

**ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees Joint Meeting
November 11, 2006
Indianapolis, IN**

The meeting was called to order by ASA President David Sleper. Executive Committee members present were:

David A. Sleper, ASA President
Jerry L. Hatfield, ASA President-Elect
Lee E. Sommers, ASA Past President
Steven L. Fales, CSSA President
Henry L. Shands, CSSA President-Elect
James G. Coors, CSSA Past President
Mary E. Collins, SSSA President
Rattan Lal, SSSA President-Elect
John L. Havlin, SSSA Past President

Also present:

Kenneth J. Moore, Incoming ASA President-Elect
William J. Wiebold, Incoming CSSA President-Elect
Gary A. Peterson, Incoming SSSA President-Elect
Ellen Bergfeld, Executive Vice President
Saul Winsten, Legal Counsel
Susan Chapman, Director of Member Services
Michela Cobb, Director of Financial Services
Cathy Goudreau, Assistant to the Executive Vice President and Recorder

A, C, S 201 Organization, Policy, and Bylaws

1. Action was taken at the November 2005 ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Board meetings to create a new 501(c)(3) supporting organization and to empower the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees to implement the proposed structure. A name for the new supporting organization has not yet been determined.

There was extensive discussion, involving all participants, on various aspects of the new 501(c)(3) supporting organization.

The Scientific Society Services, Inc. draft guidelines were reviewed in detail. Headquarters will make the noted changes to the document and forward a revised version by December 20 to David Sleper, Steven Fales, and Mary Collins who will review it and provide it to the Executive Committees by January 1, 2007.

2. ACTION: It was moved that the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for the 501(c)(3) supporting organization be filed by June 1, 2007. Seconded. Carried.

Ellen will work with Saul Winsten to update the 12/1/05 draft version of the Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation for the supporting organization.

3. A future agenda item is how the Societies will handle development activities within the new 501(c)(3) supporting organization.

4. The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees have been engaged in discussions over the past few years with leadership of the Entomological Society of America (ESA) regarding the possibility of ESA joining the Societies and its new supporting organization at some time in the future. Frank Gilstrap, President and Scott Hutchins, President-Elect of ESA, were invited to the meeting to further discuss whether the Societies and ESA can gain capability and synergy from a joint relationship. The Executive Director of ESA recently left the position to pursue other interests and this provides an opportunity to do things differently. ASA headquarters staff is providing some meeting services for ESA's 2006 annual meeting, November 8-14 in Indianapolis and it is anticipated that ASA headquarters will provide meeting services for ESA's 2007 annual meeting in San Diego, as well. After much discussion, it was the consensus of the group that Frank Gilstrap take the lead in preparing a document that begins to lay out a possible sequence of steps towards development of a relationship with ASA, CSSA, SSSA and its new supporting organization. It is anticipated that the document will be available in early 2007. Ellen Bergfeld will attend the ESA Board of Directors meetings during the November annual meeting in an effort to continue the discussions.

5. It was the consensus of the ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Executive Committees to have a one-day meeting in January or February 2007 with a single focus agenda of the supporting organization. Jerry Hatfield will work with Ellen on a date and destination for the meeting.

ACS237 Membership and Society Identity

Per the request of the Executive Committees, Susan Chapman presented an extensive report on dues options for consideration.

ACTION: It was moved to appoint a task force, composed of the 2007 Budget and Finance Committee Chairs, to evaluate dues revenue and impact of membership on circulation revenue, and the decoupling issue. The task force will be requested to file a report by May 1, 2007. Seconded. Carried.

The ASA, CSSA, and SSSA Presidents will appoint and charge the task force.

A290 Headquarters

1. Ellen Bergfeld provided a report on the new IT system at Headquarters.

2. Per discussions at the March 9, 2006 ASA, CSSA, SSSA Executive Committees Joint Meeting, it was the consensus of the group to seek input from consultants regarding options for future office space.

ACTION: It was moved to contract with Boldt to begin the process for programmatic design of a new headquarters building. Seconded. Motion withdrawn.

ACTION: It was moved to appoint a subcommittee of the Executive Committees to solicit additional proposals for a new headquarters building, review them, and report back to the Executive Committees. Seconded. Carried.

Meeting adjourned.