genetics, as this field is broadly defined, and to facilitate communication and cooperation between individuals engaged in this field of research. To learn more about the AAAG or to become a member, please visit our website at www.anthgen.org.