

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF PARASITOLOGISTS

Eighty-sixth Annual Business Meeting

4 June 2011

Sheraton Anchorage Hotel and Spa, Anchorage, Alaska

I. CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order by President Janine Caira at 2:48 PM on Saturday, 4 June 2011 in the Howard Rock Ballroom of the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel and Spa. President Caira made her opening remarks and recognized the new Officers and Nominating Committee members for 2011–2012. She then thanked the outgoing Officers and Nominating Committee for their service to the Society. See Council meeting minutes for lists of these individuals. President Caira also thanked the organizations that donated funds for the meeting; see the Council meeting minutes for the list of sponsors.

II. CLARK P. READ MENTOR AWARD

Julian Hillyer introduced Bruce M. Christensen, University of Wisconsin–Madison, as the 2011 recipient of the Clark P. Read Mentor Award. Dr. Christensen accepted the award and delivered his acceptance speech entitled “Mentoring the Mentor.”

III. ASHTON CUCKLER NEW INVESTIGATOR AWARD

Julian Hillyer also introduced Chelsea Matisz, University of Calgary, as the 2011 winner of the Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award. Ms. Matisz accepted the award and thanked the Society.

IV. OTHER AWARDS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scott Seville announced the recipients of the Willis A. Reid, Jr. Student Research Grant Awards: Kayce Bell, University of New Mexico (graduate) and Emily Kasl, Texas A&M University (graduate). Kym Jacobson then announced the winners of the Student Paper Awards and Marc Dresden Student Travel Grants; Kristin Herrmann, University of Otago, and Anthony Stumbo, University of Lethbridge, received the Outstanding Student Paper awards and Kayce Bell, University of New Mexico, and James Losee, Oregon State University/National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), received the Meritorious Student Paper awards. Kym Jacobson then recognized the Student Travel Grant recipients (see Council minutes for a list of students receiving travel grants).

V. SOCIETY BUSINESS

President Caira announced that Council had approved the Council minutes from 2010 and voted to accept new members since the last meeting. She then called for the membership to vote on the new members. A motion was made to accept the new members since the last meeting, the motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously. President Caira also informed the membership of significant actions taken by Council during the 2011 meeting:

- Voted to make the Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant guidelines more specific and charged the current Student Awards Committee to draft the language;
- voted to adjust the Marc Dresden Student Travel Grant fund to US\$9,000 for the 2012 meeting in Richmond, Virginia;
- voted to obtain a professional liability insurance policy for the Society;
- voted to obtain a general liability insurance policy to cover annual meeting venues;

- voted to provide the option for regular members to opt out of receiving print copies of the *Journal* in 2012;
- voted to have the Society website hosted commercially and undergo a change in website address;
- voted to negotiate a contract including basic site redesign and maintenance for the ASP website with Academic Web Pages;
- voted to produce and disperse a printed membership directory in the coming year;
- voted to provide reimbursement to current student representatives for annual meeting travel and accommodations; and
- voted to ensure that future annual meeting sites have an on-site Local Organizing Committee in place.

President Caira then reviewed the 2011 award recipients including Eminent Parasitologist Lecturer Robert L. Rausch, University of Washington School of Medicine, Clark P. Read Mentor Award recipient Bruce M. Christensen, and Ashton Cuckler New Investigator Award winner Chelsea Matisz. She also recognized the winners of the Student Paper Awards and Student Travel Grants.

VI. SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Dennis Minchella presented the Secretary-Treasurer’s report including membership and subscription data, cash flow data, and performance of investment accounts. Secretary-Treasurer Minchella indicated that membership and subscriptions continue to decline, but mentioned the high quality of the Society members, echoing the sentiment expressed by President Caira during her Presidential Address. He then indicated that the Society’s financial condition is stabilizing and encouraged the Society to work together to keep the Society moving forward as it pursues new ideas and initiatives. Secretary-Treasurer Minchella also made special mention of Alice Foster and her many contributions to the Society.

VII. THE JOURNAL OF PARASITOLOGY EDITOR

In Gerald Esch’s absence, President Caira recognized the incoming Editor of the *Journal*, Michael Sukhdeo, Rutgers University, effective in the summer of 2012. She expressed her gratitude for Michael Sukhdeo’s willingness to accept the position of Editor. President Caira also invited members to review Gerald Esch’s report in the upcoming December issue of the *Journal*.

VIII. SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM OFFICER

Herman Eure gave a report of the events and successes of the 2010 meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He expressed his appreciation to all who helped make the meeting possible, including Local Organizing Committee Chair Ron Hathaway.

IX. IN MEMORIAM

The committee received notice of the death of the following individuals: Dr. Edward Ogden “Ted” Hooghkirk, Dr. John Frederick Adrian Sprent, Dr. Steve J. Upton, Dr. John H. Cross, Dr. David Richard Lincicome, and Dr. Jeffrey Bier. A moment of silence was held in memory of these individuals.

X. OLD BUSINESS

President Caira opened the floor for old business items. There were no old business items in need of discussion.