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ZOOLOGICAL NOMENCLATURE**

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**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE
2014 ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE AAZN**

The 2014 annual meeting of the AAZN was called to order at 1:05 PM, 10 December 2014, in the Entomology Conference Room at the National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC. Twelve members were in attendance, four by telephone.

Acting Treasurer Al Gardner reported that AAZN still has its funds in two accounts: 1) a Legg-Mason account (\$34,297.59 as of 30 September); and 2) a Wells Fargo account (\$14,439.47 as of 9 December). In addition, he maintains \$39.93 in petty cash and \$54.10 in stamps. Gardner reported that AAZN has 156 members, of which 128 are individuals and 28 are organizations or institutions. Of these, only about 50% (70 individuals and 4 organizations) are paid-up through FY2014. In FY2014, AAZN received \$2,015.00 in dues (down \$550 from last year), \$1,162.42 in donations (about the same as last year), and \$20 from book sales (down \$70 from last year), for a total income of \$3,197.42 (down about \$560 from last year). No funds were sent to the ITZN this year. Our only expense was \$130 to maintain our non-profit status. Gardner recommended transferring all of the funds from our Legg-Mason account to a T. Rowe Price account, due to

certain difficulties with Legg-Mason, e.g., it does not accept third party checks. Following a brief discussion, a motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to transfer the funds.

The discussion moved on to the current practice of providing gratis copies of the Code to individuals teaching courses in nomenclature, provided they pay postage. We still have hundreds of copies in the National Museum of Natural History, so it was suggested that we approach the museum bookstore to sell the Code, with BioQuip as another potential source of sales. An effort will also be made to send out notices to identify universities that teach nomenclature and provide them with copies enough for multiple years of instruction. Right now, they are only \$15/copy (\$19 with postage for inside the U.S. and Canada).

Daphne Fautin provided an update on the status of ICZN. Details are included in the report that follows this article.

The discussion moved on to election of officers, and because we have not had a “normal” election in years, the question arose of how it is done! It was decided that rather than appointing an official nominating committee, all officers would serve on “the committee.” Each of us will use the list to try to recruit AAZN members to serve as officers, and suggestions are welcome from the membership (this is also a good time to think about recruiting new members from among your colleagues!). The two critical

officers we are lacking are President-elect and Secretary. In addition, our counselors serve two-year terms that all expire next year. The terms of AAZN counselors usually expire in a staggered fashion, but all were elected at the same time. Officers who wish to continue to serve are allowed to do so for an extended period of time, but from a practical perspective, we should re-nominate those that wish to continue to serve and try to re-establish the staggered terms for councilors.

That discussion was followed by the only item of new business. On behalf of Neal Evenhuis and Martyn Low, President Gaimari announced the launching of a new open-access electronic journal called *Sherbornia*, which will focus on bibliographic and nomenclatural research in zoology. The website for the journal is hbs.bishopmuseum.org/dating/sherbornia.

President Gaimari adjourned the meeting at 2:35 PM.

STATUS OF THE ICZN

(from the meeting minutes)

Daphne Fautin provided an update on the status of ICZN and their efforts towards a “distributed” ICZN Secretariat, i.e., to have a truly international body. A meeting of the IUBS General Assembly will be held in Berlin in 2015, and ICZN business will be transacted at that meeting. Because about one-third of the Commissioners have either died, are ineligible for re-election, or have chosen not to stand for re-election, ICZN is seeking nominations for perhaps seven Commissioners.

The Secretariat of ICZN will be located

in Singapore, and the National University of Singapore (NUS) has already agreed to pay the salary of a person to head that office for three years. There were four applicants for the position, two of whom were disqualified and the other two of whom were interviewed.

NUS has created an endowment fund, and it is hoped that interest from the fund will be able to support the position of the person heading the Secretariat office after the three years of guaranteed funding by NUS. The goal of the endowment fund is to reach one million Singapore dollars so that proceeds from the endowment (not the endowment itself) can be used to support the work of ICZN. NUS will double contributions from sources outside of Singapore, and contributions from within Singapore will be counted as 2.5x the donated amount. In regards to such contributions, Daphne’s impression is that the match occurs immediately, i.e., with each new contribution. From our perspective, a main concern about this mechanism had been whether funds from sources such as AAZN would be matched – there was never a question whether they could be counted towards the goal. We now know that contributions from sources such as AAZN are eligible to be doubled. A “lead gift” of \$90,000 has already been received. Information on donating can be found at <http://www.nusamerica.org/howtogive.html>, noting that on the Donor Advice Form (under the field Donor advice for contribution), the gift should be indicated as being towards the ICZN Secretariat Endowment Fund.

The discussion then moved to whether AAZN should make a donation this year,

and if so, how much it should be. Last year, we decided to hold off on making any donation until additional information was made available regarding the fate of monies directed to the Trust and establishment of the endowment were both complete. Being satisfied with their completion, we discussed a donation for this year. Gardner initially suggested a one-time donation of \$25K followed by no donations for the next several years (as we recouped this amount from dues and donations). Alternatively, it was suggested that we donate smaller amounts over time. Following considerable discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to donate \$6K in 2015 (i.e., approximately two-years-worth of dues and donations), and to come back to this issue during the 2015 AAZN meeting. We also plan to demonstrate publicly our support for ICZN, and mechanisms to do so are being explored.

Daphne's discussion ended noting that ZooBank is a top priority for ICZN.

CURRENT OFFICERS OF AAZN

President: Stephen Gaimari, 2013-2015
(CA Department of Food and Agriculture)

President-Elect: vacant

Secretary: vacant

Treasurer: Alfred Gardner
(National Museum of Natural History)

Councilor: Floyd Shockley, 2013-2015
(National Museum of Natural History)

Councilor: Roy McDiarmid, 2013-2015
(National Museum of Natural History)

Councilor: Michael Engel, 2013-2015
(University of Kansas)

CONTINUING BOOK SALE

1. ICZN. 1999. *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature*. 4th ed. London: The International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature, xxix + 306 pp. **Sale price** \$15.00 plus postage; \$19.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate). [=\$33 off original price!]

2. ICZN. 1987. *Official lists and indexes of names and works in zoology*. London: The International Trust for Zoological Nomenclature, 4 (unnumbered) + 365 pp. **Sale price** \$25.00 plus postage; \$29.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate). [=\$60 off original price!]

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. **Sale price** \$25.00 plus postage; \$29.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate). [=\$60 off original price!]

Items 2 and 3 (Official lists) are offered as a unit: **Sale price** \$40.00 plus postage; \$45.00 postpaid in the U.S. (book rate). [\$100 off original price!]

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