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ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE**

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**2011 ANNUAL MEETING  
OF THE AAZN**

The combined Annual Meeting and Business Meeting of the American Association for Zoological Nomenclature (AAZN) was held 22 November 2011, at the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC. The meeting was attended by 15 members, including two ICZN Commissioners, Daphne Fautin and David Patterson.

Treasurer Al Gardner reported that finances of the organization are in good shape, with \$51,719.79 in total assets. Most of the difficulties associated with changing banks and writing checks are now resolved. A check for \$10,000 was sent to ITZN at the end of last year. A large number of boxes of the *Code* are still in storage and are available at a much reduced rate to students and those teaching courses on nomenclature.

Matt Buffington presented an update on the activities of the website committee. He discussed the philosophy behind the design of the AAZN web site, namely to provide easy access and information to taxonomy and nomenclature community. Gino Nearn was contracted to design the site, and Matt shared with us the preliminary home page. Because many ideas originally considered by the website committee are already in place on the ICZN website, we have stalled a bit on content. David Patterson noted that the committee should consider ICZN and AAZN information as a shared pool. One

thing missing from the ICZN web site is the registration of names via a link with ZooBank, but such a link would be added in the near future. The suggestion was made to include a list of FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) not addressed on the ICZN web site, and to that end, John Brown requested that all members present provide some examples to Secretary Neal Woodman (woodman@si.edu), who will compile them for the website committee.

The next item was a discussion regarding ITZN finances led by Daphne Fautin and David Patterson, both of whom attended a meeting of the ITZN in London last month. Basically, the ITZN is desperate for funding. Although it had hoped to build up some sort of endowment, institutional funds have not yet been promised or received. Daphne and David appealed to AAZN to be as generous as it can be this year. Floyd Shockley asked if any other organizations were helping support ITZN, and Daphne recalled that there had been a European counterpart to AAZN, but it folded 2 or 3 years ago as a result of problems inherent in transferring leadership posts (and funds) between countries as executive positions changed hands. These financial difficulties are by far the greatest challenge facing ITZN.

The discussion then turned to issues surrounding the new Code. An amendment allowing e-publishing was proposed several years ago and circulated for a year for comment. The resulting input was so volum-

inous and polarizing that decision on the matter is stalled. One likely possibility is that e-publishing would be acceptable as long as the author registered all new names with ZooBank, but ZooBank also has been slow to be ready, adding to the problem. There currently is a Wikisite for comments, proposed changes, discussion, etc., related to the 5<sup>th</sup> edition at <http://iczn.org/content/5th-edition-wiki>.

To provide for a more dependable date for the annual meeting, John Brown proposed that AAZN select a “standard” meeting day. Starting in 2012, the annual meeting will be the first Thursday in November.

There were no nominations from the floor for the three open positions as officers of AAZN, i.e., President, President-Elect, and Councilor. Hence, Matt Buffington, Floyd Shockley, and Thomas Henry agreed to serve as the nominating committee to compile a slate of suitable candidates for these offices. Anyone interested in either nominating someone or standing for office themselves is urged to contact Matt Buffington ([Matt.Buffington@ars.usda.gov](mailto:Matt.Buffington@ars.usda.gov)).

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## BOOK SALE

1. ICZN. 1999. *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*. 4th ed. London: The International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature, xxix + 306 pp. [Original price \$48.00 for individuals, \$39.00 for members of AAZN.] **Sale price** \$15.00 plus postage; \$19.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate).

2. ICZN. 1987. *Official lists and indexes of*

*names and works in zoology*. London: The International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature, 4 (unnumbered) + 365 pp. [Original price \$85.00, \$70.00 for members of AAZN.] **Sale price** \$25.00 plus postage; \$29.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate).

3. ICZN. 2001. *Official lists and indexes of names and works in zoology. Supplement 1986–2000*. London: The International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature, 4 (unnumbered) + 136 pp. [Original price \$85.00, \$70.00 for members of AAZN.] **Sale price** \$25.00 plus postage; \$29.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate).

Items 2 and 3 (Official lists) are offered as a unit: [Original price \$140.00, \$120.00 for members of AAZN.] **Sale price** \$40.00 plus postage; \$45.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate).

Terms: Cash or check made out to the **American Association for Zoological Nomenclature**. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept money orders or credit cards; do not send cash in the mail. If you are unable to purchase according to these terms and still wish to acquire any of these items, please contact Alfred Gardner.

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## MEMBERSHIP IN AAZN

Membership in AAZN is open to all those interested in supporting the work of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature or in shaping its role as custodian and arbiter of the framework that permits zoological taxonomy to function - a critical aspect of modern biology. For a brief overview of recent activities of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, please visit their website at: <http://iczn.org/>. Current hot topics include a potential landmark amendment to the *Code* that would permit e-only publications for nomenclatural acts; the continued development of *ZooBank*, an authoritative, web server for all available names in zoology; web-available translations of the current *Code* in a number of foreign languages to increase access to the taxonomic community; and the use of original orthography for species-group names (i.e., no need for gender agreement between a species and its genus).

If you currently are a member of AAZN, please retain your membership and send in your 2012 dues with the attached form. If you are not a member, please consider joining.

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## CURRENT OFFICERS OF AAZN

**President:** John Brown, 2009-2011 (USDA, Systematic Entomology Laboratory)

**President-Elect:** vacant

**Secretary:** Neal Woodman (USGS, National Museum of Natural History)

**Treasurer:** Alfred Gardner (USGS, National Museum of Natural History)

**Councilor:** Daryl Domning, 2008-2011 (Howard University)

**Councilor:** David Furth, 2009-2012 (National Museum of Natural History)

**Councilor:** Stuart McKamey 2010-2013 (USDA, Systematic Entomology Laboratory)

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## ABOUT AAZN

The American Association for Zoological Nomenclature (AAZN) was founded in 1983 to facilitate liaison between zoologists in North America and the ICZN, and to provide financial support for the Commission (ICZN) through tax-deductible donations and/or annual membership. There is a category for institutional membership through which zoological societies and other organizations can provide support.

One of the goals of AAZN is to distribute an informal newsletter once a year to inform members of the activities of AAZN, ICZN, and ITZN. AAZN plays an important role in the distribution of the *Code* to American zoologists and is committed to providing information concerning zoological nomenclature to interested parties. It also sells the *Code* and the Official Lists and Indexes of Names and Works in Zoology at a discount to members.

Annual membership in AAZN is \$20 (US) for individuals, \$100 for institutions and/or organizations. All interested zoologists and zoological institutions and/or societies are invited to join AAZN to acknowledge the need and benefit of the work of the ICZN.

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