

**National Association of Biology Teachers  
Four-Year College and University Section  
Annual Business Meeting, November 5, 2010  
Minneapolis, MN**

Section Chair Bill Kroen opened the meeting at 7:30 am with a Thank You to the wait staff in appreciation of their work serving breakfast.

Minutes of the 2009 section meeting (Denver) were prepared by Eileen Gregory and made available during breakfast. Jean DeSaix moved that they be accepted; Ann Lumsden seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Current officers (2009-2010) were recognized for their efforts: Bill Kroen (Chair), Eileen Gregory (Vice-Chair), Kerry Cheesman (Secretary-Treasurer), and Teddie Phillipson-Mower (Past Chair). Committee chairs were likewise recognized for their work. They were asked to stand and will be individually recognized as they give their reports later. Past chairs of the section were asked to stand and be recognized – ten were in attendance. First-time attendees were also asked to stand and be recognized.

Sponsors of the section were recognized: John Wiley and Sons (reception and poster session); Vernier (student poster award and student travel award); W.H. Freeman (annual breakfast and business meeting, and faculty development workshop); McGraw-Hill Higher Education (invited speaker); Pearson/Benjamin Cummings (Biology Teaching award); and Leica Microsystems (Research in Teaching award). It was noted that many of these sponsors have made long-term commitments to the section, and their support is very much appreciated by the membership.

Reports of section activities

- Awards Committee chair Teddie Phillipson-Mower announced that the Biology Teaching Award recipient is Sandra Latourelle (SUNY Plattsburg). Sandra's award will be presented at 2:30 pm at her talk. The recipient of the Biology Research in Teaching Award is William McComas; his award was presented yesterday afternoon.
- Convention Planning Committee chair Steve Christenson reiterated our gratitude to our section sponsors and asked everyone to stop by their booths in the exhibit hall to say thanks. He noted that the poster session and competition was well attended (32 posters), and thanked judges Kathy Gallucci and Karen Kackley for their service. The winner of this year's student poster competition was Anna Hiatt (Oklahoma State University) for her poster titled "Identifying major Evo-Devo concepts using Q methodology". Finally, Steve noted that the deadline for next year's posters will be June 15.
- Graduate Student Committee chair Anna noted the special workshop taking place Saturday from 9 am till noon, and asked faculty to come if possible to mingle and show support to students. She also noted that a graduate student dinner would be held tonight at Keys Café at 7 pm. The Vernier travel award was given to Carrie Jo Boyce, whose talk will be tomorrow morning.
- Ad-hoc First Year Undergraduate Biology Committee chair Eileen Gregory thanked those who had participated in the work this past year, and asked those present to participate in the survey if they haven't already done so. The committee is working on national guidelines for introductory courses.
- Faculty Professional Development Committee co-chair Kim Sadler reported that today is Professional Development Day, with an exciting program from 9 am to 3:30 pm. The topic is "Technological Tools: Advancing Inquiry for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", and six talks are scheduled (along with time to mingle with the speakers). Kim also noted that the committee could use a couple of new members for the coming year.

- There was no report from the Membership Committee, which is presently without a chair.
- Nominating Committee chair Jan Haldeman reported that Tom Lord (Indiana University of PA) is the nominee for Secretary-Treasurer.
- Ad hoc Undergraduate Biology Program Guidelines Committee chair Ann Lumsden reported that the new guidelines are currently on the website, and that the authors will try to publish the report this year.
- Historian Jean DeSaix commended the size and strength of the poster session, and noted that as a section we have come a long way from a simple start with a handful of posters. She noted the sign-in sheets on the tables, and asked everyone to sign them for historical records. She also asked that the Historical Committee is gathering data on those in attendance, and asked everyone to fill in the data cards also on the tables.
- Teddie Phillipson-Mower reported on the Biology Research Symposium received 13 proposals which were peer-reviewed, and six were selected for presentation. For next year she needs additional reviewers as well as proposals for presentations. She thanked all who were involved in the process.
- John Ruskin asked whether or not the Pre-College Committee is still active? He requested that those interested in this area meet tomorrow (with the other committees), and that there might possibly be a pre-college symposium next year.

#### New Business

- The Executive Committee brought a proposal to change the *ad-hoc* Research Symposium Committee to a standing committee named the Biology Education Research Committee. Emily Walters seconded the motion. Steve Christenson noted that the symposium has been an important part of the convention, and that the increased academic rigor of the conference is a positive thing. The motion passed unanimously.
- The Nominating Committee brought forth Tom Lord as candidate for the position of Secretary-Treasurer. No other nominations were made, and Tom was elected unanimously.
- Chair Bill Kroen announced that the standing committees would meet Saturday at 7 am, and encouraged everyone to come and participate where they have an interest. Meeting on Saturday will be Graduate Students, Research, Convention, and Pre-College (*note: Faculty Development already met this week*).

Bill Kroen thanked everyone for coming, and for making his time as Chair wonderful. In particular he thanked Jane Ellis for her tireless work. He then passed the mantle of leadership to Eileen Gregory, Chair of the section for 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 am.

Respectfully submitted,

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