

Council Meeting August 1, 2010

Lucinda McDade, Chair of Council, presiding

Present: Pamlea Cynthia Jones, Amy Litt, Mike Dunn, Judy Skog, Laura Galloway, David Spooner, Diane Byers, Chris Haufler, Steve Weller, Rachel Mayer, Jim Cohen, Dave Barrington, Theresa Culley, Dennis Stevenson, Marian Chau, Anitra Thorhog, Jack Horner, Karl Niklas, Kent Holsinger, Beverly Brown, Judy Jearnstead, Merista Grant, Lorina ?, Marsh Sundberg, Bill Dahl, Lucinda McDade, Karen Renzaglia

Minutes of 2009 meeting approved by unanimous vote

Committee Reports: does anyone have questions?

Karl moved approval of all reports. Judy seconded. No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of standing committees, Karl moves to approve all reports, Judy seconded. Passed unanimously

Award committee reports. Karl moves to approve all, Judy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Ad hoc committee reports. None of these groups submitted reports. No action taken.

Section reports (16 sections). Jack moved to approve as a group, Karl seconded. Passed unanimously.

Representatives to other organizations. Karl moved to approve, Judy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Old business-none

New Business

Awards

Corresponding members-none nominated this year. Do better next year.

Mention in section meetings

Awards: 5 merit awards, Darleen Demason, Nancy Dengler, Pamela Soltis, Doug Soltis, Dennis Stevenson, Judy Jearnstedt, and two Bessey Awards to Chris Martine and Dr. Geoff Burrow

See http://www.botany.org/awards_grants/2010Awardrecipients.php for a full list of the award recipients

Membership rates

Board recommends that the membership rates stay unchanged.

AJB,

Board recommends increase institutional subscriptional price by \$40 (both on-line and on-line plus print), individual rates stay the same. Discussion of

pricing ensued. Loss of AJB from libraries is due more to loss of botanical teaching than to cost of journal.

Judy reported informally on efforts to be listed in Pub Med. Application from AJB is pending. Amy McPherson is leading the effort.

Budget Laura Galloway presented summary

Formal report online

Income and expenditures for this year are on target

Next year's budget modeled after this

Finance committee-new committee designed as a liaison between board and ?

BSA audited this past year, Laura gave brief summary. In Bill's report is summary of audit.

Highlights: improved journal entries (book keeping wise)

Requested specific written agreements with conference partners

Segregation of duties (money recorded, taken to bank by a different person, Bill reviews)

Proper recording of net assets (funds in endowment don't need to be labeled as restricted)

Preparation of financial statements-current firm may not be so good at not-for-profit companies. No action taken on this.

Judy moved to approve budget, Karl second, unanimous approval

Financial Advisory Committee

Award to Board 75K for initiatives (this approval just means that the money is available, not that FAC thinks it's a good idea)

Board Announcements

BSA has taken on responsibilities for membership and meeting planning for Society of Economic Botany and Society for the Study of Evolution

ExCom has responsibility for evaluation of Executive Director. We now have a plan that will be in the policy and procedure

Board Recommendations for use of 75K from FAC

Development Person-someone who can do serious fund raising

Up to three years of funding will be used to hire this person

Question: can we hire such a person for 75K or would we have to add \$ from BSA operating funds.

We would like to have an endowment that will support publication of AJB (as it moves toward open access).

Karl moved that council encourage the board to continue to explore the option of a development position and bring this exploration to a satisfactory conclusion. Judy seconded motion. Passed unanimously.

Other business

Education committee-what is society's message? What materials for education committee to put forward? See report from Education Summit and Mission Statement, and Strategic Plan.

Karen Renzaglia asked about the possibility of supporting research options for high school kids. Should this come through the education committee? Also needs some fund raising. Cindi pointed out that we need to try to influence who ever determines what is on statewide tests. This is what teachers teach to. Also get teachers to use plants to teach the stuff that's on the test. Education committee is on this. BSA representation at NSF GK-12 annual meeting. New program officer of NSF GK-12 is Rick McCourt (a botanist)

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.