

2014 IAAAM BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Quorum – 30 full members were present. Business Meeting Minutes from 2013 were approved.

- I. **Introductory Remarks** included opening discussion on Membership, Strategic Collaborations, and Conference Management.
- II. **Conference Update.** The Scientific Program included the following: 94 total presentations, 81 oral and 13 posters. A total of 56 presentations were on marine mammals (cetacean = 30, pinniped = 15, sirenid = 6, mixed = 4, sea otter = 1), fish (n=11), sea turtles (n=8), birds (n=7), invertebrates (n=2), other herps (n=2), platypus (n=1), sea otter (n=1), and mixed (n=5).
- III. **Treasurer's Report.**
 - a. There was no income from the 2013 meeting, and dues income decreased. Expenses also decreased. We moved from a higher-cost web host to SquareSpace. We also moved from printed to electronic proceedings (Ominpress/VIN). There were two income tax returns in 2012-13 (one time thing).
 - b. Donations from the Medway fund (2012-2013) was only \$250, and the Student Travel fund donations were \$950. Dues for 2014 were Student/Full (\$30/\$50) and Institutional Membership (\$70). Dues for 2015 were Student/Full (\$40/\$75) and Institutional Membership (\$100).
- IV. **Education Report.**
 - a. MEDWAY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS. The Medway Scholarship Program was established to support research experiences for students interested in careers in aquatic animal medicine. Specifically targeted for undergraduate, veterinary, and graduate students without stipends or other current sources of funding.
 - b. 2013 Medway Scholarship Award Winner Kelsey Seitz presenting at this year's conference. 2014 winners were announced during the banquet.
 - c. 2014 STUDENT AUCTION. Deadline for donated items is 3 PM Tuesday. Please drop your donations at the registration desk. Let us know an approximate value to help us set appropriate starting bids for your items.
 - d. STUDENT LIAISON. There were 11 student presentations. The Travel Award Winners were Laura Thompson, Katherine Edgar, Jason Ferrante, Kelsey Seitz, Jessica Weeks, and Greg Frankfurter. Thank you to Claire and Gregg for their help with the Student Workshop. Thank you to Student Committee.
- V. **Membership Report.**
 - a. Membership categories include the following: Student (undergrad, grad, professional, intern, resident, post-doc), Full, Honorary Life, Life, Sustaining, and Institutional. ALL new members need an IAAAM sponsor.
 - b. Discussion regarding voting members. Current membership includes 153 Full, 58 Students, 14 Life/Honorary, 3 Institutions. Total membership is 251. Australia has 7 full and 3 student members. Good on ya, mates!

VI. Communications Report.

- a. Membership Survey & Changes. A membership survey went out with 81% satisfied with IAAAM membership. Detailed results will be shared in next newsletter.
- b. IAAAM proceedings now shared via conference flash drives and VIN (saved \$6K going paperless & VIN is free). Members liked the following benefits: newsletters, conference discounts, access to membership list, and website; we are adding a Linked In site.
- c. Membership Fees & New Costs/Benefits: Full membership has been \$50 for over 10 years. Unlike other associations, IAAAM has no Executive Director, Conference Planner, or Sponsors; lost free/donated services for conference registration/abstracts. We want to focus Board time on IAAAM science & medicine + ensure continued high quality conferences.
- d. We have Membership support for joint WDA membership for extra \$40. There will be a follow-up survey to further assess member interests, conference content, and limiting oral presentations.
- e. WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA. The transition to new website going well. Please provide links to medicine/science updates & publications to John Jones. We will also soon have an IAAAM Linked In site

VII. Site Selection.

- a. 2015 Meeting will be at Shedd Aquarium: April 6-10 (Mon – Fri). Where do we go from here?
- b. Possibilities include Long Beach Aquarium of the Pacific, San Diego, Seattle, Quebec City – Stephan Lair “if we go to Japan first”, North Carolina, and Mexico – Joint meeting with WDA in 2017 ?

VIII. Nominations.

- a. President Elect - Lisa Murphy
- b. Board Member (Education) - Katie Colgrove
- c. Board Member (Communications) – renewal - Stephanie Venn-Watson.
Nominations from the floor?
- d. Congratulations Allison Tuttle! Chair, Student Liaison Committee
- e. Get Involved. We need your help. How? Become a Board Member: 2015 – Treasurer, Membership.
- f. Join a Committee: Sign up at the Registration Desk!
 - i. Site Selection Committee,
 - ii. Student Liaison Committee,
 - iii. Medway Endowment Committee,
 - iv. Conservation Committee,
 - v. Conference Planning/Advisory Committee.

IX. New Business.

- a. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – Provides an advisory role, technical advice and support to the IAAAM Board on aquatic conservation issues and promotes mechanisms for effective internal communication within the membership on aquatic conservation issues. Contact Nina Young (nina.young@noaa.gov).

- b. CONFERENCE PLANNING/ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Update Conference Planning Guide, Current President, 3 past presidents and hosts; guide and advise current President-Elect and host, Volunteers to assist President-Elect and host.
- c. COLLABORATION WITH THE WILDLIFE DISEASE ASSOCIATION. Both organizations have a commitment to supporting and improving the health and conservation of wildlife. Aquatic Animal Membership to the WDA - \$40/IAAAM Member. Same privileges as full WDA member, access to selected aquatic animal articles publishes in the Journal of Wildlife Diseases in an online format on the WDA website, and occasional joint meetings. In return, IAAAM will provide our membership database to WDA, IAAAM proceedings will be posted on the WDA website, members only area. VOTE! Board will complete negotiations with WDA and sign MOU.
- d. CONFERENCE PLANNERS/ORGANIZERS (for 2016): Several options being vetted for future conference planning support, including the following: Hospitality Performance Network Global – Kim Zukoski, Delaney Meeting and Event Management, Janet Behm, Globaux Source – Patti Palacios, Kinsely, Meetings – Allison Kinsley, The Sherwood Group.

X. **Induction of Incoming President.**

XI. **Meeting Adjourned.**