

THE SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF NATURALISTS  
MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING CASA DE LA  
CULTURA COLIMA, COLIMA, MEXICO  
FRIDAY, 14 APRIL 2006

President Karen McBee called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m. with a quorum present.

The membership approved the Minutes of the 2005 Business Meeting held in Huntsville, Texas, as printed in *The Southwestern Naturalist* 51(1): 131–136.

President McBee appointed the Wilks Award presenters (P. R. Deaton, N. R. Franssen, L. K. Lucas, E. Mociño-Deloya) to serve as tellers for the Board of Governors election.

Treasurer Jake Schaefer gave the Treasurer's report. He reported income, expenses, and checkbook activity as summarized in the Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Governors and Officers (BOG). Copies of the written version that was submitted to the BOG was made available.

Schaefer then reported a summary of the 2007 proposed balanced budget of \$81,425 approved at the Meeting of the BOG on 13 April 2006. The minutes of that meeting summarize the report.

The Treasurer then reported that membership in the association included 897 individual memberships and 339 institutional memberships in 2005. The number of regular members and institutional members have both declined. Schaefer presented a roster of new members for approval. New memberships included 53 new student members, 26 regular members, 33 new student awards, and 1 lifetime member. There was a motion and second to approve the new members. The motion carried.

The Secretary read a summary of the 2006 Meeting of the Board of Governors and Officers (BOG).

President McBee then conducted the election for the BOG, Class of 2009. Ten persons were nominated, a ballot vote was conducted, and the election results were to be announced at the banquet on Saturday evening.

Jerry Choate provided an overview of the activity of the Trustees. Details are available in his written report and a summary appears in the Minutes of the Meeting of the BOG.

Mark Eberle, Managing Editor, thanked the 4 retiring associate editors for their hard work and recognized the 5 new associate editors. Details are available in his written report and a summary appears in the Minutes of the Meeting of the BOG.

Edie Marsh-Matthews, Chair of the Honors Committee, along with Spanish translation by Celia López González, announced that the BOG approved

awarding the W. Frank Blair Eminent Naturalist award to Douglas A. James and awarding the Donald W. Tinkle Research Excellence Award to Armando Contreras Balderas. Presentations were to be made at the banquet at the 2007 Annual Meeting in Stephenville, Texas.

President McBee announced that the George M. Sutton Award for Conservation Research, the Wilks Award, and the Student Awards will be presented at the banquet on Saturday.

Greg Wilson, for the Membership Committee, requested nominations of students for free memberships. Thirty were awarded last year and the same number will be awarded in 2006.

Bill Matthews reported for John T. Baccus and the Development Committee that pledge cards are available at the meeting and encouraged members to contribute. Funds raised for the endowment would be used exclusively to support student activities including research. Pledges can be paid out over 5 years.

Philip D. Sudman, Chair of the Program Committee and 2007 Local Committee, reviewed the arrangements for the 2007 meeting in Stephenville, Texas, on 19–21 April. The members approved the arrangements and dates for this meeting. He announced that the BOG has approved a proposal by Mike Kennedy to host the meeting in Memphis, Tennessee, in 2008. He requested that anyone interested in hosting the meeting come talk with him.

Bruce Stewart reported for the International Relations Committee that they are glad to see accomplishments such as the establishment of a Spanish editor and more talks in Spanish at the annual meeting.

Dan Hough, for the *ad hoc* Web Site Committee, recognized the Oklahoma Biological Survey as the sponsor of the web site for The Southwestern Association of Naturalists. He also announced to the members that there is a message board on the website.

Robert C. Dowler reported for the *ad hoc* Disposition of Back Issues Committee that back issues were still available for purchase and that 1 near-complete set was carried to Colima for donation to Biological Field Station at Chamela.

George Wang reported for the *ad hoc* Student Advisory Committee and encouraged participation in a student workshop on Saturday evening “Tips for International Students Applying to Graduate Programs in the US”. They also planned to discuss the permit process for conducting field research in Mexico.

Michael L. Kennedy, Chair of the *ad hoc* Long-range Planning Committee, requested that members make suggestions to the committee if they have ideas of issues that should be addressed by this committee.

President McBee spoke for Managing Editor Mark Eberle and the *ad hoc* Editorial Board Committee. She presented the following highlights from the approved proposal to form an Editorial Board for *The Southwestern Naturalist* (SWN):

1. The Editorial Board will contain 12–15 members representing diverse disciplines and taxonomic groups.
2. Manuscript submission and review will not change substantially for the authors but the workload for a single editor will be reduced.
3. One member of the Editorial Board will serve as an Editor for English to Latin authors with grammar before manuscripts are considered for review.
4. One member of the Editorial board will be the Copy Editor that serves as the intermediary between the Association and Allen Press.

McBee announced that the complete description of changes will be posted on the web site. She also announced that the contract has been signed and the SWN will be available in JSTOR soon.

Celia López González reported for the *ad hoc* President's Advisory Committee on Cross-border Affairs that the Student Travel Awards program continued its success, with awards given to 21 attendees this year. She announced that members outside the U. S. can apply for awards next year to travel to Stephenville, Texas.

Following a motion to do so, a second, and approval, the Business Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.

The following actions were taken at the Banquet on the evening of Saturday, 15 April 2006:

1. Past-President Edie Marsh-Matthews presented her "Swan Song."
2. President McBee announced that Keith Gido, Chad Hargrave, Celia López González and Monte Thies had been elected to the BOG Class of 2009.
3. David Hafner presented the George Mitsch Sutton Award for Conservation Research to T. J. Coonan, C. A. Schwemm, G. W. Roemer, D. K. Garcelon, and L. Munson for their paper "Decline of an island fox subspecies to near extinction" published in *The Southwestern Naturalist* 50 (1):32-41.
4. Paula Williamson and Celia López González presented the Meritorious Service Award to Stanley and Susana Perea-Fox.
5. Celia López González and President McBee presented Student Travel Awards to Alisa Abuzeineh (Texas Tech University), Kevin Baker (University of Arizona), Robert W. Bryson (University of Nevada Las Vegas), Noé de la Sancha (Texas Tech University), Eric A. Dougan (Loma Linda University), Carla E. Ebeling (Angelo State University), Adam Ehmer (Stony Brook University), Debora Endriss (Oklahoma State University), Allison M. Fortner (University of Oklahoma), J. Hayley Gillespie (University of Texas), Vanesa Gutiérrez (New Mexico State University), Cara Joos (New Mexico State University), Lauren Lucas (Texas State University), Verity Mathis (New Mexico State University), Jacqueline M. Paritte (University of Oklahoma), Timothy Periard (Oklahoma State University), Nick Rasmussen (Oklahoma State University), David Rodríguez (Texas Tech University), Stacie Thomas (University of Arkansas), Ernest Valdéz (University of New Mexico), Christina Wampler (New Mexico State University), and Christa D. Weise (University of New Mexico).
6. Monte Thies, Student Awards Committee Chair, presented the Clark Hubbs Student Poster Award to M. P. Ibarra-López from Centro Universitario de la Costa Sur, Universidad de Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico for her poster (coauthored with L. I. Íñiguez-Dávalos, N. Jiménez-Reyes, and C. N. Ibarra-Cerdeña) entitled, "Recursos florales utilizados por *Leptoncyteris curasoe* y *Glossophaga soricina* en el sureste del estado de Jalisco: especialistas o generalistas?"
7. The Howard McCarley Student Research Awards (\$1,000) were presented to: Robert W. Bryson, Jr., University of Nevada, Las Vegas, "Evolution and historical biogeography of the montane herpetofauna inhabiting the Sierra Madre Occidental and Sierra Madre Oriental of northern México." P. Raelynn Deaton, University of Oklahoma, "Use of microsatellites to assess multiple paternity in a study population of the

western mosquitofish, *Gambusia affinis*.” Andrew J. Edelman, University of New Mexico, “Temporal variations in banner-tailed kangaroo rat (*Dipodomys spectabilis*) mounds.” Sheena Humbird, Sam Houston State University, “Extra-pair mating tactics in the Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*): A test of the ‘constrained female hypothesis.’” Molly M. McDonough, Angelo State University, “Genetic, karyotypic, and morphological variation in the bonneted bats: *Eumops glaucinus* and *Eumops floridanus* (Chiroptera: Molossidae).”

8. President-elect Stanley Fox presented the Wilks Award to Raelynn Deaton of University of Oklahoma for her presentation “Do big boys always win? Male body size affects reproductive success in a livebearing fish.”
9. Gary Schnell presented the Presidential Award to Esteban Meneses of Colima for special contributions in aid of education, conservation, and research on southwestern biota.
10. William J. Matthews read and the membership adopted the following resolution:

“WHEREAS, the 53 d Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists was held in the beautiful city of Colima, Mexico, in magnificent surroundings at the Casa de la Cultura, 13–15 April 2006; and,

“WHEREAS, our gracious hosts extended every possible courtesy to assure an enjoyable and successful meeting; and,

“WHEREAS, the weather was perfect, the entire city friendly and accommodating, the flowers and landscaping beautiful, and all facilities excellent; and,

“WHEREAS, under the watchful eye of the ocelot, who graced a perfect logo for the meeting, there was assembled a truly international company of scientists from Germany, Mexico, Switzerland, and the United States; and,

“WHEREAS, more than 200 scientific papers and posters by more than 400 participants led to spirited discussions and new cross-border collaborations; and,

“WHEREAS, many participants were students, with 21 graduate students supported by SWAN travel awards, and with many taking part in the cross-border student workshop; and,

“WHEREAS, our local hosts provided a much-appreciated bus service from Guadalajara airport, passing vast fields of agave and magnificent mountain scenery, and whereas they sponsored excellent social gatherings with copious quantities of beer and wine, superb food, and exciting music; and,

“WHEREAS, the Hotel María Isabel was a perfect and comfortable accommodation, where numerous senior members of SWAN were seen lounging in the pool in afternoons while paper sessions were still in progress; and,

“WHEREAS, the fire volcano failed to erupt during the meeting so we all plan to return to Colima as often as possible to await such an event; and,

“WHEREAS, we were kindly sponsored by Instituto de Biología of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Universidad de Colima, Secretaría de Cultura del Estado de Colima, Casa de Cultura y Talleres Alejandro Rangel Hidalgo,

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the participants at the 53 d Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists, gratefully thank the aforesaid sponsors, and the local hosts (Ricardo Ayala Barajas, Chair, Local Committee; Andres Garcia Aguayo, Co-Chair, Local Committee; Manuel Artemio Balcázar Lara; Alfonso Pescador Rubio) and the members of the Local Committee (including Oscar Ávila López, Manuel Balcázar, Norma

Barocio, Silvia Herrera Carrillo Medrano, Rosa Adriana Castillo Pérez, Citlali Geraldine Chavarrín, Ulises Díaz Llerenas, Edith Michel García, Marilyn Hernández Ortiz, Sebastián Lemus, Martha Leonor Murillo Cruz, Juan Carlos Navarro García, Jazmín Osorio Mendoza, María Luisa Ponce Martínez, Jacobo Reyes Velasco, Nachita Rubio, Fernando Zamora Valencia), and all students and staff who assisted with the meeting, for a superb and most excellent experience in the beautiful city of Colima.”

Respectfully submitted,  
Loren K. Ammerman  
Secretary