

AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ZOOLOGISTS
1994 Annual Business Meeting
January 5, 1995
St. Louis, MO

I. Call to Order

President-Elect, Michael Hadfield called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. He reported that President, Charlotte Mangum regretfully was unable to attend due to illness.

II. Secretary's Report

A) Secretary, Susan Peters called for a MOTION to approve the minutes from the last annual business meeting. It was MOVED, SECONDED and the motion CARRIED to approve as published in the *American Zoologist*, VOL. 34, #2, the Minutes for the December 27, 1993 Annual Business Meeting.

B) Susan Peters reported that the proposed constitutional amendments that were voted on by mail ballot of the membership were all approved.

C) Dr. Peters introduced proposed Bylaw changes to add the new Executive Committee positions previously approved by the membership. Additionally, some further changes were introduced for clarification. The proposed Bylaw changes are as follows:

Article IV. -- Past-President

Section 2. Add: The Past-President shall preside over the Advisory Committee.

Article V. -- Secretary

Section 4. Add: The Secretary shall serve ex officio on the Membership Committee.

Article VIII. -- Treasurer

Section 7. Add: The Treasurer shall serve ex officio on the Endowment Committee and the Student Travel/Support Committee. Note: Will become Article X.

- A MOTION to add the above wording to the specified articles was made. The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

Article VI. -- Secretary-Elect

Section 1. The Secretary-Elect shall assist the Secretary in the duties specified in Article V.

Section 2. The Secretary-Elect shall assume the duties of the Secretary in the latter's absence or inability to serve.

Article VIII. -- Program Officer-Elect

Section 1. The Program Officer-Elect shall assist the Program Officer in the duties specified in Article VII.

Section 2. The Program Officer-Elect shall assume the duties of the Program Officer in the latter's absence or inability to serve.

Article XI. -- Treasurer-Elect

Section 1. The Treasurer-Elect shall assist the Treasurer in the duties specified in Article X.

Section 2. The Treasurer-Elect shall assume the duties of the Treasurer in the latter's absence or inability to serve.

- A MOTION to adopt the proposed Bylaw changes was made. The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

Article X. -- Vacancies in Office

Section 2 should be changed by the addition of the following underlined phrase: If there is no officer-elect to assume the duties, a vacancy in the office of Secretary, Program Officer, or Treasurer shall be filled through appointment by the President for the remainder of term. Note: Will become Article XII. Article IX becomes XI, and XI and XII become XIII and XIV.

- A MOTION to add the above underlined phrase to Article X was made. The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

Article VI. -- Program Officer

Section 5 The general Program Officer shall (delete: preside at an annual meeting of the Divisional Program Officers) and replace with: chair a Committee composed of Divisional Program Officers. Each year this Committee shall decide upon at least one Society-wide symposium, to be held at the annual meeting two years hence. The members of this Committee shall also identify

topics for the planned oral contribution sessions arranged on inter-divisional lines, which will be made known to the members in the call for papers. Note: will become Article VII.

- A MOTION to change the wording to Article VI was made. The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

Since the new amended Constitution abolishes the Archives Committee, the by-law describing their duties must be amended.

Article VII. -- Archivist

(delete: Section 3., which specifies some of the duties of the Archives Committee)

- A MOTION to delete Section 3 was made. The MOTION was SECONDED and CARRIED.

D) Also reported were the election results of the 1994 General Election. The winners are as follows:

President-Elect	Alan J. Kohn
Treasurer	Mary Beth Saffo
Educational Council - Chair	Susan B. Cook
Member-at-Large	J. Malcolm Shick

E) Dr. Peters gave a summary report of the 1994 Executive Committee Meeting, January 4, 1995. Specific items discussed during the meeting are as follows:

- Membership recruitment and retainment must be a focus of the ASZ and its current members to strengthen the Society.
- A standing committee, Publications/Communications, was created to review enhancement options for the *American Zoologist* and other publishing opportunities.
- ASZ has established a world wide web node on the internet and will be enhancing the information available as a benefit to the membership.
- The Public Affairs Committee will focus on media relations and other marketing opportunities to ensure the Society is very visible to the public.
- A new division, Neurobiology was created.
- A proposed ASZ Code of Ethics has been drafted and will be distributed to the membership for comment.
- The Executive Committee is considering alternative locations and dates for future annual meetings. They will be looking at the survey that was distributed at registration for input.

III. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer, Mary J. (Kathy) Packard presented to the membership a summary of the Society's finances.

- From 1992 - 1994 the Society went from being in the red to the black.
- The deficit of \$350,000 was actually smaller than anticipated at \$305,000.
- Cost containment, reduction in meeting subsidy, member contributions, assessments and increase in dues and Journal fees all contributed to the reduction of the deficit.
- Contributions: June - Dec. 1992 = \$18,460
 Jan. - Dec. 1993 = \$29,821
 Total assessments = \$128,473
- Journal income:
 \$223,000 in 1993
 \$479,000 in 1994
- Total projected surplus for 1995 is approximately \$283,000
- The Executive Committee approved an ASZ Investment Policy that would allow ASZ to invest cash reserves in conservative investment vehicles such as Certificates of Deposit and Treasury Bills to realize greater interest income.

IV. New Business

On behalf of the Society, Michael Hadfield expressed his gratitude and debt to Kathy Packard for her many outstanding contributions over the past three years as Treasurer of ASZ.

Dr. Hadfield reviewed the new business resulting from the Executive Committee Meeting.

- A Code of Ethics was drafted and sent to the Executive Committee before the annual meeting. Minor revisions were made and the results will be printed for member comment. A final draft is expected to be approved at the next Executive Committee Meeting this summer.
- As a result of the significant interest expressed in neurobiology, a Division of Neurobiology has been established. Michael Hadfield reminded the membership that the Society is dynamic and open to changes, revisions and mergers of divisions. The creation of this division is expected to attract new members. David Prior will chair the division during 1995 until elections can be held.
- Substantial analysis and hard work has been completed by the Membership Committee. Changing the name of the Society, the Journal structure and the annual meeting dates and locations are all being

seriously considered in order to enhance ASZ's value to the membership.

- The Publications/Communications Committee was created to investigate the possibility of enhancing the Journal structure and content and to explore opportunities with commercial publishers.

Dr. Hadfield urged the membership to present suggestions and expect changes to the Society in the future. He also requested that members make an effort to recruit new and past members.

A MOTION to adjourn occurred at 7:50 p.m., it was SECONDED and CARRIED.

