

Minutes of the IUSSI Business Meeting
Ft. Lauderdale, FL
December 17, 2005

Officers

Chair: Ed Vargo

President-elect: David Queller (*in absentia*)

Secretary/Treasurer: Stan Schneider (*in absentia*) [Minutes taken by David
Tarpy, Treasurer's report by Ed Vargo]

Attendance: ≈55

Call to order: 7:41 pm, by Ed Vargo

President's message (Ed Vargo)

Old Business

1. IUSSI 2006 Congress (Anita Collins)

- Hotel has been selected, contract signed with Conference Exchange (same electronic abstract organizer as ESA)
- Anita asked the group if the electronic scheduler was a function that was helpful for the present ESA meeting; the collective opinion was that it was not necessary, so the suggestion was *not* to purchase it for the 2006 congress and save the expense
- Ed said that NSF did not provide any support for the international meeting for the first time in recent history
- Anita encouraged everyone to stay at the hotel
- Registration will be open sometime in January
- Non-invited presentations will be posters tied to symposia titles to better organize poster sessions
- Deadline for abstract submission is March 31, 2006, which is the end of early registration
- Ed asked when the tour schedule will be worked out, and Anita said that it will hopefully be ready when registration opens
- There are two plenary speaker spots open, and the organizers would prefer someone outside of the North American or European sections
- Marla Spivak requested that the group give a hand for Anita for all of the hard work that she has been doing; thunderous applause. Ed echoed this for the web site
- Ed stated that we had a maximum of \$12,500 that we as a society would be able to put toward student travel, reminding members that NSF has provided no funds and USDA provided only \$10,000; Theresa Pitts-Singer suggested that the registration fee be waived as part of a travel award; Tugrul Giray thought that \$600 per award would be adequate for

registration and travel; Terry McGlynn thought that an efficient way to use the award is for awardees to share a room with other awardees. Another comment was made that the purpose of the award is to get students to attend, not simply for an award; Ed said this was not previously one of the criteria; Kenna MacKenzie echoed this, since it is difficult to determine need among applicants. One student brought up the fact that international students have an even greater burden of gaining funds to attend such meetings. Theresa asked what the criteria were for selection; Ed said that most people that were turned down in the past were turned down because they didn't provide all of the requested information. Eligibility requires being a member of the NAS/IUSSI. Anita said that the congress income depends in large part on registrations, it would be difficult to *a priori* waive student registration. Ken Helms suggested that we divide the total amount by the number of qualified applicants, rather than a set amount.

- Tugrul moved that we make the awards for a minimum of \$600 and a maximum of \$750 to attend the IUSSI international congress. Seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
- Walter Tschinkel announced that some the plenary speakers are Ulrich Müller, Gilbert Cole and Diane Weirnaz, and Nigel Franks. There are four outstanding (as opposed to above).

2. Treasurer's report (Ed Vargo, for Stan Schneider)

Category	Amount
INFLOWS	
Membership Dues	
• Regular w/ subscription	\$4560.00
• Regular w/o subscription	960.00
• Family	30.00
• Student w/ subscription	588.00
• Student w/o subscription	175.00
Donations (for Nutting Award)	1,107.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$7,420.00

OUTFLOWS

IUSSI International (Capitation fees and subscriptions)	5,125.20
Unaccepted check to IUSSI 2004	443.00
Bank Fees (checks; transfer)	35.00
Eickwort Award 2004	300.00
Nutting Award 2005	1,000.00
Nutting Fund (invested with	

Morgan Stanley) 10,050.56

TOTAL OUTFLOWS \$16,953.76

Net Income/Loss -\$9,533.76
Balance Forward \$14,144.72

REMAINING BALANCE \$ 4,610.96*

2005 Membership

Regular: 102

Family: 6

Student: 31

TOTAL: 139

2005 Subscriptions

Regular: 38

Student: 7

Gratis: 4

TOTAL: 49

*Assuming that 2006 membership and subscription fees remain constant, by May 2006 we should have \$8,000-9,000 in our account. We will therefore be able to allocate \$6500 in the way of matching funds for student travel grants for the 2006 IUSSI Conference in Washington, D.C.

Nutting Fund:

July 14, 2005: transferred to Morgan Stanley \$10,050.56 (consisting of the initial donation of \$9,943.56, plus \$107.00 in additional donations), to be administered by Doug Bowcock.

- \$9,500 of the funds are invested in GMAC bonds (the remaining \$550.56 is held in a money market account)
- investment will yield an annual return of \$770, which will be withdrawn, increased to \$1000.00 and used for the annual William L. and Ruth D. Nutting Award

New Business

3. Eickwort Award (Kenna MacKenzie)

- The committee was late in getting started this year; they received 4 applications but two of the committee members have not provided their assessments
- The committee would like to present both the 2005 and 2006 awardees at the international congress, pending approval (given)
- Kenna requested that future submissions be done electronically rather than hard copies, pending approval (given)

4. New student presentation award (Theresa Pitts-Singer)

- Teresa asked if we still wanted to continue this award, as there were opportunities this year to judge student papers and posters; Kenna liked the idea of an award at the "break out" session, since there are ample

- awards already at the normal business mtg. Ed wondered how easy it would be to get even more judges; Tugrul agreed with Kenna
- Terry moved that the executive committee make a recommendation about this award at the next business meeting. Seconded. Passed unanimously.
5. Nutting Award (Ed Vargo)
 - Ruth Nutting, Mike Haverty, and Ed Vargo (committee) announced that Mark Fisher (Va Tech) is the first recipient (\$1000)
 6. *Insectes Sociaux* format changes (Ed Vargo)
 - Reference section is going to change format, so be careful when you submit
 7. Symposia proposals for 2006
 - David Tarpy read the abbreviated minutes from the Subsection Cb meeting
 - “Giving something back” is the theme next year in Indianapolis (December 10-14, 2006); Olav Rueppell proposed “Parent-offspring conflict”; Walter stated that the next ESA would soon follow the IUSSI congress, so we could see what gaps are left from that meeting; Tugrul suggested a “contributions of social insects to basic science and society”; It was also suggested “contributions of social insects to medicine”; Walter suggested “giving back to social insects”; Theresa suggested “payback is hell!”; Colin Brent suggested something about reproductive groundplan and the evolution of caste
 - Tugrul announced that he would submit his title as a proposal; Colin said the same (perhaps as a hot topic)
 8. Election results
 - Bob Vandermeer is the next President-elect.
 9. Call from the floor
 - None.

Adjourn: 8:59 pm, by Ed. Seconded, by Tugrul.