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The ASIH Board of Governor's is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, 11 July 2007 from 1700-1900 h in Regency A (first floor ballroom complex) in the Hyatt Regency St. Louis.

President Mayden plans to move blanket acceptance of all reports included in this book. Items that a governor wishes to discuss will be exempted from the motion for blanket acceptance and will be acted upon individually.

Please remember to bring this booklet with you to the meeting. I will bring a few extra copies to St. Louis.

Please contact me directly (email is best - asih@fiu.edu) with any questions you may have. Please notify me if you will not be able to attend the meeting so I can share your regrets with the Governors. I will leave for St. Louis on 9 July 2007 so try to contact me before that date if possible. I will arrive late on the afternoon of 10 July 2007.

The Annual Business Meeting will be held on Sunday 15 July 2005 from 1800-2000 h in Regency C (first floor ballroom complex). Please plan to attend the BOG meeting and Annual Business Meeting.

I look forward to seeing you in St. Louis.

Sincerely,

Maureen A. Donnelly
ASIH Secretary

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3. Distribution of late reports or additions to reports - Secretary Donnelly
4. Messages of regret from absentee governors - Secretary Donnelly
5. Call for motion to approve minutes of 2006 meeting of the Board of Governors as published in Copeia 2006(4):843-850 (see Appendix H) - President Maiden
6. Announcement of appointment of Resolutions Committee - President Maiden
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50. Call for BOFG approval of Ballots

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52. Adjournment

NOTES

10. SECR: Secretary - M.A. Donnelly

SECR - Secretary's Report 2006

Last year was busy; I handled over 3500 email messages during 2006. I also handled mail correspondence and other requests for information. The meeting is a focal point of ASIH activities and over 2000 emails were associated with meeting logistics in 2006. We get some "snail mail", typically from former secretaries during the year. Many are requests for paper copies of our Career pamphlets which are no longer available in paper format. We removed the link to the electronic versions because they remain out-of-date. When we get requests for information, they are forwarded to the information coordinators. Demand for information continues to be sparse, most requests for information are associated with homework assignments or people with sick pets.

I work with all the officers and the editor throughout the year. Treasurer Neighbors and I worked on JSTOR and the Allen Press silo site for *Copeia*, Treasurer Neighbors obtained the audit and it was posted to the website. We worked together on BioOne issues as well as the advertising issues. I summarized the results of all Executive Committee votes. I sent out email messages concerning the 2006 election results after the New Orleans meeting.

The BOG voted on the constitution changes proposed for the 2006 meeting. I polled the governors regarding format for the BOG booklet delivery, and encouraged all members of the Board to ensure that their membership in ASIH is active.

My large tasks for 2006 involved gathering the changes to the constitution, vetting them through the Executive Committee, the Board of Governors, and preparing them for distribution to the membership. The 25 changes and the previous version of the ASIH Constitution and Bylaws were distributed by email on 14 April 2006. The vote on constitutional changes was held on 18 July 2006 during the Annual Business Meeting. The new version of the constitution is posted on the ASIH website. The other large task involved moving the website from Allen Press to Tulane; substantial correspondence was directed towards this important endeavor. We received several laudatory email messages from the members once the new site went live. I am trying to learn the ins and outs of posting things to the site and hopefully will master the skills before too long. Nelson Rios deserves special thanks for helping me get through several rough patches in the electronic road.

I received several requests for copyright release to use materials published in *Copeia* for book-length manuscripts. The great majority of the requests for copyright release are granted. We frequently get requests to release copyright to compile research outputs from centers. Because these are not-for-profit operations, we typically grant copyright release. The requests for copyright release are typically received by Editor Schaefer and forwarded to me.

I am fortunate to have Kallia Cooper's help in the ASIH office. Kallia's "main" job during the year is to archive the email correspondence; we are printing off all archived correspondence to provide a paper trail of activities since 2000. Kallia Cooper is an Environmental Studies major at FIU and she is a very capable assistant. She sent out committee letters, she processed all the abstracts associated with the 2006 and 2007 meeting. Kallia helped with all aspects of the job and I will be lucky to have her for another academic year.

David Cundall informed me of an error in the 2005 published minutes. David Cundall was the chair of the Genetics, Development and Morphology Committee for the 2005 Stoye competition. The error was corrected in the 2006 Summary of the Meetings

I worked regularly with Jason Gilbert at Allen Press on normal business (claims, the business site, renewal of contract, rental of lists for mailings). I also worked with Susan Dunavan on issues related to the website and movement of the website to Tulane University. I worked with other Allen Press employees on the Buyer's Guide, on print orders, and on the silo site. Treasurer Neighbors did most of the work on the silo site and linking JSTOR access to the silo site via the business page. Treasurer Neighbors and I continue to work with Allen Press for the silo site and with JSTOR.

I established the abstract submission site in late 2005 for the 2006 meeting. Allen Press informed me that this was the last year they would support the abstract submission process. Ted Freeman told me they would help me find a new vendor. I started negotiations with Oasis in the fall and they wanted ~\$10,000 for a system similar to that sponsored by Allen Press. I felt that the price was too high and started negotiations with Oxford. They offer a tremendous product for a very reasonable price and I spent the end of fall and early winter learning how to navigate a new system. The system requires authors to submit word files embedded in a template provided by Oxford. The system also allows authors to change the abstract right up until the last day of submission. While we thought we had an ideal system, several persons struggled with the process and we will work to improve the instructions for next year. We will try to improve the instructions for next year. The hardest part about the Oxford system was being forced to work with a PC using Internet Explorer. The only "up" side to this is the new University payroll system only operates with PCs - so the new machine will come in handy! Oxford was able to deliver a product I could work with in a very timely fashion. I am certain that I tackled all the hard parts of the learning curve and look forward to working with the system again next year. Oxford plans to update their system so it will work on several Internet browsers and one that will work with Macs as well as PCs! Needless to say, I was happy to hear about these changes. The price was ~\$1000 which is a large reduction from what we paid Allen Press (~\$6000). The Oxford crew was helpful and always available to answer questions. I look forward to using their new product for the 2008 meeting.

I attended the Meetings Planning Meeting in St. Louis in March 2007. We visited sites associated with the meeting and we prepared the scientific schedule. Upon my return to Miami, I wrote a trip report and circulated it to the membership using the list

server. After the Meeting Planning Committee finished its work in grouping abstracts into sessions, and once those data were entered into the master spreadsheet, I checked the spreadsheet against the database to ensure that all abstracts were accounted for. I generated files of student competitors for all participating societies and sent excel files to the appropriate persons. I worked closely with STAC co-chairs Steve Beaupre, Rick Mayden, and judges for the ASIH student competitions in 2006. I have worked with President-Elect Mushinsky and the 2007 Chair, Marty O'Connell for the St. Louis Meeting. I sent a message out over the ASIH list server regarding a lack of competitors in General Herpetology and the student response was quite strong in 2007 - there were several competitors this year. The competition for Physiology and Physiological Ecology was also under-subscribed and the two students selected different categories. Once I turn the schedule into Kansas State University Conference Services, all changes to the schedule are made by KSU personnel. I turned the schedule over to Kansas State University on 27 April 2007 just before I left for India. Having Kansas State work with the schedule allows me to focus my attention to preparation of the meeting materials. After the schedule is posted on the web, the abstracts are proofed and the abstract files are prepared for the summer meeting. One WORD file, without page breaks, goes to KSU, and we prepare four files that are posted as PDFs. Once the abstract book is sent to KSU, they take care of all cancellations. I sent out personalized letters of invitation to those meeting participants that requested them. These personalized invitation letters are PDF files that are sent directly to the requester; the letter can be downloaded and given to embassy officials. This instant letter allows foreign members an opportunity to begin the visa process months before the meeting. This year, the schedule and abstract book are posted on the KSU meeting website and the ASIH website links to KSU.

The advertising in *Copeia* has stalled because I have not had the time to devote to writing the emails to vendors (of books mostly) to inform them of our rates. I also need to post the rates to the webpage. The generation of funds through advertisement is taxable and we will try to establish how many advertisements we need to run to make it worth the added accounting expense. .

The new website has a New and Notices site as well as a Jobs site so that we can segregate job opportunities from other sorts of news. I have curtailed my use of the list server and use it sporadically to communicate with the membership. Several members have made use of the archived issues of *Copeia*. All of our content is now available electronically. We were recently approached by a library project interested in digitizing our content. Because we are fully digitized, the organizers dropped us because the need has already been fulfilled through BioOne and JSTOR.

Throughout the year, I worked with the chair of the Conservation Committee (Frank McCormick) and sent out letters and copies of resolutions adopted by the committee and the society. In some cases, we receive acknowledgement of receipt of the letters and in some cases, the resolutions actually seem to help conservation efforts. The adoption of the Position Paper and posting of that paper represent important steps for CONS.

I recently completed updates to the Policy and Procedures Manual and passed the new and old versions of the document to Pat Gregory (Prior Past President and current chair of the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee) because LRPP is going to work on revisions to the document. I discovered that the document posted on the website was a bad link and I have now assembled the old version that should be posted on the web soon. Pat has contacted all officers and committee chairs to get revised statements of work and the revision of the manual is in progress. Bob Johnson's diligent efforts to produce the first procedures manual continue to benefit the members of the ASIH.

11. TREA: Treasurer - M.A. Neighbors

This report is based on the account statements and cash flow information given to Richard D. Garman and Associates, Certified Public Accountants, Fountain Valley, California, for the 2006 audit. At this time the audit has not been completed. The audited financial statements will be posted on the ASIH web site when available. The audit will list ASIH income and expenses on an accrual basis rather than the annual cash flow basis of this report.

Income and expenses are divided into those associated with programs of the society (awards, annual meeting, dues, subscriptions, and publications) and those related to management and general operation (Treasurer's Table 1). Income received exceeded expenses paid in 2006 by \$193,919. Annual membership revenue was \$7,924 less in 2006 compared to 2005, and subscription income decreased by \$55,739. Final numbers for both memberships and subscriptions again decreased for 2006 (Treasurer's Table 2). ASIH's annual revenue share from BioOne, an online source for *Copeia*, continued to increase; \$25,671 was received for 2005 usage. Revenue from hits on articles in back issues available at JSTOR was \$3,688 for 2005. A major rebalancing of the TRAK portfolio and improvements in the stock market resulted in realized gains. Web site costs increased for the year with the move from Allen Press to Tulane University. ASIH has purchased a server and now makes quarterly payments for maintenance and support.

On 31 December 2006, ASIH funds as Cash & Cash Equivalents and Investments were held in three accounts and totaled \$1,109,866 (Treasurer's Table 3). Investments in both equity (76.6%) and fixed income (23.4%) mutual funds are held in the professionally managed Citigroup Smith Barney TRAK Account. The net cumulative performance of the TRAK Account portfolio between its inception on 5 January 2001 and 31 December 2006 was 20.46%, with an increase of 12.47% occurring in 2006. Since inception, the annualized performance of the account after fees was 3.16% (31 Dec. 2006 TRAK Quarterly Review). For comparison, the S & P 500 Index increased 15.80% in 2006 and had an annualized increase of 2.37% since 31 January 2001. The TRAK Account portfolio was worth \$634,132 on 31 December 2006 (Treasurer's Table 4).

ASIH remains in excellent financial condition in spite of decreased membership and subscription numbers and increased member and subscriber services. Digital current and back issues of *Copeia* since 2000 are presently available to all ASIH members and

subscribers via a link on the ASIH business office web site. Members, but not subscribers, also have access to all earlier issues through a link to the JSTOR archive.

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret A. Neighbors, Treasurer
22 May 2007

See Appendices A-D (pages 48-51):

Treasurer's Table 1: ASIH cash flow for 2006 and 2005.

Treasurer's Table 2: ASIH membership and subscription numbers.

Treasurer's Table 3: ASIH cash, cash equivalents, and investments.

Treasurer's Table 4: Portfolio detail of the ASIH Citigroup Smith Barney TRAK Account.

12. EDIT: Editor - S.A. Schaefer

In response to uneven and excessive workload on the Section Editors (SE) during 2005, and in an effort to reduce the duration of the review period for manuscripts under consideration, additional SEs were added to the editorial staff for 2006. Following upon the change to the ASIH Constitution, which was approved during the 2005 meetings, multiple SEs are now assigned to certain sections. Jackie Webb (Genetics, Development, and Morphology), Joel Snodgrass (Ecology and Ethology), and Carl Ferraris (General Ichthyology) had served as interim SEs and were elected at the 2006 meeting. Jackie Litzgus and Greg Haenel (Ecology and Ethology) and David Kizirian (General Herpetology) agreed to serve as interim SEs for 2006 leading up to the 2007 elections.

During 2006, 888 pages of *Copeia* were published over four issues: 1 March (148 p.), 26 May (188 p.), 15 September (248 p.), 20 December (304 p.). These figures represent a reduction of 11% from the total number of pages published in 2005 and were the result of reduction in the number of accepted manuscripts at the production deadlines for the first two issues, due in part to the absence of backlog of accepted papers pending production. Although the printing of fewer total pages in 2005 was unintended and unanticipated, these events have resulted in a small backlog of papers that provide a needed buffer to ensure a more even distribution of pages per issue going forward.

The four issues for 2006 included 58 major papers (589 p. or 66% of the volume), 28 shorter contributions (183 p. or 21% of the volume), and eight color plates. The remaining 116 pages (13%) was distributed as follows: two comments (5 p.), five book reviews (15 pages; 3 fishes, 2 herps), three pages books received, three historical perspectives (24 p.), one obituary (5 p.), editorial notes and news (8 p.), one notice to authors (3 p.), summary of the 2005 annual meeting (8 p.), subject and taxonomic indices and table of contents (38 p.), award announcements (5 p.), and two pages of back matter comprising societal advertisements not counted in the total pagination for the volume.

Of the major papers published, 35 (60%) were ichthyological and 23 (40%) were herpetological. Of the shorter contributions, 11 (39%) were ichthyological and 17 (61%) were herpetological in subject matter. For all reviewed papers combined, 46 (53%) were ichthyological and 40 (47%) were herpetological. Compared to 2005 (58% ich; 42% herp), the proportion of published papers by discipline for 2006 was similar, although the total number of papers published in 2006 was down 8% from 2005.

There were 503 new or revised submissions in 2006. Of these, 286 were new manuscripts, representing a 5% decrease from 2005. A total of 197 submissions (69%) originated from the United States and 89 (31%) were of international origin. International contributions were distributed as follows: Argentina 3 (1%), Australia 8 (2.8%), Austria 2 (0.7%), Brazil 23 (8%), Canada 15 (5.3%), Chile 2 (0.7%), China 3 (1%), Colombia 1 (0.4%), Czech Republic 1 (0.4%), Denmark 1 (0.4%), Germany 4 (1.4%), India 1 (0.4%), Italy 3 (1%), Japan 9 (3.2%), Mexico 1 (0.4%), Netherlands 1 (0.4%), New Zealand 1 (0.4%), Philippines 1 (0.4%), Puerto Rico 2 (0.7%), Spain 2 (0.7%), South Africa 1 (0.4%), Sweden 1 (0.4%), Taiwan 2 (0.7%), Turkey 1 (0.4%).

Of the 286 new submissions, 169 (59%) were major articles, 88 (31%) were shorter contributions, and 29 (11%) were “other” (i.e., book reviews, obituaries, historical perspectives, etc.). An average of 24 submissions was received per month. April and May were the most active periods, with 30 and 36 submissions, respectively (representing 23% of the annual submissions). November and December (17 submissions each) were the slowest months. A total of 23 submissions (7%) were rejected without review and typically reflected a joint decision by the Editor and SE. The remaining 263 submissions were processed; of these, 117 (44%) achieved a decision by the end of the year.

For comparative purposes, performance statistics for 2006 are followed by values for 2005 in brackets. The average time from submittal to SE assignment was 13.0 [15.7] days and reflects the time required for preparation of the *Copeia* checklist of format problems, initial screening and quality review, and selection of an appropriate SE. Average time from submittal to securing of first reviewer was 38 [29] days, with an additional 16 [19] days to secure all reviewers. Once the final review was received, the SEs required an average of 30.8 [29.7] days to submit their recommendation to the Editor. Editorial decisions required on average an additional 13.0 [13.2] days. In total, all submissions required an average of 93 [106.6] days to initial decision (i.e., accept, reject, or further revision) and 154 [130.9] days to final disposition (accept or reject only). Major papers averaged 112.8 [125.9] days for initial review plus another 46.3 [44.9] days in revision, whereas shorter papers averaged 118.7 [103.8] days for initial review plus another 11.2 [17.8] days in revision.

The average duration from submission to initial decision in 2006 was slightly more than three months (93 days), compared to 106.5 days for 2005. Editor and SE recommendations in 2006 were rendered within similar timeframes compared to 2005.

Section editor workload and average review duration were as follows:

J. Armbruster (12 new, 64 days), D. Buth (21 new, 76 days), C. Ferraris (11 new, 57 days), S. Fox (11 new, 106 days), G. Haenel (9 new, 58 days), M. Lannoo (33 new, 65 days), J. Litzgus (8 new, 48 days), R. Mason (16 new, 123 days), J. Quattro (17 new, 107 days), T. Reeder (17 new, 162 days), E. Schultz (16 new, 37 days), J. Snodgrass (9 new, 50 days), C. Taylor (16 new, 93 days), J. Webb (13 new, 74 days). A total of 97 papers (54%) were accepted, 77 were rejected (43%), and 7 papers (4%) were withdrawn by the author. The 217 revisions received in 2006 (43% of total) were distributed among SEs as follows: J. Armbruster (18 revisions, 26 days), S. Beaupre (5 revisions, 19 days), D. Buth (35 revisions, 11 days), C. Ferraris (2 revisions, 27 days), S. Fox (25 revisions, 30 days), G. Haenel (1 revision, 101 days), M. Lannoo (21 revisions, 7 days), R. Mason (7 revisions, 92 days), J. Quattro (15 revisions, 65 days), T. Reeder (11 revisions, 59 days), S. Schaefer (2 revisions, 1 day), E. Schultz (1 revision, 7 days), J. Snodgrass (3 revisions, 59 days), C. Taylor (11 revisions, 45 days), J. Webb (5 revisions, 41 days), R. Wood (1 revision, 21 days). Because most revisions were not subjected to additional review, processing time is much reduced.

A total of 857 review requests were solicited from 694 persons in 2006. Of these, 194 (23%) were declined and 29 (3%) did not respond, for a total effective request rejection rate of 26%. Of those reviewers that did return a review (510 total), the average length of time taken was 33.9 days (std dev=29.8), with the most rapid return of 1 day and the longest return of 181 days. Less than half of all reviews (220, 43%) were returned within one month and a majority of reviews (290, 57%) required more than 30 days. Of these, more than a third of all reviews (177, 61%) were returned within 60 days, 58 (20%) were returned within 90 days, 34 (12%) were returned within 120 days, and 21 reviewers (7%) required more than 4 months.

Allocation of manuscripts (new submissions and revisions) by section was as follows: General Ichthyology 99 (J. Armbruster 30, D. Buth 56, C. Ferraris 13), General Herpetology 81 (M. Lannoo 54, T. Reeder 27), Ecology and Ethology 93 (S. Fox 36, J. Litzgus 8, G. Haenel 10, J. Snodgrass 12, C. Taylor 27), Genetics, Development and Morphology 50 (J. Quattro 31, J. Webb 18, R. Wood 1), Physiology and Physiological Ecology 44 (S. Beaupre 5, R. Mason 22, E. Schultz 17). Rejection rates by SE are as follows: J. Armbruster 19%, D. Buth 4%, C. Ferraris 0%, S. Fox 35%, M. Lannoo 63%, J. Quattro 20%, T. Reeder 21%, E. Schultz 75%, C. Taylor 33%, J. Webb 20%.

Printing costs to publish *Copeia* in 2006 totaled \$87,084.48 (#1: \$15,350.10, #2: \$17,961.88, #3: \$24,875.78, #4: \$28,896.72). This amount is 6% less than the cost of publishing the 2005 volume. The breakdown of printing costs by category is as follows: composition, prepress text, revisions: \$26,084; prepress graphics \$4,751; press production \$18,987; binding \$3,737; mailing \$14,809; paper \$18,718. All expense categories except binding vary between issues as a direct function of the amount of content and extent of revisions. Costs to the Society incurred by use of the AllenTrack system and revenue from authors for page changes and color reproduction are not reflected in these figures.

13. EDPC: Editorial Policy Committee - S.A. Schaefer

Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) Meeting (12 July 2006)

Present: Scott Schaefer (Editor), Katie Smith (Production Editor), W. Leo Smith (Figure Editor, Book Review Editor), Taran Grant (Book Review Editor), Marlis Douglas (Book Review Editor), Fran Cashner (Subject Index Editor), Joel Snodgrass (CE), Chris Taylor (CE), Tod Reeder (CH), Michael Lannoo (CH), Eric Schultz (CP), Don Buth (CI), Carl Ferraris (CI)

Excused: J. Orr (Taxonomic Index Editor), Stan Fox (CE), R. Mason (CP), J. Quattro (CG), Jackie Webb (CG)

Guests: Darrell Frost (President), Richard Mayden (President Elect)

Editor Schaefer began the meeting by calling for introduction of attendees. The SEs were acknowledged for their dedication to the journal and their outstanding performance during 2005-06.

Items of old business were addressed first. Editor Schaefer discussed the proposed changes to the structure and number of Copeia sections and the status of proposed changes to the journal. No changes have yet been implemented. President Elect Mayden will likely charge a committee to address possible changes as specified in the Copeia Review Committee Report. One possibility under discussion was a limit to nominations to the Editorial Board to three individuals per Section Editor (SE). SE Buth queried other SEs as to how EB members are currently used, with most SEs concurring with the view that EB members are most frequently called upon for rapid review of manuscripts. Editor Schaefer reminded SEs that the call for EB nominations would go out this fall.

Editor Schaefer noted that efforts will move forward to examine the plan for changing the format and style of the journal, including both electronic and print versions. Current style was viewed by some as “quirky” and therefore advantageous in efforts to judge the degree of manuscript preparation and possibly whether submitted papers had been formatted and reviewed by other journals. Changes suggested by the initial review committee are under consideration and a more formal proposal could be expected later this year.

Editor Schaefer reminded SEs that, on average, the review duration for manuscripts is excessive and must be reduced. The general problem of SE workload was discussed and a target of 20-25 manuscripts per SE per year was judged reasonable. However, many Copeia sections receive far too many manuscripts and unless SEs are to judge papers far outside of their particular expertise, manuscript assignments across sections will continue to be unbalanced and some SEs may be overloaded. While some SEs expressed willingness to handle more assignments, this is not a general solution. Others suggest that workload is not as daunting a problem as is finding suitable and willing reviewers, with delays and lack of response to queries leading to levels of

frustration among SEs. Editor Schaefer noted that, pending anticipated changes to the ASIH Constitution, the addition of SEs to certain sections in response to workload demand will be more feasible. Editor Schaefer recommended that additional SEs be sought in response to this problem, rather than changing the number of Copeia sections. One further solution might be a database of reviewer expertise. Editor Schaefer noted that the AllenTrack and ASIH membership databases, each distinct entities, do not contain such information. A proposal that SEs enter such data was discussed, and SE Schultz noted that data for established reviewers cannot be so edited. Editor Schaefer noted that the AllenTrack database as maintained by Allen Press was ineffective because of a high proportion of duplicate user accounts. Old and outdated accounts frequently contribute to delays in securing reviewers because emails are bounced back in the system. Editor Schaefer noted that he frequently is called upon to correct accounts and merge duplicate users, but lacks adequate resources to maintain the database.

Editor Schaefer then explained the procedure for initial examination of submitted manuscripts and assignment to SEs. SEs were reminded that they have the option of returning the manuscript to the Editor if they feel that it is inappropriate or if problems preclude peer review at that time. SEs may also request that a given paper be reassigned to another SE.

Under items of new business, Editor Schaefer called for discussion of means for reducing the duration of the review process. He noted that under former Editor Douglas, the average review duration was three months, and has increased to about four months. Editor Schaefer noted that the time required to secure the first reviewer was about 20 days, and likely represents a major part of the problem. The need for timely and routine chaser emails was discussed as the responsibility of the SEs as managers of the review process. While there is no policy on form and limits to reviewer solicitation, a minimum of two reviewers per manuscript was acknowledged. Changes to the standard review solicitation letter were discussed. Increasing the pool of potential reviewers via solicitation of graduate students was discussed and agreed as positive.

Problems with the conversion of reviewer attachments to pdf by AllenTrack were discussed. Track-changes and commentary present in source documents is often removed by the conversion to pdf, and the fate of reviewer corrections is thus unpredictable. Allen Press has been made aware of the problem, but no solution is forthcoming. Consequently, Editor Schaefer noted that he now routinely sends the original source document instead of the converted pdf to ensure that authors are provided with reviewer commentary. Because reviewer anonymity may not be preserved, the instructions to reviewers has been modified to advise them of this situation and suggest upload of marked pdf files as an alternative. Editorial policy permits reviewers to waive anonymity at their discretion.

Editors also discussed the extent that substantive copyediting of manuscripts is performed during the review process. Editor Schaefer noted his preference that SEs concentrate on evaluation of the science and communicating changes and improvements to authors during the review process, thereby leaving much of the copyediting and correction of style and format compliance to the Editorial Office. Some SEs expressed

willingness to undertake a degree of copyediting, but manuscripts having numerous errors and problems are frequently sent back to authors for changes. Editors agreed that corrections and compliance are the responsibility of the authors. Editor Schaefer noted that such procedures are the norm and are reflected in the fact that most accepted manuscripts pass through at least two revisions prior to final acceptance.

Editors then discussed policy and procedures for resubmit of rejected manuscripts. Editor Schaefer noted that policy does not forbid resubmit unless authors have been so instructed for a particular paper, but all resubmissions undergo increased levels of scrutiny.

The style and format of the literature cited section of Copeia papers was viewed as problematic in terms of author compliance and increased effort at final copyediting. Specifically, use of small caps for author names, “ibid” for journal titles in succession, “lining” of author names and abbreviation of journal titles are matters of long-standing style and tradition. Many of these were originally adopted for economy of typesetting and are no longer relevant in the electronic age. Editor Schaefer moved that small caps style be retained, use of “ibid”, lining of author names in succession, and abbreviation of journal titles be terminated. The motion was seconded (Buth), a vote taken, and passed unanimously.

SE Schultz suggested that the AllenTrack categories of reviewer evaluation of manuscript be modified to better communicate comments to editors. Editor Schaefer noted that the descriptive language used may be easily changed, but the number of boxes used in the system to transmit comments may not. SEs noted that certain questions posed to reviewers (i.e., “descriptions accurate?”) are ambiguous or do not apply. A plan for revision of categories of reviewer comments was discussed for the 2007 EPC meeting.

Editor Schaefer discussed current policy for processing of manuscript by non-members and problems posed by non-payment of charges. At present, all submissions are eligible for review, but only ASIH members avoid paying page charges. Non-members are provided the opportunity to pay charges or become ASIH members in advance of manuscript production. On rare occasions, authors of manuscripts under review have declined both options and their papers are ultimately withdrawn. Options for improved communication with authors were discussed.

Editor Schaefer closed the meeting by expressing sincere gratitude to Fran Cashner for her dedication to the journal in producing the subject index under difficult personal circumstances.

14. ENFC: Endowment and Finance Committee - M.L. Warren, Jr.

Report on activities of the Endowment and Finance Committee.

Annual ENFC Meeting, 16 July 2006, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Attendees: Margaret Neighbors (Treasurer), Stephen Ross, Pat Gregory (Chair, Long Range Planning and Policy Committee), Barbara Savitzky, Eric Schultz, Mel Warren (Chair).

Financial state of the society

Treasurer Neighbors briefed the committee on the financial status of ASIH. As of 30 June 2006 the Smith Barney portfolio showed good overall growth relative to market conditions. Treasurer Neighbors also has increased the use of CDs as a way to decrease amounts in checking/saving accounts and increase interest income without decreasing flexibility in managing cash accounts and cash flow.

Recommendation to augment support for student travel funds

The ENFC and LRPP are concerned with the declining ASIH membership and discussed the issue at some length during their respective meetings. The future of ASIH rests on recruiting, maintaining, and retaining members. Many potential members are introduced to ASIH as students and students are primary participants in our meetings and Society. Although the desirability of long-range, multi-faceted strategies to address membership retention was acknowledged by EXEC at the 2006 meeting and will be addressed by a professional organization, the ENFC and LRPP identified an immediate step to further expose students to ASIH.

ASIH (via EXEC authorization) encourages student participation in meetings by providing the Committee on Graduate Student Participation with up to \$2000 per year to augment funds raised by that committee. The ENFC and LRPP wanted to improve this support, and Treasurer Neighbors foresaw no financial difficulties imposed by our proposed action. The ENFC with support of the LRPP proposed to the EXEC that general operating funds be used to match funds raised at the raffle at the annual meeting by the Committee on Graduate Student Participation on a one-to-one basis (e.g., \$3,000 is raised, ASIH matches with \$3,000). These funds, allocated annually, are to be used to augment travel funds for students at the St. Louis meeting (and future meetings) in a manner to be determined by the Committee on Graduate Student Participation. EXEC voted unanimously in favor of the proposal.

The ENFC and LRPP intend this authorization to extend to future fundraising events at future meetings (2006 and beyond), but should a shortfall occur in general operating funds, the authorization could of course be withdrawn by EXEC with appropriate and timely notice to the Graduate Student Committee.

Other activities subsequent to the Annual Meeting

Treasurer Neighbors informed the Chair and committee of CD purchases, arrangements for paying awards this year, and routine reallocation of funds in the Smith Barney portfolio. The committee reviewed and approved as necessary the purchases and award arrangements.

Treasurer Neighbors, immediate past ENFC Chair Schultz, current ENFC Chair Warren, and ENFC Chair-elect Ross reviewed and updated a draft of the ENFC section of the ASIH policy and procedures manual. The updated section was forwarded to the Chair of LRPP for incorporation into the revised manual.

Respectfully submitted,

Mel Warren, ENFC Chair

15. EXEC: Executive Committee - M.A. Donnelly

The Executive Committee (EXEC) was led by President Darrel Frost during 2006. The committee members contributed to the efforts to revise the ASIH constitution and bylaws. They tested the 2006 abstract site, approved a rate structure for advertisements in *Copeia*. The Committee voted to partially fund attendance at a meeting for members of the Committee for the Names of Fishes. The members of EXEC approved the proposal from the Conservation Committee (CONS) to publish position papers. The first one posted is the position paper on rattlesnake roundups.

The members of EXEC voted to provide funds for the Allen Track system we use to produce our journal. They voted against taking out a cancellation policy for the 2006 meeting because the terms could never be fulfilled. The members of EXEC voted to increase the amount of match provided to the students for the book raffle. To support the activities of our young members we want to provide additional funds to help defray meeting expenses. The members of EXEC authorized President Frost to sign a memorandum of cooperation with the International Code of Zoological Nomenclature. EXEC voted to increase the salary of the production editor and they voted to obtain BioOne secondary rights that will distribute our *Copeia* content to a broad audience.

We extend our best wishes for a speedy recover to Governor Carter Gilbert and Governor Fran Cashner.

We sadly report the passing of Marcos Di Bernardo (16 June 2006), Michael Rankin (29 June 2006), Marinus Boeseman (14 July 2006), Margaret M. Stewart (2 August 2006), J. Alan Holman (12 August 2006), Bruce A. Thompson (5 January 2007), José Cei (8 January 2007), Hymen Marx (25 January 2007), Pat Courtenay (13 April 2007).

16. GFAC: Gaige Fund Award Committee - A.P. Summers

The 2007 Gaige Award Committee has chosen 10 outstanding awardees from a pool of 56 very competitive applications. The members of the committee in 2007 were Taran Grant and Rita Mehta. The proposals were judged on scientific merit, need, and letters of recommendation. The 2007 recipients of Gaige Awards are:

Bhart-Anjan S. Bhullar, UT Austin, Rare taxa, fossils, and the diversification of the clades Xenosauridae and Anguinae.

Brittney Calsbeek, University of Vermont, Testing the influence of parasites on phenotypic variation in a polymorphic lizard.

Karen M. Benyo, Washington State University, Local adaptation of an emerging infectious disease implicated in amphibian declines.

Krista Parsley Coquia, California Polytechnic Institute, San Luis Obispo, Hormonal determinants of sexual size dimorphism in the yellow-backed spiny lizard, *Sceloporus uniformis*.

Emily A. Gardner, Washington State University, Variation in larval amphibian life history traits.

John Peterson, Auburn University, Effects of *Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis* on several anurans in southeastern North America.

Heather Cunningham, University of Alabama, Testing assumptions of ecological niche models: Comparisons of relative fitness and condition of populations across high and low probability of occurrence areas.

Matthew L. Niemiller, University of Tennessee, Hybridization in the dark: linking habitat disturbance to gene flow between an obligate cave-dwelling salamander and its surface relative.

Rachel M. Goodman, University of Tennessee, Do geographic patterns of cell size and body size in an ectothermic vertebrate reflect latitudinal and climatic gradients?

Casey A. Gilman, University of New Mexico, Changes in cardiopulmonary physiology during gravidity in the oviparous lizard *Crotophytus collaris*.

Each grant was for \$500. Although the winning applicants typically requested more than \$500 in their budgets, we decided to spread the available funds among more students rather than give more money to fewer awardees. Copies of the acceptance and rejection letters have been sent to the applicants (samples attached).

This was the second year for all-electronic submission of applications and letters of recommendation. The process went very smoothly and we allowed submission of either Word or PDF files as email attachments. I highly recommend continuing this procedure and perhaps further developing the application procedure in the future by making it possible to submit via the ASIH website.

Rita Mehta will serve as Committee Chair next year. I will rotate off the committee and the President of ASIH will appoint my replacement. It is important that both the award announcement in *Copeia* and the ASIH web page be updated to reflect the change

of committee chair because applicants must send their proposals to the chair.

Rita's address and email follow: Rita S. Mehta; rsmehta@ucdavis.edu; Section of Evolution & Ecology; University of California; One Shields Ave., Irvine, CA

Respectfully submitted,

Adam P. Summers, Chair
ASIH Gaige Fund Award Committee, 2007

17. GSPC: Committee on Graduate Student Participation - M.R. Parker

I would like to list the members of the 2006-2007 ASIH Graduate Student Participation Committee: Rocky Parker (chair), Lara Douglas (book raffle), James Van Dyke (book raffle), Ralph Saporito (travel awards), Tiffany Shriever (workshop), Justin Touchon (website), Matt Nielson (website), and Jason Ortega (raffle and reprint scavenge). The following is a progress report detailing our efforts over the past year along with two proposals we would like to offer for improving graduate student involvement in ASIH.

The book raffle at the 2006 JMIH was a success, and we obtained more than enough book donations during 2007 to hold the raffle once again at this year's meeting. Lara, James, and Ralph have done an outstanding job with the coordination of this year's raffle and travel award allocation, and we hope to see another increase in the student travel fund due to their efforts. Unfortunately, no connection was made between the faculty of ASIH on the website committee and our grad volunteers (Justin and Matt) to contribute to the restructuring of the ASIH website.

The teaching workshop I coordinated for the 2006 JMIH was a huge success. The panel, composed of Mo Donnelly, Steve Beaupre, Dominic Adriaens, and Matt White, discussed the strategies for starting a teaching program from scratch. The panel answered questions from the floor and provided attendants with copies of their syllabi and suggested "staple" courses to increase grad student marketability when applying for faculty positions. The feedback I received from the grad students who attended was all positive, and there were several inquiries as to what the next workshop will entail. Tiffany Shriever and I discussed a possibility for a workshop for the 2007 meeting, but our efforts fell short of meeting the deadline for scheduling a room. We hope to put on the workshop at the 2008 meeting in Montreal. The focus of the workshop will be foreign field research and strategies for establishing both long and short term networks.

Two ideas have circulated among the Participation Committee that we would like to share with the Board. One is a restructuring of the Travel Fund and the way in which Travel Awards are offered. Foreign travel (both trans-ocean and intercontinental) is significantly more expensive than domestic travel to the JMIH. As such, we propose to offer two types of Travel Awards in future: Domestic and Foreign. Domestic awards will be available to students currently residing in North America, whereas Foreign

awards will be for students traveling from other continents. The number of awards we would like to offer is six Foreign awards (\$500 each) and 16 Domestic awards (\$250 each). This is a decrease in the number of “regular” travel awards from 20. I have discussed this with Margaret Neighbors, and she considers this sustainable given the amount of money currently in the Travel Award Fund. Second, we have a request for funding to provide lunch at the grad student business meeting held every year at the JMIH. I must stress how abysmal student involvement is in the ASIH. We have absolutely no recruiting power to coax students into attending the business meeting so that we can evenly spread the responsibilities of the committee. I believe that the only way we can attract students to the business meeting to then request their involvement in ASIH is by offering lunch. Considering that the meeting is held over lunch on the last day and there is a large surplus in the Travel Fund, I hope that we can agree that a \$100 allotment to provide food at our meeting is a small and feasible request.

I hope that our report is sufficient in updating you all on the progress the Grad Student Participation Committee has made over the 2006-2007 year. I hope that we can increase student involvement in the Society to both ensure the longevity of the ASIH as well as improve its attractiveness to graduate students who are currently not members.

Respectfully Submitted,

M. Rockwell Parker, Chair, Graduate Student Participation Committee

18. LRPP: Long Range Planning and Policy Committee - P.T. Gregory

The ASIH long Range Planning and Policy Committee (LRPP) met on 14 July 2006 during the society’s annual meeting in New Orleans. Those present were P. Gregory (Chair), K. Warkentin, C. Johnston, D. Buth, R. Cashner, M. Warren, and D. Green (guest). We discussed two major items.

Revision of the ASIH Procedures Manual – The manual, originally compiled by the LRPP in 1999, is now out of date in numerous places with respect to both current practice and current committee structure, and thus needs to be revised. It was agreed that, in undertaking this revision, we need to simultaneously consider the society’s constitution and bylaws, so that we can be consistent with them and make recommendations to the ASIH Executive Committee (EXEC) regarding changes to them if necessary. The chair volunteered to draft revisions to general and introductory sections of the manual and to distribute those revisions to LRPP members for comments and editorial changes. For revisions of more specific sections, we will ask current and/or recent society officers and committee chairs to undertake draft revisions, which then will come back to the LRPP for editing and incorporation into the final document. Given their intimate knowledge of the society’s operation, it will be important to have the ASIH secretary and treasurer involved throughout this process. Finally, as the completed manual will be available on the society’s website, we should make it as user friendly as possible, especially by improving its searchability via hyperlinks between sections and to other relevant documents.

Action on this issue: Although we did not begin the process of revision of the manual until spring 2007, that process is now well underway, with contributions received from several committee chairs and society officers. We anticipate that the revised manual will be ready for the society's consideration at the 2008 annual meeting in Montreal.

Maintaining Membership in ASIH – The society currently is in good financial shape, due in large part to recent dues increases. However, one worry for the future is that membership and subscriptions have been declining steadily in recent years, a pattern similar to that seen in organismally-oriented scientific societies in general. In other societies, this pattern seems to be due to a decline in retention of younger members, resulting in an 'older' age structure for society membership. Reasons for this disinclination of younger members to join (or, more important, to maintain their membership once finished their degrees) presumably include ready access to journals in electronic form. However, another contributing factor might be that service to scientific societies is undervalued by tenure-and-promotion committees in most universities. Although we encourage society membership by offering reduced registration rates to members, especially students, attendees can be members of any of the participating societies to be eligible for this rate. Thus, the participation rate of students at the annual meeting remains high.

How can we make society membership more attractive, especially to students? The LRPP agreed that the annual meeting is an important focus for our attention. Two suggestions that have much merit are: (a) to lower the registration fees even further for students competing for Stoye and Storer awards; and (b) to increase financial aid for students to attend meetings. One way to achieve (b) would be for ASIH to agree to match (or even double-match) the funds that students raise in their annual raffle; we agreed to take this suggestion forward to the Endowment and Finance Committee (ENFC) for their consideration. More generally, we need to emphasize the diversity of subject areas studied by ichthyologists and herpetologists and make 'Integrative Biology' a major theme on our website, at our meetings, and in our journal. With respect to the journal, some LRPP members were concerned about *Copeia*'s modest impact factor and the need to find ways to raise the journal's quality and, as a consequence, the society's profile. Other members were concerned about our contribution to public education (an issue also raised by EXEC); one possible improvement in this area might be to have links on the ASIH website to individual members' websites. The recent decision by EXEC to engage the services of a professional marketing firm will no doubt add other dimensions to this discussion.

Action on this issue: In December 2006, Mel Warren (Chair, ENFC), seconded by Pat Gregory (Chair, LRPP) and unanimously supported by both ENFC and LRPP, brought forward a motion to EXEC to match funds raised at the 2006 (and future meetings) by the Committee on Graduate Student Participation (GSPC) on a one-to-one basis. These funds, allocated annually, are to be used to augment travel funds for students at the St. Louis meeting (and future meetings) in a manner to be determined by the GSPC. This motion was passed unanimously by EXEC.

Submitted by: P. Gregory (Chair), K. Warkentin, C. Johnston, D. Buth, R. Cashner, C. Guyer, M. Warren (ex officio)

19. MMGT: Meetings Management Committee - R.C. Cashner

Chair: Robert C. Cashner

Members: Brian Crother, Henry Mushinsky (HL and SSAR rep.)

MPLN Attendees: Larry Allen, Ed Heist (AES rep.), Deanna Stouder (Chair), Maureen Donnelly (ASIH Secretary)

Kansas State Conference Organizers: Sharon Brookshire and Heide McBride

The Meeting Management Committee met jointly with members of the Meeting Planning Committee at the Hyatt Regency Saint Louis Hotel March 14-17, 2007. The conference hotel at 1 Union Station is the most incredible venue for the JMIH thus far. Members of the two committees examined all the rooms for society board meetings, plenary and paper sessions, posters and exhibitor displays, banquets, speaker preparation and auction. We were very impressed by the quality of the meeting rooms for the JMIH July 11-16, 2007. We also visited the sites for the opening reception, the eclectic and eccentric City Museum, and the picnic, the world famous St. Louis Zoo. We scheduled over 900 papers, symposia presentations, and posters.

The JMIH has sites for meetings through 2011:

2008 Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2009 Portland, OR, USA
2010 Providence, RI, USA
2011 Minneapolis, MN, USA

The MPLN and MMGT representatives discussed further venues with the Kansas State Conference Organizers and requested they review locations in the Southwestern U.S. and Mexico.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert C. Cashner

20. MPLN: Meetings Planning Committee - D.J. Stouder

Chair: Deanna J. Stouder

Members: Larry Allen, Ed Heist (AES rep.), Robert Cashner (MMGT Chair), Maureen Donnelly (ASIH Secretary)

MMGC attendees: Brian Crother, Henry Mushinsky (HL and SSAR rep.)

Kansas State Conference Organizers: Sharon Brookshire, Heide McBride.

Transition to a new abstract submission:

Reading instructions and following the abstract submission rules will save the Secretary an inordinate amount of time in contacting members who fail to follow simple instructions. The students did extremely well this year, however, our professional colleagues seemed to do worse.

Reminder (AGAIN): Each person can only submit ONE oral paper and ONE poster for presentation at the annual meeting. We continue to have people submitting multiple oral papers.

Scheduling Symposia:

Using the template distributed to all symposia chairs, schedules were provided to MPLN Chair. Prior to attending the planning meeting, the Secretary reminded Chairs that all symposia speakers needed to submit abstracts for their presentations. MPLN then scheduled symposia based on the Chairs' recommendations.

Printed Schedules:

In keeping with the spirit of greening the meeting and our desire to hold meeting costs down, we will provide attendees with a Schedule-At-A-Glance and a CD of program abstracts. This will save the JMIIH approximately \$6,000 and keep the schedule current.

Full Abstracts:

These are available to all attendees on the ASIH website. Also, if people want to purchase a book of abstracts, these are available for \$30.

St. Louis planning meeting for 2007 Joint Meetings of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists:

During 14-18 March all MPLN members traveled to St. Louis to set up the schedule for the upcoming July meeting. We spent three full days during which we reviewed the conference facilities, developed the overall schedule including business meetings, workshops, social events, poster and oral presentations. We scheduled approximately 850 total presentations (symposia and contributed papers; posters) and

designated session chairs. Sharon Brookshire and Heide McBride agreed to be the contact person if session chairs have difficulty with their assignments.

Because we have many open slots for papers and posters, we decided to re-open abstract submission and extend early registration until 31 March 2007. This is a fabulous venue and we encourage people to attend the 2007 meeting.

By the time we departed St. Louis on 18 March, Larry Allen had created an excel spreadsheet of the entire meeting. Mo Donnelly continued to correct and clarify information until they were able to put an accurate program on the ASIH website and provide Kansas State University with all of the needed information for the printed Schedule-at-a-Glance.

21. NOMC: Nominating Committee - L.M. Page

The Nominating Committee for 2007 consisted of herpetologists Christopher K. Beachy and Stanley F. Fox, and ichthyologists Philip J. Motta, Lynne R. Parenti and Larry M. Page (Chair). Forty-five persons were nominated for President, Board of Governors, Fitch Committee, Gibbs Committee, Johnson Committee, Nominations Committee, and Copeia Sectional Editors. Almost one-half of the persons contacted by the NOMC declined to run for office or committee, usually citing busy schedules and other commitments as reasons. The committee strongly urges members of ASIH who wish to serve on a committee or the BOG to contact the committee next year and ask to be nominated. We are grateful to those members who agreed this year to serve ASIH.

22. RFAC: Raney Fund Award Committee - K.E. Carpenter

The Raney Fund Award Committee included Kent Carpenter, Timothy Targett, and W. Leo Smith. Kent Carpenter served as chair of the committee, this was his final year of service. Timothy Targett has served on the committee for two years and will serve as chair in 2008. W. Leo Smith has served one year on the committee; he will serve as chair in 2009.

The committee received 34 applications with many excellent proposals worthy of support. The committee had \$5,000 to award. In most previous years the committee awarded \$1,000 to the top five applicants. This year we had three clear top candidates and five applicants tied for fourth and fifth place. We decided to re-evaluate these five applicants and rank them again in order to choose the top two of the five. Among the top candidates was one candidate who received the Raney Award in 2005. The committee determined that there was no clear guidelines about repeat Raney award recipients and therefore did not penalize the candidate. However, there was a general consensus that the spirit of the Raney Fund would be better served if a restriction was made, and recommend that the wording in the announcement be changed so that candidates can receive only one Raney award. Targett has drafted suggested wording and forwarded it to Maureen Donnelly for consideration.

The top five from the 2007 deliberations are listed below in alphabetical order:

Yvette R. Alva, Ph.D. student, University of California, Santa Cruz, yvettealva@yahoo.com, “Molecular evolution, larval ecology, historical biogeography, and geology to estimate levels of gene flow among five species of reef fish endemic to the Tropical Eastern Pacific.”

Mollie F. Cashner, Ph.D. student, Tulane University, mcashner@tulane.edu, “Explorations in nest association: characterization of spawning communities using restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP).”

Jayne M. Gardiner, M.A. student, University of South Florida, jmgardin@mail.usf.edu, “Multisensory integration in prey tracking and capture in sharks.”

Donovan P. German, Ph.D. student, University of Florida, dgerman@ufl.edu, “Research title: Gut function in loriciid catfishes with different diets: implications for lignocellulose digestion among a clade of grazing fishes.”

Stuart Willis, Ph.D student, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, swillis4@bigred.unl.edu, “Cryptic speciation and morphological evolution in Neotropical fishes.”

Respectfully submitted,

Kent Carpenter, Chair

23. RHGC: Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award Committee - D.W. Greenfield

During April, 2007 the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award Committee, consisting of David W. Greenfield (Chair), Joseph S. Nelson (substitute for Carter R. Gilbert), and Theodore W. Pietsch, evaluated four nominees for the 2007 award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology. The recipient of the award this year, the nineteenth since the inception of the award, will be announced at the annual ASIH meeting in July at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in St. Louis, and will receive a plaque with his/her name engraved on it.. This year the plaque was prepared by Scott’s Trophy of Seattle.

The Committee will continue to announce and promote the award through publication of notices in scientific journals, including *Copeia*. Following the annual ASIH meeting, the Committee Chair will forward the announcement of the winner for 2007 to these journals along with a request for future nominations. A full page in *Copeia* 2007(4) will be devoted to a copy of the plaque as well as a list of all former recipients of the award (page 841 of *Copeia* 2006[4] was devoted to the recipient for 2006, Richard Winterbottom). As with previous awardees, this year’s recipient of the award will be encouraged to submit a paper in systematic ichthyology to *Copeia*, to appear (following

the normal editorial review process) in the second year following the award as a leading ichthyological paper in the journal.

24. RKJC: Robert K. Johnson Award Committee - H.B. Lillywhite

Information relating to nominations for the Johnson Award was posted at the ASIH website, and a “reminder” call for nominations was sent electronically to the membership. The Committee was chaired by Harvey B. Lillywhite and included Brian Crother and Frank McCormick as additional members. The Committee received nominations this year and selected a candidate that fits the description of the award and honors Robert K. “Bob” Johnson. The winner’s name will be announced at the annual banquet. The Johnson Award Committee will be chaired by Frank McCormick in 2008, and the award will go to an Ichthyologist.

Harvey B. Lillywhite
May 24, 2007

25. STAC: Student Awards Committee - M.T. O’Connell

Prior to the 2007 meeting, President-Elect Henry Mushinsky and Marty O’Connell (chair for 2007) lined up the judges for the Stoye and Storer competitions. The judges and the award winners will be announced at the Annual Banquet.

26. AESR: Representative to the American Elasmobranch Society - G.H. Burgess

Continuing an organizational partnership honored since its inception, the American Elasmobranch Society (AES) held its 22nd Annual Meeting on 12-17 July 2006 in conjunction with the 86th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans. The contributions of ASIH local chairs (Hank Bart, Bob Cashner and Brian Crother), the Meeting Planning Committee, and the Event Coordinators (Sharon Brookshire, Heide McBride their capable Kansas State staff) insured the meetings was a great success. More than 200 AES members and numerous societal "crossovers" were in attendance. The program consisted of 121 contributed oral presentations and 32 posters, plus many oral presentations made at the 16 July open slide/video session. Contributed sessions addressed behavior, biochemistry, ecology, fisheries, life history, movements, physiology, population dynamics, and systematics. Two symposia, The Biology of Skates (David Ebert and James Sulikowski, organizers) and Recent Advances in the Biology and Conservation of the White Shark (*Carcharodon carcharias*) (John O’Sullivan and Manny Ezcurra, organizers) were convened. The Student Activity Committee workshop, "“Better Scientific Illustrations and Visual Aids," featured presentations by Eric Hilton, Mark Mandica, and Jason Ramsay.

The Executive Board and Board of Directors met on 12 July and the Business Meeting was convened on 15 July. At the Business Meeting, elections produced the following results:

Secretary: Cami McCandless

Board of Directors: John Carlson, Steve Kajiura

The AES banquet occurred on 16 July with 200 people in attendance. At the banquet Laura Macesic (Florida Atlantic University) was announced as the winner of the Gruber Award for best student oral paper; the Carrier Award winner for best poster presentation went to Lisa Whitenack (University of South Florida); and Laura Jordan (UCLA) was awarded the Nelson Award for behavioral research. Wes Dowd (VIMS) received the AES Student Research Award. 17 graduate students received travel awards totaling \$4600. The annual ElasmAuction and raffle at the banquet generated \$2523 for student awards and travel.

AES thanks ASIH for its continued support of joint meetings and will meet in St. Louis on 11-16 July 2007 in association with the 2007 ASIH annual meetings.

27. AIBS: Representative to the American Institute of Biological Sciences and BioOne - A. H. Savitzky

This is the combined report of the Representative to AIBS and BioOne. The representative attended both annual meetings, which were held in May and April 2007, respectively. AIBS is an umbrella organization of about 200 societies, primarily concerned with organismal biology and ecology. BioOne is a nonprofit electronic publishing consortium, many of whose contributing publishers are member societies of AIBS. The society representative was recently elected to a three-year term on the Board of AIBS and serves on the Publisher's Advisory and Content Development Committees of BioOne. This year AIBS met jointly with the Natural Sciences Collections Alliance.

American Institute of Biological Sciences

The AIBS continues to serve as an important voice for organismal biologists and ecologists. Its member societies and organizations represent an aggregate of approximately 250,000 individual biologists. AIBS maintains specific offices dealing with public policy (supported largely by voluntary donations from a number of societies, including ASIH) and with biological education at all levels (and focusing largely on the controversies surrounding the teaching of evolution), as well as an active committee dealing with issues related to improving gender and ethnic diversity in the biological sciences. The Public Policy Office noted that AIBS is involved in a developing coalition with FASEB and the American Society of Microbiology to request an appropriation from the federal government to conduct a decadal study of the current state of the biological sciences in the U.S., as well as such biologically relevant topics as global climate change. The product would be similar to a recently-completed study of the physical sciences, entitled "The Gathering Storm." Special concern was noted regarding the increasing

fragmentation of the scientific community, the poor state of biological education, and the need to protect funding for investigator-driven science in an environment in which funding is increasingly being used to support (deservedly) large research centers.

A new Director of Education joined AIBS this year, and she is continuing initiatives begun under her predecessor. Many of those are directed toward high school students, with the ultimate goal of encouraging more students into university biology programs. The office is also considering working on broad, general guidelines for introductory biology courses at colleges and universities. That initiative is intended not to limit or homogenize such programs, but rather to serve as a useful guide when, for example, extramural program reviews are conducted. The office is encouraging the establishment of more student chapters of AIBS, and it continues to present an annual workshop at the meeting of the National Science Teacher's Association.

A related matter of great concern is the declining membership in many member societies due to a failure to recruit or retain young professionals. This important issue is likely to be revisited in the near future and may become a focus of AIBS action. Another important initiative, the Diversity Scholars Program (which supports attendance at professional meetings by minority students) requires additional funding, and AIBS discussed whether voluntary contributions from member societies would be appropriate to fund that program. A decision is expected in the near future.

AIBS continues to publish the highly regarded journal *BioScience*, which concentrates on articles of general interest and, thus, of potential use in teaching. Articles of such a nature are welcomed by the editor.

The 2008 annual meeting will be held in conjunction with the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS), which celebrates its 50th anniversary that year.

Information was presented regarding the Ecological Society of America's Data Sharing Initiative. This arose from a Society Summit convened in 2004; apparently no representative of any herpetological or ichthyological society was present at that meeting. Reports from related workshops on data sharing are available at http://www.esa.org/science_resources/datasharing.php.

A representative from NSF reported on the Interagency Working Group on Scientific Collections, a group representing about 15 agencies with formal collections of various physical objects. The scope of the group has now been expanded to include not only collections within federal agencies but also federally supported collections elsewhere. A survey of such collections is expected to be distributed in August 2007; About 190 institutions were reported to have received collection support from NSF.

Information was presented on the recently launched Encyclopedia of Life (EOL), a project that will link many biological databases and provide information on biodiversity for use by both professionals and the public. EOL is intended to generate websites for each known species of organism, offering an authoritative introductory web page that is

vettted by experts, with links to a variety of other data. A consortium of organizations, including several major museums, are involved, and significant funding has already been received from private foundations and key institutions. Information on this project can be found at <http://www.eol.org/>.

Finally, a major new program, initiated by the board of AIBS and now functioning as a broader group, is the Coalition for the Public Understanding of Science (COPUS). The first major activity of this group will be to organize the Year of Science 2009, a major national program to focus public attention on the practice and significance of scientific research. That year is the bicentennial of Darwin's birth and the sesquicentennial of the publication of *The Origin*; it is also the bicentennial of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, who founded the National Academy of Sciences and the 400th anniversary of the publication of Kepler's laws of planetary motion.

COPUS and the Year of Sciences 2009 will focus not on the presentation of facts but on enhancing the public's understanding of the process of science. Over 50 organizations and institutions are already members of the Coalition, and COPUS is actively soliciting additional members. There is no cost to membership (at least at this time), and organizations are encouraged to sponsor events designed to celebrate the Year of Science in 2009.

Information on COPUS can be found at <http://www.copusproject.org/>, and a list of participants (as of 24 May) is available at <http://www.copusproject.org/participants.php>. Information on the Year of Science 2009 is available at <http://www.yearofscience2009.org/>.

ACTION ITEM: The society is asked to join both COPUS and the Year of Science 2009. The representative to AIBS strongly encourages such action.

BioOne

A number of significant developments involving BioOne have occurred during the past year. BioOne launched a second collection of journals in 2007, under the name BioOne.2 (the original collection is now called BioOne.1). BioOne.1 includes 84 titles (75 are current) and is available to 1,100 institutions. Of those 81% are ISI ranked, and 58 are represented as complete series in JSTOR. BioOne.2 now has 41 titles and is expected to grow to over 80 titles in 3-5 yr. This new collection has a substantial international presence, and it includes a major partnership with UniBio, a collection of organismal journals from Japan. Significantly for our members, BioOne.1 includes the journals *Current Herpetology* and *Zoological Science*, from Japan, and the *South American Journal of Herpetology*, from Brazil. All BioOne journals are peer-reviewed, and nearly all are published in English. BioOne also publishes three open access titles; an additional 5-7 OA titles are expected to be added in 2007.

Libraries continue to support BioOne as an important alternative to rapacious commercial publishers. BioOne has instituted a 52% increase in price over the past six

years, but that has been offset by an 88% increase in titles, a 323% increase in pages, and thus a 20% decrease in cost per title and a 64% decrease in cost per page. In turn, royalties paid to BioOne publishers (societies) have increased on average by 66%; BioOne has returned 61% of its total 2006 revenue to publishers, with an average royalty return of \$19,000.

BioOne has joined Portico, an organization dedicated to preserving electronically published materials in a standard archival form. JSTOR also is associated with Portico. BioOne itself now provides publishers with the option to add backfiles of journals as open access.

The BioOne Publishers and Partners Meeting included a presentation on scholarly publishing in China, where the academic market and the expenditures dedicated to R&D have been expanding rapidly. China now has almost 1,800 universities, over 700 of which can award baccalaureate and higher degrees. The number of Chinese research papers increased from about 10,000 to 80,000 during the past decade. Not surprisingly, the major commercial presses are moving rapidly to form relationships with Chinese journals.

An interesting presentation by the editor of *Politics and the Life Sciences* noted that, in the traditional publication mode, a journal that published four issues per year was considered respectable, whereas one that published only two issues was considered to be “a bum.” He noted, however, that a more cost-effective strategy today may be to have online-first publication, with the subsequent publication of fewer print issues.

Finally, BioOne emphasized that it provides a variety of important services to society publishers, including one already in effect and another that is about to take effect. First, the Secondary Rights Management Program (SMRP) provides a variety of opportunities for journals to receive income from the sale of individual articles (usually pay-per-view sales to single-time users). The program now enrolls 54 titles, and all societies are strongly encouraged to sign up for the SMRP. There is no downside, and 100% of the income generated is returned to the publishers. Pay-per-view through BioOne generated \$6,457 for all titles in 2006 (the first year of the service), and that figure is increasing.

Second, a new service will give societies the option of providing their members with free access to their journals through BioOne. The system will work by having members log onto the society website, which will verify their membership status and then allow them to access that society’s publication(s) directly in BioOne. A member log-in system on the society website will be required. It seems that this service will obviate the need for an Allen Press silo site for member access, although such a site may still be advantageous in order to offer subscriptions to individual libraries; that issue should be investigated. An additional benefit of this program of free member access to journals is that it will drive more members to the society’s web page.

ACTION ITEMS: (1) Ensure that the society is enrolled in BioOne's SMRP. (2) Consider taking advantage of the new program for free member access to the society's electronic journal through BioOne.

28. NSCAR: Representative to the Natural Science Collections Alliance - L.M. Page

The 2007 annual meeting of the Natural Science Collections Alliance (NSCA) was held jointly with the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) in Washington, D.C., 14-15 May. The theme of the NSCA meeting, "Collections for the Future: Forecasting Biodiversity Phenomena" emphasized the use of natural history collection data for forecasting changes in biodiversity due to climate change, disease outbreaks, etc. Presentations also were given on the "National Evolutionary Synthesis Center," "The Encyclopedia of Life: A Web Site for Every Species," and on databases of collections. The topic of the AIBS meeting was "Evolutionary Biology and Human Health." Presentations focused on using genomic data to predict and diagnose human diseases.

29. PNHC: Representative to the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections - J.E. Simmons

The 21st annual meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections (SPNHC), "The Road to Productive Partnerships," a joint meeting with the National Science Collections Alliance (NSCA), was held in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 23-27 May 2006. The program included pre-conference field trips and tours, a reception at the New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science, two days of paper sessions, and workshops on data quality, imaging, and the use of Arctos and GBIF. A special session was devoted to "Permitting Issues: How to Comprehend, Cope and Comply." Other presentations and posters of particular interest to ASIH members included "Spirited Away—Shipping Dangerous Goods," "The State of Preservation of Natural Science Collections: A Report on the Heritage Health Index," and "Works for Me, Should Work for You: But is it Science?" Two issues of the *SPNHC Newsletter* (volume 20) were published in 2006, which included articles on "FAQs about Kaiserling III fluid preservative" and "Bridging a chasm of understaffing," as well as bibliographies of current literature. Two issues of *Collection Forum* were published in 2006. Volume 20 included "Exposure of Museum Staff to Formaldehyde During Some Wet Specimen Activities;" volume 21 included "Climate Control in an Uncontrollable Building," and "Tools, Techniques, and Code for Supporting Image Databases of Natural History Collections Materials." An edited volume of papers, *Museum Studies: Innovations and Perspectives*, was also published in 2006. Recent issues of both the newsletter and the journal are available in .pdf format on the SPNHC website, as well as ordering information for other SPNHC publications (www.spnhc.org).

30. CONS: Conservation Committee - F.H. McCormick

Summary. The Conservation Committee was active in the 2006 calendar year, responding to conservation issues for both fish and amphibians. The Committee worked to develop a protocol for the preparation and approval of conservation-related position papers expressing the “sense of the Society”. Committee members drafted the Society’s first position paper on rattlesnake conservation and rattlesnake roundups. In 2006, the Committee prepared comments or letters for President Frost’s signature to the Department of the Interior, the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and NOAA Fisheries. Several members have been actively working to develop the revised AFS list on threatened and endangered fishes.

Actions taken.

The Executive Committee, Board of Governors and membership approved a proposal by the Conservation Committee to develop and publish position papers that represent the scientific judgment of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists on conservation-related subjects. Patterned after the position or policy statements of the American Fisheries Society, these papers will be developed under the umbrella of the Committee’s charge from the President of ASIH, but would not necessarily be accomplished exclusively or entirely by committee members. They will be subjected to an informal peer-review, circulated among scientists familiar with the subject matter. CONS will then bring the position paper forward for consideration by the EXEC and approval by the BOG. Pending the outcome of this process, the position paper will be published in HTML and PDF format on the ASIH website.

Al Savitzky and Henry Mushinsky worked with colleagues to draft a position paper on “rattlesnake roundups” (Position of The American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists Concerning Rattlesnake Conservation and Roundups). It was subjected to the CONS review and approval process. The paper was presented to and approved by the BOG and general membership at the Business Meeting. It is now posted on the ASIH Website and can be accessed by scrolling over the Conservation tab near the top of the page.

The Scientific Societies’ Statement on the Endangered Species Act, to which the ASIH was a signatory, was published on 27 February, 2006. The statement defends the scientific basis for critical elements of the Endangered Species Act. For the full text, go to http://www.esa.org/pao/policyStatements/pdfDocuments/2-2006_finalStatementScientific%20Societies%20ESA.pdf

Spikedace and Loach Minnow Critical Habitat letter. CONS drafted a letter for President Frost’s signature that strongly supported the designation of critical habitat for the two endangered fish species and was highly critical of the USFWS decision to restrict critical habitat designation to areas currently occupied by the fish.

Referred for individual action

Canadian Boreal Region. The Canadian Boreal region, stretching from Yukon across the continent to Newfoundland, contains some of the world's most intact forests and wetlands. It represents both an unprecedented conservation opportunity and a place at great risk as a frontier for extractive natural resource industries. Already much of Canada's southern Boreal region has been allocated for resource development. It is increasingly clear that the window for conserving the ecological integrity of the region is limited.

Recently over 100 Ph.D. scientists from Canada, the U.S., and throughout the world signed the letter below to urge Canadian policy makers to recognize the importance of the Boreal and their responsibility for its protection. We invite scientists to sign the letter to show the Canadian government and the world that the scientific community, as represented by hundreds of scientists, recognizes the Boreal as one of our world's last great conservation opportunities.

No action

Petition to list the American Eel. A proposal to list the American Eel, *Anguilla rostrata*, as threatened continues to be circulated. CONS rejected the proposal, citing the abundance of American Eel in some rivers in the Mid-Atlantic region and the somewhat limited evidence for the decline of most populations (other than those in the Ohio River basin). We expect continuing discussion of this issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank H. McCormick, Chair.
21 May, 2007

31. HSOC: Representative to the SSAR and the HL - A.H. Savitzky

As in recent years, most of the interactions between ASIH, HL, and SSAR involved the Meeting Planning and Conservation Committees. The CONS is now formally a joint committee between ASIH and HL, and SSAR is considering closer interactions on conservation issues.

Discussions were initiated in 2005 regarding the possibility of a closer administrative association between the three societies. These ideas continued to be discussed informally among concerned individuals. Any such association is likely to be complex, and thus these initial developmental discussions have been helpful. However, attendees at both the BioOne and AIBS meetings confirmed that other organismal societies are experiencing declines in membership, especially among younger biologists, suggesting that further discussions aimed at strengthening our several societies are warranted.

32. IHCC: Ichthyological and Herpetological Collections Committee - J. Rosado

The committee made several decisions on committee structure and goals for the year.

At the 2006 annual meeting, the committee made the decision to disband the data standards subcommittees for both herpetology and ichthyology as the goals of these subcommittees have been accomplished and continue to be addressed in other venues (i.e. GBIF, FishNetII, HerpNet, etc.)

The remaining subcommittees were maintained. The Curatorial Newsletter Subcommittee (HJWalker, Chair) and the Supplies and Practices Subcommittee (Jessica Rosales, former chair resigned, no new chair has been appointed).

The Curatorial Newsletter subcommittee has completed its index of the former newsletters and it has been posted to the new ASIH web site with the newsletters. The supplies and Practices subcommittee has been inactive this year although the suppliers listing is on line on the ASIH web page and entries can still be made.

The current year focused on two goals: 1) A possible workshop to be given at this year's annual meeting on the issue of shipment of hazardous material and biological specimens as it affects natural history collections and 2) Updating of previous ASIH survey on collections.

Proposed workshop was intended to be chaired by Dr. Andy Bentley and would have brought together agencies and companies that most directly determine what may be shipped and how, i.e. IATA, DOT, UPS, DHL, FedEx, etc. IHCC chair Jose Rosado and Andy Bentley worked on this proposed workshop but unfortunately, the committee was unable to raise the needed funding to bring these representatives to St. Louis. The committee was able to get commitments for \$1,500 but fell short of the estimated minimum of \$3,000 needed to sponsor such an event. This topic will again be discussed at this year's meeting with the goal of determining the best way of raising the needed resources.

ASIH Collections Survey: The following report has been submitted by the co-chairs for this effort, J Tom Giermakowski and Chris Wolfe :

The ongoing online survey of ichthyological and herpetological collections has been collecting data since August 1, 2006, following the announcement of the survey at the 2006 annual meeting. Although overall the response to the announcement was generally positive, several people have expressed concern about "yet another survey". However, this comprehensive survey is based on previous efforts and was designed in conjunction with the ASIH's collections committee. It captures important collection information, including collection characteristics and availability to researchers, as well as data management policies. As of the end of May 2007, 161 different collections have registered but only 64 have fully completed the survey. Holdings of the collections for

which data is available range from 148 to nearly 3 million specimens and are housed in all types of institutions (US federal and state government, private and state universities, as well as non-profit organizations). Most of the funding for maintenance comes from institutional budgets, while the second largest source consists of federal grants and contracts. Despite many initiatives (e.g. Fishnet and HerpNet), only 66% of surveyed collections report that information is computerized for more than 80% of their specimens. Lack of funding for labor and infrastructure is the most often cited reason for not providing this digitized information online. However, the most pressing need identified by many collections is for curatorial staff, not technical personnel. This is followed by space for collections. We continue to invite curators and collection managers of collections of all origins and sizes to participate in this important survey.

Our efforts will continue next year with the goal of preparing a full report the following year.

Respectfully submitted

Jose Rosado,
Chair, Ichthyological and Herpetological Collections Committee

33. NFJC: Joint ASIH -AFS Committee on Names of Fishes - J.S. Nelson

The Joint ASIH/AFS Committee on Names of Fishes, Joseph S. Nelson, Chair, reported that the fish names committee and advisory subcommittee met 17 July, 1200-1330+ hrs at the 2006 ASIH conference in New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting was attended by committee members Carter Gilbert, Bob Lea, Joe Nelson (chaired meeting), Nick Mandrak, and Jim Williams, and by Advisory Committee members Bruce Collette, Karsten Hartel, Dick Rosenblatt, Wayne Starnes, and H. J. Walker, Jr. AFS president elect Jennifer Nielsen discussed various items during the ASIH meeting.

Nick Mandrak spoke in absence of Nelson to the AFS "Publications Overview Committee" at the annual meeting in New York on our decision to submit the next list with common names in English capitalized.

The committee consisting of Joe Nelson, Héctor Espinosa-Perez, Lloyd Findley, Carter Gilbert, Bob Lea, Nick Mandrak, and Jim Williams (regrets from Rick Mayden who could not attend), met 26 March to 2 April 2007 in Gainesville Florida at the Florida Museum of Natural History. Travel expenses were paid by AFS and ASIH (we are grateful to ASIH for the \$2000 grant for travel costs). We accomplished a great deal and were assisted by several local ichthyologists, most notably by Larry Page, George Burgess, Rob Robins, Bill Smith-Vaniz, Walt Courtenay, and Leo Nico. A working list for all changes to the 2004 list is in preparation. We plan to add the common names in French for all species in Canada, and hope to designate those species occurring in the Arctic Ocean. The 'pn' superscript will denote those common names in English that contain a proper noun.

We regret to announce that Jim Williams has decided to retire from the Committee on Names of Fishes, effective 29 March 2007, after contributing his expertise and much appreciated work during many years of service to the Committee. He will, however, remain an active supporter and has been appointed to our Advisory Subcommittee. The Committee is pleased to announce that our recommendation of Dr. Larry Page of the Florida Museum of Natural History, Gainesville, was accepted by AFS and ASIH presidents (appointments are made on an annual basis). The committee now consists of: Joseph S. Nelson (Chair), Héctor Espinosa-Pérez, Lloyd T. Findley, Carter R. Gilbert, Robert N. Lea, Nicholas E. Mandrak, Richard L. Mayden, and Larry M. Page, and they will serve as authors of the 2010 revised “Common and scientific names of fishes from the United States, Canada, and Mexico. 7th ed”. We will submit the new ms in late 2009 for publication in 2010.

Members are actively preparing new additions and answering email questions from organizations, biologists, and the public.

The Committee extends its deepest thanks to the very supportive Advisory Committee and to all workers who aided us during the past year.

The committee plans to meet Monday 16 July, 1200-1330+ hrs at this year’s ASIH conference in St Louis, and a meeting of available committee members and other interested individuals will occur 3 September at this year’s AFS meeting. We plan to have a dedicated committee meeting in early 2009.

34. SPUC: Special Publications Committee - J.W. Armbruster

2006 saw the advent of a modified Web Page through Allen Press that allows secure ordering of ASIH products like Special Publications. Listing specimens on Amazon.com resulted in selling 4 copies of Special Publication #3, 7 of #4, and 5 full sets of #5 (with some individual volumes also sold). No proposals for additional Special Publications were submitted in 2006.

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| | 2005: 14 copies | \$448.50 |
| | 2006: 13 copies | \$453.00 |
| Special Publication #4: | 2004: 16 copies, | \$601.50 |
| | 2005: 19 copies | \$811.00 |
| | 2006: 18 copies | \$604.00 |
| Special Publication #5: | 2004: 97 copies, | \$10,540.00 |
| | 2005: 49 copies | \$5,432.00 |
| | 2006: 22 full sets, 4 volume 2, 3 Volume 3 | \$2494.00 |

35. HIST: Society Historians - D.G. Smith & J.C. Mitchell

The Historical Perspectives series continues to be one of our top priorities. One ichthyological article was published last year, on William Beverley Scott, *Copeia* 2006 (2). In addition, an article on Stanley and Marilyn Weitzman has been completed and submitted for publication. A manuscript on Jørgen Nielsen is nearing completion. Interviews done under the auspices of the Smithsonian Archives have been completed with Bruce Collette and Jim Tyler. Other interviews in various stages of completion include Royal Suttkus, Dick Robins, Joe Nelson, and Herb Boschung. Additional candidates for interview are being identified.

On the herpetological side, Historical Perspectives were published in *Copeia* 2006(2) on Ernie Liner and *Copeia* 2006(3) on Robert Stebbins. Manuscripts are nearing completion for Murray Littlejohn and interviews have been completed with George Rabb, James and Della Organ (with Susan Walls), and Harold Heatwole. Colleagues being interviewed by others are Carl Gans, Iliia Darevsky, Jay Savage, Robert Storm, Richard Etheridge, and John Wright. Unfortunately, the Historical Perspective on Jose Cei in Argentina was not completed before his death early this year. Interviews with Richard Highton and Herndon Dowling are scheduled for late 2007.

We will begin to formulate plans to observe the 100th anniversary of *Copeia* in 2013. These will probably include a symposium at the annual meeting, and some kind of publication.

One of the tasks of the History Committee is to serve as a liaison between the ASIH and the Smithsonian Institution Archives, where the past records of the Society are deposited. The major Record Unit 7149, consisting of 53 boxes and covering the years 1926-1976, includes the earliest records. Although the Smithsonian Archives Web site lists four additional deposits by the ASIH, there are other groups of ASIH records that remain without finding aids and are in various stages of organization. Smithsonian Archives serves as a depository for about one hundred professional organizations like the ASIH but lacks the resources to organize fully the records under their custody. However, the Institution accepts the records and maintains them in a safe and climate controlled environment. Inci Bowman, a member of the History Committee and a volunteer in the Fish Division, National Museum of Natural History, has been working with the Archives staff to create finding aids to unorganized ASIH records in an effort to gain better archival control. The ultimate aim is to identify the gaps in the records so that missing documents can be located and deposited in the Archives. The work will continue in 2007 and finding aids to additional record groups will be prepared and posted to the Smithsonian Archives Web site.

36. IINC: Ichthyological Information Coordinator - M.F. Cashner

The role of Ichthyological Information Coordinator was a bit more work this year than last year. Instead of zero requests for information, I received three. All three

questions were interesting and two required a some effort on my part. A high school student needed to interview and Ichthyologist and had a list of 10 rather in-depth questions (including: What current research is being conducted in this field? Please talk about two current researches from 1990 or later.). The next information request I received involved identifying a taxadermied fish. Photographs helped make this task possible. The final request was from an undergraduate interested in the Careers in Ichthyology pamphlet which is no longer accessible via our website. I was able to direct her to some other web resources.

The Ichthyological Information Coordinator position did have a resurgence this year. Our new website may attract more visitors, and I look forward to challenging and interesting questions in the coming

HINC: Herpetological Information Coordinator - E. Banach

No requests for information were received this year.

37. Ad Hoc Copeia Reveiw Committee - M. Parris 2006 report

Members: Matthew Parris, University of Memphis (Chair); Scott Schaefer, American Museum of Natural History (Editor of Copeia); Robert Espinoza, California State University Northridge; Jacqueline Webb, Villanova University / University of Rhode Island; Andrew Simons, Bell Museum of Natural History

The committee was charged in October of 2005 by President Parenti with two tasks: (1) Reevalue the comprehensive review of the Society's journal *Copeia* conducted by the ASIH ad hoc *Copeia* Review Committee in 2004-2005; and (2) Develop an implementation plan for editorial and publication changes both recommended by the aforementioned committee, and from the results of task (1) above. Most of the committee work completed to date, and thus contained in this report, address task (1).

The committee functioned via email and phone communication between October 2005 – May 2006. The Chair began the committee's work by emailing all members a copy of the 2005 Ad Hoc *Copeia* Review Committee report, and a summary of the current committee's primary tasks.

The committee began its work by focusing its reevaluation and implementation efforts on the formal recommendations made by the earlier *Copeia* Review Committee (pages 17 – 18 in report from committee). Most notably, our committee focused on those recommendations requiring formal changes to ASIH Constitution and By Law procedures. Duplicated from the *Copeia* Review Committee's report are the relevant recommendations for our committee's efforts:

3. Restructure and redefine the Editorial Board to facilitate a more direct role in shaping the content of the journal and advising on editorial policy and procedures.

4. Reorganize the current sectional structure by increasing the number of sections by one, shifting the general sections from their current alignment to a categorization based on subject, and increase the total number of SEs from 9 to 11.
9. Change the page size, page layout, outside front cover of the journal to facilitate modern mechanisms of document delivery and to stimulate increased interest in the journal.
10. Publish color illustrations at reduced cost, lowest price offered when all authors are ASIH members in good standing; evaluate the economics of color reproduction and determine fixed or sliding scale prices per plate for members and non-members.
11. Establish a two-tier system whereby authors may choose free color reproduction in the electronic version of *Copeia*, with the option of either black and white or reduced color reproduction in the print version.
12. Update the front cover design, incorporate color illustration(s) that serve to reflect the content of the issue and spark interest in the journal.
13. Remove arbitrary or cost-motivated restrictions on numbers of figures or tables that may appear in *Copeia* papers. Apply a flexible policy on restricting the length of manuscripts.
17. Publish paid advertisements among available pages of back matter each issue.

Recommendations #3 and 4 address editorial policy; the remainder changes in publication protocol. An initial proposal was submitted to change the ASIH Constitution and By-Laws that address recommendations #3 and 4.

Proposed changes to ASIH Constitution and By-Laws to Address Recommendations of
the Ad Hoc *Copeia* Review Committee
Submitted for consideration by Jacqueline F. Webb

Recommendation #3: Restructuring and Redefinition of Editorial Board (requires change to Article VI of By-Laws)

Change Article VI of By-Laws to read:

“The editorial board (EB) representing the six divisional sections of COPEIA shall consist of no more than 10 members, each of whom will serve a two-year term. Members will be nominated annually by the Editorial Policy Committee (EPC) and appointed by the Editor, with approval from the President. The EB will serve a formal advisory role by assisting the Editor with matters concerning policy and procedure, and

play a direct role in shaping the content of Copeia. As such, EB members will be invited to participate in the annual meeting of the EPC, and will be called upon (and will agree to responsibility for) limited editorial service, as needed.”

Recommendation #4 – Reorganize current sectional structure of Copeia.

Change Constitution Article IV, Section 1. to read:

“The officers of the Society shall be:.....An Editor, *eleven Section Editors (distributed among the six divisional sections)*, an Index Editor.....”

Delete By-Laws Article V. Section 1.e and substitute the following:

“Between annual meetings, the Editor may seek a temporary or interim Section Editors, from members of the Editorial Board or the membership at large in consultation with and approval of the Executive Committee, in order to accommodate changes in workload, mid-term termination of service or request for extended leave.”

Change By-Laws Article V, Section 2.a. to read:

“The *six* divisional sections of COPEIA shall be *Phylogenetics, Taxonomy, Physiological Ecology, Morphology & Developmental Biology, Population & Conservation Biology and Ecology & Ethology*”

After submitting these recommended changes, Editor Schaefer communicated with the rest of the committee members, and asked us to reconsider the proposed formal changes. Admittedly, the Chair of this committee initially was unclear how many / which of the earlier *Copeia* Review Committee recommendations needed reconsideration, and which could be implemented directly. After reconsideration, the committee achieved additional resolution on editorial changes as follows:

1. The earlier *Copeia* Review Committee proposed a more focused role for the Editorial Board, where members may be solicited for input as occasional Sectional Editors, rather than simply serve as short notice manuscript reviewers. Currently, the greatest need for EB members is in the review process when SEs have trouble with non-responsive reviewers. Under its current usage, SEs nominate EB members relevant for their specific division. Thus, EB members retain informal ties to sections, rather than serving as a general pool. We concur that a more focused role for EB members need be established, but their utility as flexible manuscript reviewers be retained. The exact number of EB members recommended depends on the future resolution of item 2 below.
2. Sectional editor structure should prioritize maximum editorial flexibility. As such, four of the five committee members recommend *removing formal divisional sections*. This organization, albeit dramatic,

would allow the editor to adjust to changing demands on the review process. The current section structure, and the one proposed above envisioning six sections (see earlier *Copeia* Review Committee report for further discussion), may indeed recognize current and / or anticipatory topical trends for papers submitted to *Copeia*, but the inflexibility of rigid sectional organization may be an impediment to improving the journal, both in terms of accommodating current and future journal submissions and attracting / retaining high quality sectional editors. The exact number of Sectional Editors (or appropriately renamed title) required under this flexible scenario should be determined through consultation with the Editor, and based on accommodating equitable editorial work load demands.

The committee also recognizes the importance of retaining the election of the Sectional Editors (or renamed title). Finally, the committee is aware of the challenges posed by elimination of sectional structure to other society business, and encourages additional consideration of the matter.

Changes to the ASIH Constitution must be proposed by the Executive Committee and circulated to all members at least three months in advance of the annual meeting. The current committee did not reach resolution on this editorial issue sufficiently early to meet this deadline, and encourages submission of a formal constitutional change prior to the 2007 annual meeting.

Publication change recommendations #9-13, 17 from the earlier *Copeia* Review Committee (see pages 1-2 above) currently are still being considered by this committee. Communications are in progress with Allen Press to examine the cost effectiveness of the recommended changes. Cost estimates for some aspects of the recommended changes were obtained external to this committee in late summer 2005; the current committee is working on obtaining updated costs.

The Chair of this committee recommends that a future ASIH committee be convened specifically to address publication change issues. Any information acquired by this committee would be supplied to future committee(s).

APPENDICES

38. Appendix A. Treasurer's Table 1.

Treasurer's Table A. ASIH cash flow from 1 January to 31 December 2006, with a comparison to income and expenses in 2005.

| | 2006 | 2005 |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|
| Inflows | | |
| Donations | | |
| General Endowment Fund | 806 | 3,041 |
| Student Travel Fund | 3,387 | 4,534 |
| Total: Donations | 4,193 | 7,575 |
| Royalties and other | 1,717 | 1,112 |
| Program Services | | |
| Joint annual meeting | | |
| Advances/refunds for costs | 25,000 | 11,000 |
| Income | | |
| 2004 | | 37,507 |
| 2005 | 2,207 | |
| 2006 | 1,000 | |
| Memberships and subscriptions | | |
| Life memberships | 7,344 | 11,125 |
| Annual memberships | 158,641 | 167,565 |
| Subscriptions | 101,730 | 157,469 |
| Late fees | 871 | 721 |
| Rental of mailing list | 2,960 | 500 |
| Total: Memberships and subscriptions | 272,546 | 337,379 |
| Publications | | |
| Author billing, page charges | 3,480 | 1,900 |
| Back issues of Copeia | 1,843 | 974 |
| Postage | 218 | 530 |
| Special publication # 3 | 453 | 449 |
| Special publication # 4 | 604 | 811 |
| Special publication # 5 | 2,494 | 5,432 |
| Total: Publications | 9,092 | 10,095 |
| BioOne revenue share for previous year | 25,671 | 22,949 |
| JSTOR revenue share for previous year | 3,688 | |
| Interest | 3,240 | 1,370 |
| Dividends | 22,401 | 13,497 |
| Long term capital gain distributions | 35,339 | 7,391 |
| Short term capital gain distributions | 6,582 | 1,379 |
| Realized gains/losses | 48,445 | -31,257 |
| Total Inflows | \$461,122 | \$419,995 |
| Outflows | | |
| Program services | | |
| Awards | -24,667 | -25,116 |
| Annual meeting | | |
| On site, committees, refunds | -13,938 | -730 |
| Abstract submission fees | 0 | -5,800 |
| ASIH President reimbursement | -2,570 | -1,693 |
| Total: Annual meeting | -16,508 | -8,223 |
| Committee expenses/EXEC projects | -121 | -1,259 |
| Donations | 0 | 0 |
| Publications | | |
| AllenTrack | -8,825 | -7,775 |
| Editorial offices | -25,000 | -7,000 |
| Copeia printing, etc. | -83,087 | -98,332 |
| Copeia online | | |
| Special publications | -30 | 0 |
| Total: Publications | -116,942 | -113,107 |
| Supporting services—management and general operation | | |
| Allen Press business office | -43,885 | -44,242 |
| Annual meeting | 0 | 0 |
| Secretary's office | -33,370 | -33,370 |
| Treasurer's office | -122 | -65 |
| Web page | -9,606 | -3,255 |
| Dues and subscriptions | -3,743 | -3,125 |
| Annual audit and IRS Form 990 preparation | -6,685 | -6,450 |
| Investment fees | -8,461 | -7,956 |
| Misc., including bank charges | -3,093 | -2,817 |
| Total: Supporting services | -108,965 | -101,281 |
| Total Outflows | -\$267,203 | -\$248,986 |
| Overall Total | \$193,919 | \$171,010 |

39. Appendix B. Treasurer's Table 2.

Appendix B. ASIH membership and subscription numbers by category as of 2 May 2007 and income from online sources of *Copeia* .

| Memberships and Subscriptions | | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004* | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
|--|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Type | Description | | | | | | | |
| Memberships | | | | | | | | |
| ASCFAM | Second Member in Family | 69 | 70 | 69 | 64 | 64 | 44 | 34 |
| FHM | Foreign Honorary Member | 26 | 27 | 27 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 |
| LIF | Life Member Old Program | 175 | 180 | 182 | 136 | 135 | 134 | 133 |
| LIFN* | Life Member New Program | | | | 45 | 54 | 58 | 59 |
| LIF1 | Life Member First Payment | 4 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| LIF2 | Life Member Second Payment | 2 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| LIF3 | Life Member Third Payment | 3 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| LIF4 | Life Member Fourth Payment | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 |
| LIFX | Life member (old program) Copeia donated | | | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| MEM | Individual Member | 1792 | 1832 | 1757 | 1674 | 1542 | 1411 | 1194 |
| MEM0 | Regular member, no journal | | | | | 89 | 107 | 104 |
| STU | Student Member | 654 | 678 | 685 | 595 | 613 | 614 | 550 |
| SUSW | Sustaining Member | 39 | 26 | 28 | 38 | 28 | 30 | 26 |
| Total | | 2765 | 2823 | 2758 | 2590 | 2563 | 2435 | 2135 |
| Subscriptions | | | | | | | | |
| COM | Complimentary Subscription | 5 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| FINST | Institutional Subscription Non-North Am | 190 | 186 | 163 | 161 | 159 | 128 | |
| INST** | Institutional Subscription US/CAN/MEX | 825 | 823 | 786 | 716 | 667 | 631 | 671 |
| Total | | 1020 | 1015 | 957 | 886 | 835 | 768 | 680 |
| Overall Total | | 3785 | 3838 | 3715 | 3476 | 3398 | 3203 | 2815 |
| Online sources for Copeia . | | | | | | | | |
| BioOne revenue share (check received following year) | | \$3,850 | \$10,753 | \$14,994 | \$22,949 | \$25,671 | \$21,324 | |
| Subscription equivalents at \$135/subscription | | | | | 170 | 190 | 158 | |
| JSTOR revenue share (check received following year) | | | | | | \$3,688 | \$4,856 | |

*LIFN includes all fully paid new program life memberships since 1993, which previously were included in LIF category.

**All paid subscriptions as of 2007.

40. Appendix C. Treasurer's Table 3.

Appendix C. ASIH cash, cash equivalents, and investments on 31 December 2006. Includes outstanding checks. Does not include 2006 dividends credited in 2007. (From 31 Dec. 2006 Citigroup Smith Barney and Douglas Co. Bank statements.)

| Fund | Cash & Cash Equivalents | | Investments | Total |
|-------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| | Douglas Co. Bank | Citigroup Smith Barney | Citigroup Smith Barney | |
| General Operating | \$187,399 | \$78,118 | \$179,181 | \$444,698 |
| Annual Meeting | 0 | 59,255 | 0 | 59,255 |
| Student Travel | 491 | 12,755 | 0 | 13,246 |
| Gibbs | 0 | 12,919 | 113,184 | 126,103 |
| General Endowment | 194 | 35,915 | 92,728 | 128,837 |
| Stoye | 0 | 14,494 | 60,169 | 74,663 |
| Life Membership | 5,549 | 32,448 | 53,928 | 91,925 |
| Raney | 0 | 3,480 | 65,449 | 68,929 |
| Gaige | 0 | 909 | 53,591 | 54,500 |
| Storer | 0 | 4,705 | 20,313 | 25,018 |
| Fitch | 0 | 5,200 | 17,492 | 22,692 |
| | <u>\$193,633</u> | <u>\$260,198</u> | <u>\$656,035</u> | <u>\$1,109,866</u> |

41. Appendix D. Treasurers Table 4.

Appendix D. Portfolio detail of the ASIH Citigroup Smith Barney TRAK Account on 31 December 2006. Includes 2006 income reinvested in 2007.
(From TRAK Quarterly Review for the period ending 31 Dec. 2006.)

| | Initial Purchase Date | Shares | Cost | Unrealized gain/(loss) | Market Value 31-Dec-06 | % of Total |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------|------------------------|------------|
| <i>Equity Investments</i> | | | | | | |
| LM Ptnrs. Fundamental Value | 24-Feb-2006 | 7714.117 | \$117,585 | \$6,690 | \$124,274 | 19.6% |
| American Funds: Growth Fund of America | 20-Apr-2005 | 5652.569 | \$166,487 | \$18,239 | \$184,726 | 29.1% |
| Royce Premier Fund | 4-Jan-2001 | 708.871 | \$7,718 | \$4,801 | \$12,519 | 2.0% |
| RS Smaller Co. Growth Fund | 7-Dec-2004 | 457.854 | \$10,116 | (\$456) | \$9,661 | 1.5% |
| LM Ptnrs. Sm Cap. Growth Fund | 7-Dec-2004 | 617.926 | \$9,321 | \$671 | \$9,992 | 1.6% |
| American Funds: Europac. Growth | 24-Feb-2006 | 851.387 | \$36,864 | \$2,623 | \$39,487 | 6.2% |
| Delaware International Value Fund | 24-Feb-2006 | 2496.271 | \$44,056 | (\$5,064) | \$38,992 | 6.2% |
| Philadelphia International Fund | 24-Feb-2006 | 1864.103 | \$37,488 | \$1,136 | \$38,624 | 6.1% |
| Dreyfus Premier Emerging Markets | 4-Jan-2001 | 1298.403 | \$19,347 | \$8,036 | \$27,383 | 4.3% |
| <i>Fixed Income Investments</i> | | | | | | |
| Columbia Intermediate Bond Fund | 4-Jan-2001 | 13855.627 | \$123,197 | (\$713) | \$122,484 | 19.3% |
| American Century Int'l Bond Fund | 20-Oct-2003 | 1326.828 | \$18,466 | (\$182) | \$18,284 | 2.9% |
| LM Ptnrs. --Cash Portfolio | 20-Feb-2004 | 7706.810 | \$7,707 | \$0 | \$7,707 | 1.2% |
| | | | \$598,352 | \$35,781 | \$634,132 | 100% |

42. Appendix E. Officers, *Copeia* Staff, Committees 2007

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43. Appendix F. Candidate Information for the 2007 Elections

PRESIDENT-ELECT:

Echelle, Anthony A. Regents Professor and Curator of Fishes, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution, and conservation biology of freshwater fishes, primarily in southwestern United States and Mexico. Current projects include a book on the natural history and evolution of pupfishes, documenting molecular diversity attributable to a disjunct Ozarkian fish fauna, conservation genetics of the Desert Pupfish complex, and phylogenetics of the Speckled Chub complex.

Service to ASIH: Sectional Editor, Genetics, Morphology, and Development, 1983-1985; Symposium organizer, Evolution of Fish Species Flocks, 1984; Nominating Committee, 1993-1994; Board of Governors, 1986-1990, 1993-1997, 2001-2005.

Goals as President of ASIH: I see myself working most intensively to find ways of highlighting the activities of the ASIH membership and those of our sister societies in documenting and protecting biological diversity. We can do many things in this area that would enliven the pages of Copeia and the annual meetings, attract the attention of students and the press, and increase The Society's out-reach on critical issues of national and global importance.

Lundberg, John L. Department of Ichthyology, Academy of Natural Sciences, 1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution and biogeography of modern and fossil bony fishes. Primary research interests are on catfishes and gymnotiforms. Current projects relate centrally to the Planetary Biodiversity Inventory of All Catfishes including revision and phylogeny of Pimelodidae, higher-level phylogeny of siluriforms using molecular, morphological and paleontological data sources.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors 1993-1998, 2000-2005; Faculty Advisor, Graduate Student Participation Committee 1989-1991; Panel member, Graduate Student Workshops at ASIH annual meetings in La Paz, Mexico 2000, and Manaus, Brazil 2003; Judge, Stoye Award for Best Student Paper in General Ichthyology 1994; Robert H. Gibbs Memorial Award Committee 1993-1995 (Chair 1995).

Goals as President of ASIH: I am interested in and supportive of essentially all of the activities of ASIH on behalf of research, education, collections and conservation. I would be particularly attentive to advancing: 1) Copeia, including on-line publication of supplementary or supporting raw data and illustrations, 2) student membership and participation, 3) annual meetings. I would encourage the Society's active promotion of support for significant ichthyological and herpetological collections, continued development of large-scale specimen databasing efforts and The Catalog of Fishes project at the California Academy of Sciences as this valuable resource develops a model of maintenance through community participation. I would like the Society to consider what we can do to encourage and assist with the long-term availability of the digital products resulting from the NSF ATOLs and PBIs dealing with fishes, amphibians and reptiles.

McCormick, Frank H. USDA Forest Service, 3625 93rd Ave. SW, Olympia, WA 98512

Research Interests: Evolution and ecology of freshwater fishes; Responses of aquatic assemblages to natural and human disturbance regimes; Ecosystem effects of non-indigenous species; Conservation biology.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors 2001-2006; Member, Conservation Committee 1994-present; Chair, Conservation Committee 2001-present; Robert K. Johnson Award Committee, 2006-present; Stoye Award Judge; Conservation Symposium 1997, 1998, 2002. Local Committee, 1984; Reviewer, *Copeia*.

Goals as President of ASIH: I believe that the ASIH, in concert with its associated societies, should be the authoritative voice for the conservation of fish, amphibian and reptile biodiversity and the ecosystems on which they depend. I will work with the presidents of the other societies and their conservation committees to identify priority areas for the development, review and publication of additional position papers similar to the one that was developed by the ASIH Conservation Committee this year. I will work to further the development of the ASIH website as a portal for public education about our society and the issues about which we are concerned. To ensure that we practice what we preach, I would work with the appropriate committees and meeting coordinators to further “green” the meetings by identifying hotel venues that use more ecologically sustainable practices in their operations and I would work with the Treasurer and the chair of the Endowment and Finance Committee to explore opportunities for environmentally sensitive investing of the Society’s portfolio. I would also work with the Meeting Management and Meeting Planning committees and KSU Conference Services to identify opportunities to hold a future joint meeting in Latin America.

SECTION EDITOR FOR ECOLOGY & ETHOLOGY

Gregory J. Haenel. Department of Biology, CB 2625, Elon University, Elon, NC 27244

Research Interests: Molecular ecology, evolution, and behavior of lizards. Primary research interests include: measuring fitness of lizards within natural populations and determining correlates (behavioral, morphological and physiological) to reproductive success, phylogeography of Tree lizards, and life history variation in lizards (causes of sexual size dimorphism, body size and clutch size variation among populations of Tree lizards).

Service to ASIH: Currently acting as *Copeia* Section Editor, Ecology and Ethology (2006-2007).

Jacqueline D. Litzgus. Department of Biology, Laurentian University, Sudbury, ON, P3E 2C6, Canada

Research Interests: Life history, Ecology and Conservation of Freshwater Turtle Species at Risk. My current research projects examine geographic variation in ecology, population viability, and critical habitat selection of Canadian federally listed turtle species, including Spotted Turtles (*Clemmys guttata*), Wood Turtles (*Glyptemys insculpta*) and Blanding's Turtles (*Emydoidea blandingii*). A new project starting this

year will examine the effects of locks and dams on gene flow and movements of federally listed map turtles (*Graptemys geographica*) and stinkpot turtles (*Sternotherus odoratus*).
Service to ASIH: Special Publications Committee 2005 to present. Reviewer for 12 manuscripts and have already served as Section Editor for 11 manuscripts.

Wise, Sharon E. Associate Professor of Biology, Department of Biology, Utica College, Utica, NY 13502

Research Interests: Behavioral ecology and conservation biology of amphibians.

Service to ASIH: Member since 1991. Member, Editorial Board 2001-2003 and Editorial Policy Board 2005-2007.

SECTION EDITOR FOR GENERAL HERPETOLOGY

Kizirian, David. Herpetology, American Museum of Natural History, 175 Central Park West, New York, NY 10024-5192

Research Interests: Species-level systematics and evolution of amphibians and reptiles.

Service to ASIH: Review of manuscripts for *Copeia*

NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR

Fox , Stanley F. Regents Professor of Zoology and Curator of Reptiles and Amphibians, Department of Zoology, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078

Research Interests: Lizard social organization and sexual selection; social cost of tail autotomy; global amphibian declines; amphibian disease; forest herpetofaunal community structure.

Service to ASIH: SSAR liaison to ASIH at JMIH meeting in La Paz, Mexico, 2000; *Copeia* Editorial Board, 1993-98; ASIH Board of Governors, 2001-2006; ASIH Henry S. Fitch Award Committee, 2003-05 (Chair, 2005); *Copeia* Sectional Editor for Ecology and Ethology, 2003-2006; Nominating Committee, 2006-on.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (HERPETOLOGY)

Charles C. Peterson. Dept. of Natural Sciences, North Shore Community College, Lynn MA 01901

Research Interests: Ecological and evolutionary physiology of ectothermic tetrapods, especially chelonians. Ecological energetics, water balance and osmoregulation, thermal ecology, functional morphology, and nutritional ecology. Conservation physiology.

Service to ASIH: Editorial Board, *Copeia*, 2003-present.

Scott, David E. Savannah River Ecology Laboratory, Aiken, SC. 29802

Research Interests: Ecology of pond-breeding amphibians, wetland ecology, seasonal wetlands, amphibian conservation.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE (ICHTHYOLOGY)

Berra, Tim M. Dept. of Evolution, Ecology & Organismal Biology, Ohio State University, Mansfield, OH 44906

Research Interest: Biogeography, evolution, ecology, and systematics of freshwater fishes. Primary research interests on freshwater fish biogeography and natural history of Australian fishes. Current projects include life history of nurseryfish, *Kurtus gulliveri*, in Northern Territory, Australia, and production of paperback edition of Freshwater Fish Distribution.

Service to ASIH: Ichthyology Book Review Editor 1993-2000. Board of Governors 1989-1993, Ex-officio 1993-2000. Chairman, Committee on Special Publications 1999. Chairman, Honorary Foreign Member Committee-Ichthyology 1997. Storer Award Judge- Ichthyology 1996. Editorial Board 1974-1978. Chairman, Committee on History of Society 1977-1983. Author of: A Chronology of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists through 1982. ASIH Special Publication No. 2, 21 p.

Douglas, Marlis R. Dept. of Fish, Wildlife & Conservation Biology, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO 80523-1474

Research Interests: Evolution, ecology and conservation of fishes. Geographic emphasis on Western North America. Primary research interests involve molecular approaches that (a) address questions in biogeography, systematics, phylogeography, population structure, population dynamics, and behavioral ecology of fishes; (b) decipher small- to large-scale patterns of diversification within a landscape perspective, as a guide for biodiversity conservation.

Service to ASIH: Book Review Editor Ichthyology, 2003-2006; Editorial Policy Committee, 2003-2006; Board of Governors, 2002-present; Editorial Assistant Copeia, 1995-1998; Stoye Award Committee, 2001, 2006; Resolutions Committee, 2000.

Hartel, Karsten E. Department of Ichthyology. Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138

Research Interests: Collection Management. Working with Woods Oceanographic Institution, built MCZ deep-water fish collection which resulted development of a larval fish archive and in descriptions of new species; *Foetorepus* 1991, *Monoganthus* 1996, *Eustomias* 2004, and *Photostomias* 2005. Lead author of Freshwater Fishes of Massachusetts, co-author of an annotated list of 600 species of deep-sea fishes from off New England, and currently finishing an addendum with additional deep-sea records.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors 1982-1987 and 2001-2005, Curatorial Supplies and Practices Committee 1977-1991 (Chair, 1981-1985), Policy and Practices Committee 1992-1994 (Chair), Conservation Committee 1993-2004, Resolutions Committee 2002. Reviewed Copeia papers.

Morrissey, John F. Sweet Briar College, Biology Dept., Guion Building Room 123. Sweet Briar, VA 24555

Research Interest: Biology of deep sea sharks, specifically, various aspects of chain catsharks. He addresses age and growth issues such as maturity, reproduction etc.

ROBERT H. GIBBS, JR. MEMORIAL AWARD COMMITTEE

Albert, James S. Department of Biology 42451, University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Lafayette, LA 70504

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution, and biodiversity of freshwater fishes. Primary research interests are on Gymnotiformes. Current projects include systematic revisions of *Gymnotus*, *Steatogenini*, and *Compsaraia*, spinal cord regeneration in *Sternopygus*, and functional proteomics in *Electrophorus*. Also work on aquatic faunal inventories in Peru, and body size evolution in fishes.

Service to ASIH: External reviewer for *Copeia*, judge for student presentations and posters, organizer of a meeting session (this year's NIA biogeography session).

Ferry-Graham, Lara A. California State University, Moss Landing Marine Labs, 8272 Moss Landing Rd, Moss Landing, CA 95039

Research Interests: Functional morphology, ecological physiology, evolution and systematics of marine fishes. Current projects include the evolution of mechanical function within the jaws of chimaerids, the evolution of jaw protrusion in teleosts, and the ecomorphological diversity of the embiotocids.

Service to ASIH: Equal Participation Committee Member 2000, Symposium organizer 2001.

Malabarba, Luiz R. Departamento de Zoologia, Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Sul, and Museu de Ciências e Tecnologia, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, RS, Brazil

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution, and ecology of freshwater fishes. Primary research interests are on characiforms and cichlids. Current projects include systematic and evolutionary studies of inseminating characid fishes.

HENRY S. FITCH COMMITTEE

Ferguson, Gary W. Emeritus Professor of Biology. Department of Biology, Box 298930, Texas Christian University, Fort Worth Texas 76129

Research Interests: Behavior, ecology, and nutrition of reptiles. Current interests and projects relate to the role of Ultraviolet (UVB) light in the generation of vitamin D and behavioral UVB-photoregulation of vitamin D homeostasis in lizards

Service to ASIH: Editorial Board, *Copeia*; Member, Time and Place Committee; Chairman, Local Committee 60th Annual Meeting held at Texas Christian University in 1980; Board of Governors.

Kearney, Maureen. Asst. Curator, Division of Amphibians and Reptiles, Department of Zoology, Field Museum of Natural History, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive, Chicago, IL 60605

Research Interests: Systematics, comparative anatomy, development, and evolution of squamate reptiles; evolutionary morphology

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors 2001-2005; Editorial Board, Copeia; Gaige Award Committee, 2001-2003 (Committee Chair 2003); Nominating Committee, 2005-2006 (Committee Chair 2006); Storer Award Judge, 2002; Stoye Award Judge, 2004.

Ryan, Travis J. Department of Biological Sciences, Butler University, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Research Interests: Ecology and evolution of amphibian life cycles and life histories; urban ecology with especial reference to freshwater turtles

Service to ASIH: Manuscript referee for Copeia

ROBERT K. JOHNSON COMMITTEE

Neighbors, Margaret A. Fishes, LA County Museum of Natural History, 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

Research Interests: Morphology and ecology of mesopelagic fishes.

Service to ASIH: Local Meeting Committee (Program Committee Chair)1994, Endowment and Finance Committee 1999-present (Chair, 2000), Executive Committee 2000-present, Treasurer 2001-present, Board of Governors 2001-present, Long Range Planning and Policy Committee 2004, Web Content & Management Committee 2004-present.

Sanford, Christopher. Biology Department, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY 11549

Research Interests: Functional Morphology, Evolution and Systematics of Fishes. Primary research interests are on feeding and the origin of novel functional systems in fishes.

Summers, Adam P. Associate Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, 321 Steinhaus Hall, University of California - Irvine, Irvine, CA 92697-2525

Research Interests: Comparative biomechanics of fishes, amphibians and reptiles. My primary research is on the mechanics of skeletons, in particular the tradeoffs involved with having a cartilaginous versus a bony one.

Service to ASIH: Resolutions Committee Chair (2005), Gaige Fund Grant Committee - (2005-2007) – chair 2007, Judge, Storer Best Poster Award – (2002), Judge, Stoye Best Student Paper Award – general ichthyology (2001), Member of the Committee on Equal Participation (2000-2001), Chair of the Committee on Graduate Student Participation (1996-98), Member of the Committee on Graduate Student Participation (1993-96)

BOARD OF GOVERNORS – HERPETOLOGY

Baird, Troy A. Department of Biology, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK. 73034

Research Interests: Behavioral Ecology, evolution. Primary research interests are the evolution of social and mating systems, sexual selection, and signaling, particularly in lizards. Current projects include long-term (17 years) field studies on the social behavior, behavioral endocrinology, and sexual selection Oklahoma collared lizards.

Beachy, Christopher K. Department of Biology and Amphibian Growth Project, Minot State University, Minot, ND 58707

Research Interests: Evolutionary ecology of amphibian metamorphosis, salamander life history biology, environmental and biomedical genomics using salamander as a model organism

Service to ASIH: Nominating Committee (2006), Judge for Stoye and Storer Awards (2004)

Bonett, Ronald M. Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Tulsa, Tulsa, OK 74104-3189

Research Interests: Ecology, Evolution, and Development of Salamanders, particularly plethodontids. Some current projects include the systematics and evolution of Interior Highland *Eurycea*, and the role of thyroid hormone and glucocorticoids in vertebrate development.

Cooper, William E. Department of Biology, Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Research Interests: I study ecology and evolution of behavior. My current research emphases are various aspects of escape behavior, refuge use, autotomy and other aspects of antipredatory defense; foraging modes; and evolutionary relationships between diet and chemosensory behavior. In the 1970s and 1980s, I focused on social behavior, and still study effects of social opportunities on escape and refuge use. Most of my work has focused on lizards, but I have current projects with snakes and frogs, too, have worked with turtles, and hope eventually to do something with all major herp groups.

Service to ASIH: Member of Board of Governors of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (1996-2001)

Doody, J. Sean. Institute for Applied Ecology, University of Canberra, ACT, 2601, Australia

Research Interests: Ecology, evolution, and behaviour of reptiles, amphibians. Primary research interests are the evolution of environmental sex determination and climate change responses in turtles and lizards. Current projects include a book on the nesting biology of turtles, the evolution of communal nesting in reptiles and amphibians, and conservation of threatened species.

Grant, Taran. Faculdade de Biociências, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Av. Ipiranga 6681, 90619-900, Porto Alegre, RS, Brasil

Research Interests: Amphibian systematics, phylogenetic theory and methods, Neotropical herpetology.

Service to ASIH: Gaige Award Committee 2007-2009, Book Review Editor for Herpetology 2006-present, Resolutions Committee, Chair, 2006.

Lips, Karen R. Department of Zoology, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901-6501

Research Interests: Conservation and ecology of amphibians and reptiles, especially tropical amphibian declines and emerging infectious disease. Current projects include survey of herp biodiversity in Darien, Panama, studying the role of amphibians in tropical stream ecosystems, and emerging infectious disease of amphibians.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors (1999 - 2004); Gaige Fund Committee (1996-99); Nominations Committee (2002, 2006); Resolutions Committee (2003); Special Publications Committee (2002-06); Storer Award Judge (1997); Stoye Award (Conservation) Judge (2003); reviewer for Copeia (2000, 2003-06); Organizer, International symposium (2001, 2006).

Relyea, Rick. Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260

Research Interests: Phenotypic plasticity in amphibians and other aquatic organisms, Community ecotoxicology, Global amphibian declines, Long-term community dynamics in wetlands on the E.S. Geroge Reserve (Michigan).

Storfer, Andrew. Assistant Professor, School of Biological Sciences, Washington State University, Pullman, WA 99164-4236

Research Interests: Amphibian conservation, population and landscape genetics, disease ecology and host-parasite coevolution. Primary research interests are on limits to species' ranges using molecular and experimental approaches in evolutionary ecology. Current projects include: landscape genetic studies of several Pacific Northwestern amphibian species and studies of tiger salamander-ranavirus coevolution. Website www.wsu.edu/~storfer

Service to ASIH: 1999-present: ad-hoc reviewer, Copeia; 2003 Co-organized, Amphibian Declines Symposium, Manaus meeting, Member 1997-present.

David W. Weisrock. Currently in a postdoctoral position, Department of Biology, Duke University, Durham, NC 27708. Beginning August 2008: Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506

Research Interests: Phylogenetics, phylogeography, and evolution of salamanders. My current primary research foci are on speciation and adaptive diversification in North American tiger salamanders and on speciation and divergence in eastern North American woodland salamanders of the genus *Plethodon*.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS - ICHTHYOLOGY

Cole, Kathleen S. Department of Zoology, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2538 McCarthy Mall, Edmondson 160, Honolulu, HI 96822

Research Interests: Phylogenetic relationships in bony fishes, diversity of reproductive modes in marine fishes, evolution of hermaphroditic sexual patterns, gobioid evolution and biology, and adaptive patterns of morphogenesis in larval bony fishes. Current projects include gonad morphology in *Gobiodon* and *Paragobiodon*, taxonomic demography of late-stage ichthyoplankton in Belize and effects of microgravity on *Rivulus* development.

Service to ASIH: Board of Governors, 2002-2006; Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, 1998-2004; Program Planning Committee, 1999-2003; Nominating Committee, Chair, 2002-2003; Nominating Committee, 2001-2003; Student Award Committee (serving as a judge for poster and paper competitions), frequently over last 10 years; Symposium Co-Organizer, 1996 and 2006.

George, Anna L. Tennessee Aquarium Research Institute, 5385 Red Clay Rd, Cohutta, GA 30710

Research Interests: Conservation, systematics, evolution, and biogeography of North American fishes, primarily percids and salmonids. Currently examining conservation genetics of darters, patterns of genetic diversity in fishes of the Tennessee River, and best practices for captive propagation of imperiled southeastern fishes.

Service to ASIH: Conservation Committee, 2005-present.

Gill, Anthony C. Museum Curator, School of Life Sciences, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-4501

Research Interests: Systematics and biogeography of Indo-Pacific shorefishes, and higher relationships and anatomy of acanthomorph fishes. Current projects include revisionary studies on pseudochromids, xenisthmids and certain gobiid genera; field guide to the Pseudochromidae; phylogeny, anatomy and classification of gobioid fishes; and phylogenetic position of *Lobotes*, *Datnioides* and *Hapalogenys*.

Service to ASIH: Session Chair, Stoye Awards 1993; Editorial Board 1999-2000.

Hernandez, Luz Patricia. Department of Biological Sciences, George Washington University, Lisner Hall Room 340, 2023 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20052

Research interests: Morphology, pattern formation, larval and developmental biology. Primary research is on Cypriniformes. Starting comparative work with Cyprinodontiformes. Current projects investigate the development, functional implications and evolution of morphological innovations, such as that of the Weberian apparatus and kinethmoid in Cypriniformes

Johnston, Carol E. Fish Biodiversity Lab, Department of Fisheries, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849

Research Interests: Behavioral ecology and conservation of fishes. Current projects include acoustics of North American fishes, factors contributing to the persistence of fishes in stream ecosystems, role of reproductive modes in the dispersal of stream fishes.

Service to ASIH: President, Southeastern Division, ASIH 1997; Student Awards Committee Chair, 2003; Board of Governors, 1999-2004; Member, Long Range Planning Committee, 2003-present; Chair, Resolutions Committee, 1992; Session Chair, 1992, 1993, 1998, 1999, 2000; Symposium Organizer, 1992; Raney Award recipient, 1992.

Lobel, Phillip S. Biology Dept, Boston University, Boston, MA 02215

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution, and ecology of fishes. Primary research interests are on fish communication and mating behavior. Current projects include description of new fish species from a freshwater lake in Congo, Africa and new reef fishes from Belize; analysis of species specific sounds among cichlids, damselfishes and other fishes.

Reis, Roberto E. Laboratory of Ichthyology, Museu de Ciências e Tecnologia, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul. 90619-900 Porto Alegre, Brazil

Research Interests: Systematics, evolution and conservation of Neotropical fishes. Primary research interests are on catfishes. Current projects include systematics of the catfish families Loricariidae and Callichthyidae, historical biogeography of Neotropical fishes, and the All Catfish Species Inventory.

Service to ASIH: Ad hoc reviewer for Copeia and Stoye judge (2 years).

Retzer, Michael. Division of Biodiversity and Ecological Entomology, Illinois Natural History Survey, 607 E. Peabody Dr., Champaign, IL 61820

Research Interests: Catfish systematics, conservation and ecology of fishes, reintroduction biology. Current projects include revisions and species descriptions of *Farlowella*, *Auchenoglanis*, and *Parauchenoglanis*, reintroduction of species to floodplain lakes of the Illinois River, a web guide to Illinois fishes, trends of fish populations in Illinois.

Service to ASIH: Student poster judge, reviewer for Copeia

Schlupp, Ingo. Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, 730 Van Vleet Oval, Norman, Oklahoma 73019

Research Interests: Evolution and maintenance of sexual reproduction, Stability of gynogenetic mating systems, Sexual selection, Population biology of amphibians and fishes with a focus on conservation biology, Cave fishes.

Service to ASIH: Organized a workshop for the 1996 meeting in New Orleans.

Stepien, Carol A. Director of the Lake Erie Research Center and Professor of Ecology, University of Toledo, Toledo, OH. 43618

Research Interests: Population genetics, evolution, biogeography, systematics, and invasion ecology of freshwater and marine fishes. Primary research interests are on gobies, percids, blenniids, and centrarchids. Current projects include systematics and biogeography of the neogobiin gobies of the Ponto-Caspian region (two of which have invaded the Great Lakes), population genetic and biogeographic structure of walleye, yellow perch, and smallmouth bass across the Great Lakes and beyond, and systematics and biogeography of the Clinidae and Labrisomidae.

Service to ASIH: Stoye graduate student first-place best-paper awardee in Ichthyology, Judge for student best paper and poster awards at several ASIH meetings, reviewer for Copeia.

Wainwright, Peter C. Department of Evolution & Ecology, University of California, Davis, CA 95616

Research Interests: Functional morphology, evolution, and ecology of fishes. My primary interests are in feeding mechanisms and trophic biology of fishes, and studies of functional and morphological diversity.

Service to ASIH: Committee on Graduate Student Participation (1987-1989), Stoye Award Judge (1992), Organized Symposia (1991, 2006). Broader Discipline - Journal Editorial Service (Evolution, American Naturalist, Systematic Biology, Integrative and Comparative Biology, and Zoology). Advisory Board, National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (2005-Present).

Westneat, Mark W. Department of Zoology, Division of Fishes, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, IL, 60605

Research Interests: Phylogenetic systematics and evolution of fishes, molecular and morphological evolution in diverse clades, evolutionary biomechanics and functional morphology of feeding, respiration and locomotion in organisms ranging from insects to fishes to mammals. Current projects include phylogenetics of several reef fish families, development of computational models of skull function in fishes, and application of synchrotron x-ray imaging techniques for small animals.

Service to ASIH: Chair: Committee on Graduate Student Participation, 1989-90; Committee on Graduate Student Participation 1986-1990; Stoye Award Judge, Genetics Development and Morphology, 1992.

44. Appendix G. Constitution (Revised 2006)

ASIH CONSTITUTION

revised 16 July 2006

Article I: Name

The name of this Society shall be "THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF ICHTHYOLOGISTS AND HERPETOLOGISTS." The Society is incorporated in the District of Columbia (22 November 1949).

Article II: Object

Section 1. The object of this Society shall be to advance the science of the study of fishes, amphibians, and reptiles.

Section 2. The Society shall be operated as a nonprofit corporation.

Article III: Membership

Section 1. Membership shall be open to persons interested in the object of the Society.

Section 2. The membership of the Society shall consist of the following classes:

a. Active members who pay annual dues in the following categories: Student, Regular, Associate, and Sustaining. In addition, a fifth category, Life members, pay 25 times (25 x) regular annual dues in one lump sum or four equal payments.)

b. Honorary Foreign Members shall be elected by the Board of Governors from among the ichthyologists and herpetologists, located outside of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, who have attained distinction as investigators. The Honorary Foreign Members shall be equally divided between ichthyologists and herpetologists.

Section 3. Nomination to membership shall be upon recommendation of one member.

Article IV: Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be: A President, who shall assume the duties of this office for a one-year term immediately following a term as President-Elect. A President-Elect, who shall serve a one-year term; the office shall alternate annually between an ichthyologist and herpetologist; the President-Elect shall be ineligible for another term until two years shall have elapsed from the end of a term as President. A Treasurer, and a Secretary, who shall be elected annually but who may serve unlimited consecutive terms. An Editor, Sectional Editors, an Index Editor, and two Book Review Editors (one in ichthyology and one in herpetology).

Section 2. The Officers shall be elected at the Annual Business Meeting by active members attending the meeting. The slate of nominees shall be furnished by the Nominating Committee at the Board of Governors meeting. Additional nominations may be presented from the floor at the Annual Business Meeting. All nominations shall be accompanied by a brief statement of qualifications and a written statement of willingness to serve from the nominee. The term of office shall commence on 1 January following the

annual meeting at which the officers were elected. In the event of a tie in election for any office, the Executive Committee shall determine the winner.

Section 3. The officers named in Section 1 shall discharge the duties usually assigned to their respective offices (see Bylaws).

Section 4. In the event of death or incapacitation of the President during the term of office, the President-Elect will become President. If the position of President-Elect becomes vacant, the person who received the second highest number of votes in the election will become President-Elect. If necessary, the Executive Committee shall make the determination that a President or President-Elect is incapacitated to the extent that required duties of the office are not likely to be performed.

Section 5. A vacancy in either the Secretaryship or Treasurership occurring in the interval of the meetings of the Society may be filled, until the next annual meeting, by appointment by the President.

Section 6. Executive Committee.

a. The Executive Committee shall consist of the President, President-Elect, immediate Past-President, prior Past-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Chair of the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, and Chair of the Endowment and Finance Committee.

b. Each ASIH President will serve a total of four years on the Executive Committee, as President-Elect, President, immediate Past-President, and prior Past-President, in that sequence.

Section 7. Between the annual meetings the business of the Society shall be conducted by the officers, acting within their individual responsibilities, and the Executive Committee.

Article V: Board of Governors

Section 1. At the time of the annual meeting the business of the Society shall be conducted by the Board of Governors. The Board shall include not more than fifty (50) elective members, each elected from among regular, associate, sustaining, and life members for a term of five years. Elective members of the Board shall not be eligible for reelection until the annual meeting following the expiration of their terms. The incumbent officers of the Society shall be members of the Board. Former Presidents of the Society shall be members of the Board for life. All meetings of the Board of Governors shall be open to all members of the Society.

Section 2. Ten vacancies in the elective membership of the Board of Governors shall be filled through election at the business meeting from nominations provided by the Nominating Committee and/or from the floor. All nominations shall be accompanied by a brief statement of qualifications and a written statement of willingness to serve from the nominee. Five of the elected Governors shall be herpetologists and five shall be ichthyologists. Each member shall vote for a maximum of five candidates. It is recommended that members vote for candidates in their own discipline only, but a member whose activities spread across the two disciplines may vote across the two disciplines. The term of office shall commence on 1 January following the annual meeting at which the Governor was elected. An additional vacancy shall occur if the

President-Elect is a member of a class. No other officer shall be replaced if a member of a class at the time of election as an officer.

Section 3. The Board shall conduct business during the period between annual meetings only upon call by the Executive Committee.

Article VI: Meeting of the Society

Section 1. This Society shall hold an annual meeting. The Annual Business Meeting shall be open to all classes of members for the purposes of hearing a report on the transactions of the Board of Governors and of acting upon such business as may properly be considered by the membership at large.

Section 2. The Meetings Management Committee shall solicit and receive invitations from prospective home institutions for the Annual Meetings, shall evaluate such invitations, and shall report its recommendation(s) to the Board of Governors.

Section 3. The place of the annual meeting of the Society shall be determined by the Board of Governors. Notice of the meeting shall be mailed to all members of the Society at least three months before the date set for the meeting.

Article VII: Southeastern Division

Section 1. Membership in the Southeastern Division is open to ASIH members in good standing residing in the following states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. Active membership status within the Southeastern Division shall be determined by the Bylaws of the Division currently in force.

Section 2. The Southeastern Division shall elect a President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 3. Annual meetings of the Southeastern Division shall be held concurrently with the ASIH Annual Meetings when the latter occur in one of the states identified as within the Southeastern Division in Section 1 of this Article.

Article VIII: Quorum

At the Annual Meeting, one hundred (100) members shall constitute a quorum of the Society and thirty (30) a quorum of the Board of Governors.

If the Board of Governors votes electronically between annual meetings, thirty (30) votes shall constitute a quorum of the Board.

Article IX: Changes in the Constitution and Bylaws

Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution and Bylaws may be proposed: (a) by majority vote of the Executive Committee, or (b) by written and signed petition from at least twenty-five (25) members in good standing of ASIH.

Section 2. Proposed amendments must be circulated to all members at least three (3) months prior to the scheduled Annual Meeting of the Society.

Section 3. Proposed amendments of this Constitution and Bylaws may be adopted at any meeting of the Society if approved by two-thirds of the members of the Board of Governors voting and two-thirds of the members voting at the annual general meeting.

Section 4. Dissolution of the society shall require two-thirds assent from members of the Board of Governors voting and ratification by mail ballot of two-thirds of the membership voting in response.

Section 5. In case of the dissolution of the Society, its assets shall be transferred to a successor non-profit society organized for educational, professional, or scientific purposes, or if no successor society is designated by the members of this Society, then the assets shall be transferred to some other non-profit organization of like character as determined by the members of this Society by response in mail ballot.

BYLAWS

Article I: Dues

Section 1. Annual dues shall be payable 1 January, in advance. COPEIA shall not be sent to those in arrears for dues. Upon payment of arrearage, plus a late fee calculated as 10% of the annual dues, the former member shall be reinstated.

Section 2. A service charge to recover actual costs may be billed subscribers requiring special billing procedures.

Section 3. The schedule of dues will be estimated by the Treasurer, proposed by the Executive Committee, and approved by the Board of Governors to meet the financial needs of the society.

Article II: President

Section 1. The President shall preside at sessions of the Board of Governors and at the Annual Business Meeting.

Section 2. The President shall also appoint the committees prescribed by the Constitution and Bylaws, and such other representatives or committees as may prove necessary. The President and President-Elect shall be members of all committees.

Article III: Secretary

Section 1. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Society and report at the annual meeting.

Section 2. The Secretary shall be responsible for sending out notices announcing the annual meeting and for arranging the agenda for the Board of Governors and general business meetings at the annual meeting.

Section 3. The Secretary shall be reimbursed out of the monies of the Society for expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Society.

Section 4. The Secretary shall make such purchases and employ such assistance as is necessary to conduct the business of the Society. The Secretary shall be responsible for authorizing disbursement of funds for the expenses of society offices within limits to be set annually by the Executive Committee. All such expenditures will be reported to and are subject to review and ratification by the Board of Governors.

Section 5. Unless other appointments are made by the President, the Secretary shall act as delegate or representative of this Society at meetings of related societies covering matters of mutual interest.

Section 6. The Secretary shall arrange for an annual professional audit of the financial record and statement of the Treasurer and shall transmit the auditor's report to the annual meeting of the Board of Governors.

Section 7. Any copyright requests or copyright-related issues and the associated records-keeping shall be handled by the Secretary in consultation with the Editor.

Section 8. Publications storage.

a. The Secretary shall be charged with the responsibility of ensuring safe storage, sale, and other disposal of back numbers of COPEIA and other Society publications.

b. The Secretary may employ such assistance including outside contractual assistance as may be necessary to discharge these functions.

c. The Secretary will report annually to the Board of Governors on the status and disposal of backlogged items.

Article IV: Treasurer

Section 1. The Treasurer shall be in charge of the funds and securities of the Society.

Section 2. At the annual meetings of the Society, the Treasurer shall present a statement of the funds and monies of the Society, the statement to cover the calendar year.

Section 3. The Treasurer shall file form 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, with the Internal Revenue Service annually.

Article V. Editorial Offices

Section 1. Editor

a. The Editor shall serve as the Chief Executive Officer for the journal COPEIA. The Editor shall bear the final responsibility and authority for all materials published in COPEIA.

b. In the processing of manuscripts submitted for publication in COPEIA, the Editor shall allocate manuscript workload among the Sectional Editors, and shall receive their recommendations on manuscripts that have cleared the review process.

c. The Editor shall report through the ASIH Executive Committee to the Board of Governors, and shall seek Executive Committee and Board of Governor approval for any substantive change in ASIH publishing product or practice, especially where new or unanticipated expenditures of ASIH funds are involved.

d. The Editor serves on the ASIH Executive Committee and serves as Chair of the Editorial Policy Committee.

e. In situations that may arise between annual meetings, the Editor (upon consultation with and approval by the Executive Committee) may appoint a substitute (or co-participant) for a given editorial office.

f. The Editor may employ such assistance as is necessary for the production of COPEIA.

Section 2. Sectional, Book Review, and Index Editors

a. The divisional sections of COPEIA shall be General Herpetology; General Ichthyology; Ecology and Ethology; Physiology and Physiological Ecology; and Genetics, Development, and Morphology. Sectional Editors shall serve as Chief Operating Officers for their respective sections, shall select reviewers and solicit manuscript reviews, and shall make recommendations regarding acceptability for publication in COPEIA to the Editor.

b. Two Book Review Editors shall promote the announcement and critical review of important new works in Herpetology and Ichthyology, respectively.

c. An Index Editor shall be responsible for production of the annual index to COPEIA. The Index Editor shall archive materials for periodic multi-year indices to be prepared as deemed necessary.

d. Any editorial office, except that of Editor, may be held by multiple persons if approved by election to office by members of the Society.

Article VI: Editorial Board

An Editorial Board representing the five divisional disciplines of COPEIA, shall be nominated annually by the Sectional Editors for service in that disciplinary area, and appointed by the President in consultation with the Editor.

Article VII: Meetings

Section 1. The Chair of the Local Committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the chairs of the Meetings Management Committee and Meetings Planning Committee if possible, at least six months before the time of the meeting.

Section 2. The Chair of the Local Committee will work with the chairs of the Meetings Management Committee and Meetings Planning Committee, as well as hired conference planners, to make all local arrangements including the arrangements for printing the program if necessary.

Article VIII. Committees

Section 1. Committees of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists are categorized as Standing Committees, Continuing Committees, Recurring Committees and Special Purpose Committees.

Section 2. Except as provided for separately in the CONSTITUTION and BYLAWS all committee appointments are made by the President and carry a tenure of appointment of one year. By arrangement between the President and the incoming Committee Chair, Subcommittees may be appointed and delegated to specific functions. Subcommittees are not listed separately and exist at the discretion of the President and the full Committee.

Section 3. Committee service, including that of Committee Chairs, is upon a calendar year basis, commencing January 1 and ending December 31, except for the Nominating Committee and Chair, which serve from meeting to meeting. Committees are appointed by the President at or soon after the annual meeting of the year preceding service. The report of a Committee Chair is submitted through the Secretary for presentation at the annual meeting immediately after the termination of the calendar year of service. Except where provided for separately, continuation of appointment of a Committee Chair or Committee member is at the discretion of the cognizant President and the member in service.

Section 4. The charge to and purview of the Committee shall normally follow that listed in the ASIH Procedures Manual, subject to modification, individually or separately, by the President, Executive Committee and/or Board of Governors, except as provided for separately in the CONSTITUTION or BYLAWS.

Section 5. Standing Committees are provided for separately in the CONSTITUTION and/or BYLAWS, and/or are those which must be renewed yearly to conduct society business. Standing Committees are as follows:

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| ANBM | Annual Business Meeting |
| BOFG | Board of Governors |
| EDBD | Editorial Board |
| EDPC | Editorial Policy Committee |
| ENFC | Endowment and Finance Committee |
| EXEC | Executive Committee |
| GFAC | Gaige Fund Award Committee |
| GSPC | Committee on Graduate Student Participation |
| HSFC | Henry S. Fitch Award Committee |
| LOCL | Local Committee for the Annual Meeting |
| LRPP | Long Range Planning and Policy Committee |
| MMGT | Meetings Management Committee |
| MPLN | Meetings Planning Committee |
| NOMC | Nominating Committee |
| RFAC | Raney Fund Award Committee |
| RHGC | Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Award Committee |
| RKJC | Robert K. Johnson Award Committee |
| STAC | Student Awards Committee |

Section 6. Continuing Committees are provided for separately in the CONSTITUTION and/or BYLAWS, and/or are those which are normally renewed yearly to conduct society business. In years where no action by the Committee or Representative is anticipated, appointment or not is at the discretion of the President. Continuing Committees are listed in the Procedures Manual.

Section 7. Recurring Committees are those which are appointed on an episodic basis, as need occurs. In years where no action by the Committee or Representative is anticipated, appointment or not is at the discretion of the President. Recurring Committees are listed in the Procedures Manual.

Section 8. Special Purpose Committees are those which are appointed normally on a one-time basis, as need occurs. Appointment or not is at the discretion of the President. The President shall define the charge to each Special Purpose Committee upon appointment. Unless renewed by the succeeding president each such Committee shall cease to exist after a period of time up to one calendar year, commencing January 1 after date of appointment.

Article IX: Nominating Committee

Section 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members; three in the discipline of the President-Elect to be elected, and two in the alternate discipline. Five ASIH members in good standing shall comprise the Nominating Committee and serve meeting- to-meeting: (a) One of the two members of the outgoing Nominating Committee who is in the discipline of the President-Elect to be elected. This person shall be elected and serve as chair of the new committee. (b) The immediate Past-President of the

Society. This position shall be filled automatically. (c) One person in the discipline of the President-Elect to be elected, chosen from at least two persons nominated by the Board of Governors. (d) Two persons in the alternate discipline chosen from at least four persons nominated.

Section 2. If only one of the two persons from the outgoing Nominating Committee is available for election as chair of the new committee, this person shall receive the chairship automatically. If neither person from the outgoing Nominating Committee is available for election as chair, the Past-President shall assume the chairship and the President shall nominate two additional persons in the appropriate discipline. If the Board of Governors fails to nominate the number of persons listed above for positions (c) and (d), the President shall provide the balance of the nominations.

Section 3. The election of the Nominating Committee shall be at the business meeting of the Society. All nominees, including additional nominations from the floor at the business meeting for positions (c) and (d), must provide a written agreement to serve on the committee, which would include the possibility of a second year of service as chair.

Article X: Long Range Planning and Policy Committee

Section 1. The Chair of the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee and such others as the President may feel desirable. The Chair shall serve for a period of three years and may be reappointed. Six other members shall be similarly appointed and the expiration dates of the terms of their service shall be staggered in order to provide continuity. Tenure of appointment shall be on a calendar year basis.

Section 2. The Committee shall identify desirable Society policies and activities and shall advise the Board of Governors and Membership on the best way to carry out and fund Society activities.

Section 3. The Committee is responsible for the development and updating, to reflect current practice, of the ASIH Procedures Manual, and from time to time make suggestions for improvements and best response to available technologies and opportunities.

Section 4. The Committee shall maintain close liaison with the Endowment and Finance Committee. The Committee Chairs shall serve as consulting (nonvoting) members of the corresponding Committee and shall keep each Committee informed, as appropriate, of mutually relevant activities.

Article XI: Endowment and Finance Committee

Section 1. The Endowment Committee shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Executive Committee and shall consist of five members, including the Chair. To provide continuity, members of the Committee will have staggered, five-year terms. One member should be a business person or someone with considerable experience in investing. Tenure of appointment shall be on a calendar year basis.

Section 2. The Chair-Elect of the Endowment Committee shall be appointed by the President. The Chair-Elect shall succeed the Chair, each of whom will serve two years in their respective positions. The Chair may be reappointed as Chair-Elect. The

Chair and the Chair-Elect will work closely together in planning and organizing the activities of the Endowment and Finance Committee.

Section 3. The Committee shall be in charge of fund-raising for the endowment.

Section 4. The Committee shall advise the Society on all matters pertaining to the General Endowment Fund and the Life Membership Fund.

Section 5. The Committee shall maintain close liaison with the Treasurer and other members of the Executive Committee and shall advise officials of the Society in the management of all funds and moneys of the Society.

Section 6. The Committee shall maintain close liaison with the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee. The Committee Chairs shall serve as consulting (nonvoting) members of the corresponding Committee and shall keep each Committee informed, as appropriate, of mutually relevant activities.

Section 7. The Committee shall be responsible for investment of the endowment and other Society funds. A recommendation for placement of funds with a professional money manager must be approved by the Board of Governors. The Committee shall advise the Board of Governors on managed funds and will monitor the activities of outside professional money managers.

Article XII: Funds

Section 1. Society Funds and income derived therefrom shall be used only for tax-exempt purposes.

Section 2. Funds of the Society shall be as follows:

a. The Frederick H. Stoye Fund shall be invested and used to offer awards for meritorious papers presented by student members at the Annual Meeting. The awards will be known as the Frederick H. Stoye Awards. The basis for award decisions shall be determined by a Student Awards Committee. The Student Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President-elect for service prior to the Annual Meeting.

b. The Tracy Storer Fund shall be invested and used to offer awards to students judged to have prepared the best posters in ichthyology and herpetology at the Annual Meeting. The basis for award decisions shall be determined by a Student Awards Committee. The Student Awards Committee shall be appointed by the President-elect for service prior to the Annual Meeting.

c. The Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Fund shall be invested and used to award a yearly prize based on an outstanding published body of work in systematic ichthyology by a citizen of a Western Hemisphere nation who has not been a previous recipient of the award. The basis for an award decision shall be determined by a Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Fund Committee. The Robert H. Gibbs, Jr., Memorial Fund Committee shall consist of three ichthyologists, each serving a three-year term. Each year one member is replaced by an individual elected by the Board of Governors among nominees submitted by the Nominating Committee or nominated from the floor. The senior member of the Committee serves as its Chair.

d. The Edward C. and Charlotte E. Raney Fund shall be invested and used to provide support for young ichthyologists in such a way as to enhance their professional careers and their contributions to the science of ichthyology. The basis for award decisions shall be determined by a Edward C. and Charlotte E. Raney Fund Committee. A member of the Edward C. and Charlotte E. Raney Fund Committee shall be appointed

by the President for a three-year term of service. The senior member of the Committee serves as its Chair.

e. The Helen T. and Frederick M. Gaige Fund shall be invested and used to provide support for young herpetologists in such a way as to enhance their professional careers and their contributions to the science of herpetology. The basis for award decisions shall be determined by a Helen T. and Frederick M. Gaige Fund Committee. A member of the Helen T. and Frederick M. Gaige Fund Committee shall be appointed by the President for President for a three year term of service. The senior member of the Committee serves as its Chair.

f. The Life Membership Fund shall consist of dues received from Life Members. The interest from this Fund shall be added to the principal. When this Fund exceeds by \$1000 or more the sum computed as adequate to pay costs of fulfilling Society obligations to Life Members, the excess shall be transferred to the Endowment Fund.

g. The General Endowment Fund shall be an unrestricted fund to receive money from a variety of sources. Major and minor donations to the Society without any restrictions will be placed in the principal of this Fund. A percentage of the net asset value may be dispersed by the Board of Governors for specified activities of the Society based on recommendations of the Executive Committee.

Section 3. All money, stocks, bonds, or other property offered to the Society for purposes other than application to the publication expenses or other operating expenses of the Society can be accepted only by a majority of the Board of Governors, except that the acceptance of any such funds donated for use by any duly constituted activity of the Society, including the General Endowment Fund, can be approved by the Executive Committee. Acceptance of such money, stocks, bonds, or other property by the Board of Governors shall be only with the establishment by the Board of procedures to implement its use. All proposed funds shall be accompanied by a proffered gift or proposed funding source.

Section 4. The American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists may formally recognize major donors to the General Endowment Fund. Four levels of major donors are: Supporter, \$1000--2999; Sponsor, \$3000--9999; Patron, \$10,000--24,999; Benefactor, \$25,000 or higher. No benefits will be provided to donors.

Article XIII: Honorary Foreign Members

The number of Honorary Foreign Members shall not exceed thirty (30).

Article XIV: Society Sets of COPEIA

Official bound sets of COPEIA shall be maintained in the offices of the Editor and the Secretary.

Article XV: Committees

Such committees as the President shall deem necessary shall be appointed by the President or by the presiding officer at the annual meeting, unless the composition and function of committees be otherwise set forth in the Constitution and Bylaws or in motions passed by the Board of Governors or by the membership at large at the annual

meeting. Unless otherwise specified, committees shall serve from one annual meeting until the next and shall normally be appointed by the President during the annual meeting.

Article XVI: Procedures

Procedures and other items, not specified in the Constitution or Bylaws of this Society or by action at the annual meeting, shall be in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order.

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SUMMARY OF THE MEETINGS

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The 86th annual meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (ASIH) was held at the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel in New Orleans, Louisiana from 12–17 July 2006, in conjunction with the 22nd annual meeting of the American Elasmobranch Society (AES), the 64th annual meeting of the Herpetologists' League (HL), the 49th annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles (SSAR), and the annual meeting of the Neotropical Ichthyological Association (NIA). Henry Bart, Robert Cashner, and Brian Crother served as chairs of the local committee.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING: 12 JULY 2006

The meeting of the ASIH Board of Governors (BOG) was called to order by President Frost at 1704 h on 12 July 2006; 57 governors and 28 guests were in attendance. Secretary Donnelly conveyed messages of regret from Governors Jon Armbruster, James Atz, Reeve Bailey, Stan Fox, Harry Greene, Maureen Kearney, Bob Mason, Frank McCormick, Harvey Pough, Richard Robins, Jay Savage, and Kentwood Wells.

Secretary Donnelly announced the passing of John Behler, Frances Dessauer, Michael Ewert, Raymond Laurent, A. Stanley Rand, and Michael Rankin. Since the meeting, Past-President Margaret M. Stewart passed away on 2 August 2006 after a long fight with pancreatic cancer.

President Frost called for approval of the minutes from the 2005 Board of Governors meeting as published in *Copeia* 2005:947–957 with a correction. David Cundall was the chair of the Genetics, Development, and Morphology judging group for the 2005 Stoye award. A motion was made to approve the corrected minutes, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

President Frost announced that Taran Grant is the chair of the 2006 resolutions committee. Mary White and Frank Burbrink are members of the committee.

President Frost announced that Steve Beaupre and Rick Mayden are the co-chairs of the 2006 Student Awards Committee. The names of Stoye and Storer judges will be announced during the banquet.

President Frost called on Robert Cashner, chair of the Meetings Management Committee, to describe future meeting sites. In 2007, the Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists will be held in St. Louis, Missouri (11–16 July), and our sister society, the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles, will celebrate its 50th anniversary. In 2008 we will meet in Montreal, Canada (23–28 July). The ASIH Meetings Management Committee received multiple bids for 2009, 2010, 2011. The committee recommends that we accept bids to meet in

Portland, Oregon in 2009, Providence, Rhode Island in 2010, and Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2011. President Frost called for a motion to accept the offers for 2009 and 2010. A motion was made to accept the offers, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously.

President Frost asked Secretary Donnelly to read the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting that was held earlier in the day. The executive committee meeting was called to order by President Frost at 0900 h. First, EXEC discussed our financial situation. Treasurer Neighbors reported that we have sufficient funds to cover expenses and the society is in excellent financial health. The improved financial health is the result of the dues increases recently instituted. The investments managed by Smith Barney have recovered from the 2001 market crash and are now generating some funds. The available funds support new initiatives for our members including the new website, the new silo site, and JSTOR access to *Copeia* for individual members.

Second, the EXEC voted to provide support to Al Savitzky if he decides to attend the BioOne meeting in April 2007. Third, EXEC voted to provide financial support to Joe Nelson and other members of the ASIH-AFS Joint Committee on Common Names of Fishes as they complete the next edition.

Fourth, Past-President Parenti reported that the ad hoc committee for Implementation of Changes to *Copeia* made some progress. Editor Schaefer suggested that the greatest needs for *Copeia* related to changes in format of the journal. President Frost, President-Elect Mayden, and Past-President Parenti will work to identify possible members for this committee. President Frost will appoint a committee to work with Editor Schaefer on format changes for the journal.

Fifth, EXEC will inform vendors that *Copeia* will accept advertisements. Members of EXEC will find potential vendors by examining other journals and by contacting the vendors that have rented our mailing list over the last three years. We will contact vendors by mail and email.

Sixth, EXEC voted unanimously to locate the "Editor's Set" of *Copeia* as part of the ASIH archive based at the National Museum of Natural History after consultation with the archivist. The society will move the existing set from Colorado to Washington D.C.

Seventh, Treasurer Neighbors reported that the contracts for the silo site and JSTOR access for individual members have been signed. Allen Press is working with JSTOR to make the archived editions available to members. The electronic version of *Copeia* (from 2000 to current) will also be available to members. EXEC is in favor of hiring a consultant to help advise the society on marketing *Copeia* and other issues related to membership.

Eighth, the website is moving to Tulane (at the time of writing this report, the site has officially moved to Tulane). We are in the process of moving old materials to the new site. As soon as the site is ready to go live, Secretary Donnelly will inform the membership of the change. The business site will remain at Allen Press as will the ASIH email announcement system. Secretary Donnelly reported that the new business site is functional and allows members to easily update information, pay dues, and purchase Special Publications. The Web Content & Management Committee will be charged with revising the "Careers" pamphlets.

Ninth, Secretary Donnelly reported that Allen Press will no longer handle abstract submission, but they have provided us with another vendor. In addition, Secretary Donnelly will explore other options, including open source sites. As of this writing, I have contacted the vendor recommended by Ted Freeman at Allen Press. There will be a vendor in place by December 2006 for abstract submission.

Tenth, Past-President Parenti suggested that the ASIH consider meeting in New York to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of *Copeia*. EXEC discussed the planned rotation for meetings and recognized that special events could alter the rotation. Any member of the society interested in hosting a meeting, should inform Robert Cashner, chair of the Meetings Management committee, of their interests.

Eleventh, EXEC voted unanimously to accept the position paper on Rattlesnake Roundups presented by the Conservation Committee. EXEC recommends that any position paper submitted to the ASIH be considered by EXEC and then presented to the BOG for a vote on adoption.

Twelfth, EXEC voted to approve a request for funds from Secretary Donnelly to update the computers in the ASIH office.

The executive committee meeting adjourned at 1225 h.

REPORTS TO THE BOARD

President Frost asked Secretary Donnelly to distribute two late reports: the *correct* Raney report for 2006 and the report from the ad hoc committee on declining membership. Secretary Donnelly explained that she erred in putting the 2005 Raney report in the 2006 book. After late reports were distributed, President Frost asked the Governors if they wanted to exempt additional reports. Governor Savitzky asked to exempt the reports from the Herpetological and Ichthyological coordinators. Savitzky was concerned that we are not getting requests for information and suggests that the society consider the role played by these individuals to provide information for the general public. President Frost asked Governor Savitzky to meet with him after the meeting to discuss possibilities. President Frost then called for a motion to accept all reports, the motion was made, seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

President Frost then called for approval of the ballot for the Board of Governor elections and the general elections that will be held during the annual business meeting. It was moved to accept both ballots, the motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. The ballots for the Fitch, Gibbs, and Johnson committees were distributed, the governors voted, and the results follow. Theodore W. Pietsch was elected to a three-year term on the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award Committee; Brian I. Crother was elected to a three-year term on the Robert K. Johnson Award Committee; Harold K. Voris was elected to a three-year term on the Henry S. Fitch Award Committee. All newly elected members will serve as chairs of these committees in 2009.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

President Frost called for blanket approval of the proposed constitutional changes except those exempted for discussion. Four of the 25 proposed changes were exempted: Constitution Article III, Section 2a; Bylaws Article V, Section 2d; Bylaws Article XII, Section 2e; and Bylaws Article XII, Section 2g. All bylaws were accepted as proposed and a change for clarification was made to Article III, Section 2a of the constitution (PROPOSED CHANGE: Active members who pay annual dues in the following categories: Student, Regular, Associate, and Sustaining. Life members pay 25 times (25 ×) annual dues in one lump sum or four equal payments. REVISED VERSION PASSED BY BOG: Active members who pay annual dues in the following categories: Student, Regular, Associate, and Sustaining. In addition, a fifth category, Life members, pay 25 times (25 ×) regular annual dues in one lump sum or four equal payments.). A motion was made to approve all proposed changes, the motion was seconded, and it passed unanimously.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

President Frost turned to items of Old Business, hearing none, he turned to New Business, and asked the Governors to consider adoption of the position paper on Rattlesnake Roundups presented by the Conservation Committee. A motion was made to adopt the position paper, the motion was seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. President Frost called for additional New Business, hearing none, he called for a motion to adjourn. The meeting of the Board of Governors adjourned at 1816 h.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: 16 JULY 2006

Prior to beginning the Annual Business Meeting (ABM), President Frost called on all governors in attendance to consider the invitation to meet in Minneapolis, MN in 2011. Bruce Collette moved, and Clark Hubbs seconded the motion to accept the invitation. The motion carried unanimously.

President Frost called the ABM to order at 1804 h in Grand Ballroom A of the Sheraton New Orleans Hotel. He then called for approval of the minutes published in *Copeia* 2005:947–957 with a correction; David Cundall was the Chair of the Stoye judges for the Genetics, Development, and Morphology category in 2005. It was moved to accept the corrected minutes, the motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. President Frost then called on Secretary Donnelly to read the minutes from the Board of Governors Meeting held on 12 July 2006. President Frost called for a motion to approve the minutes of the BOG meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and carried unanimously.

President Frost called on Taran Grant to read the serious resolutions presented to the Resolutions Committee. The resolutions for outgoing editors were passed by acclamation. President Frost then called on Peter Unmack to come forward and describe the efforts of the North American Native Fish Association (NANFA) to nominate the Rainbow Darter to be the national fish. Considerable discussion ensued; several members had ideas on alternative fish species. After discussion, the members passed a resolution supporting the efforts of NANFA.

SUBSTANTIVE RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION FOR JONATHAN W. ARMBRUSTER.—WHEREAS Jonathan W. Armbruster has served three years as Sectional Editor for General Ichthyology, and

WHEREAS Jon put his own research projects aside while he helped our members improve their manuscripts, and

WHEREAS this dedicated service is essential for the production of *Copeia*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH extends its thanks to Jon for his generous service as the Sectional Editor of General Ichthyology.

RESOLUTION FOR CHRISTOPHER M. TAYLOR.—WHEREAS Christopher M. Taylor has served three years as Sectional Editor for Ecology and Ethology, and

WHEREAS Chris put his own research projects aside while he helped our members improve their manuscripts, and

WHEREAS this dedicated service is essential for the production of *Copeia*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH extends its thanks to Chris for his generous service as the Sectional Editor of Ecology and Ethology.

RESOLUTION FOR ROBERT M. WOOD.—WHEREAS Robert M. Wood has served five years as Sectional Editor for Genetics, Development, and Morphology, and

WHEREAS Rob put his own research projects aside while he helped our members improve their manuscripts, and

WHEREAS this dedicated service is essential for the production of *Copeia*,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH extends its thanks to Rob for his generous service as the Sectional Editor of Genetics, Development, and Morphology.

RESOLUTION FOR MARLIS R. DOUGLAS.—WHEREAS Marlis R. Douglas has served three years as Book Review Editor for Ichthyology, and

WHEREAS Marlis put her own research projects aside while she worked with her colleagues to provide critical reviews of recent books, and

WHEREAS this dedicated service provides valuable information for members of the society,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH extends its thanks to Marlis for her generous service as the Book Review Editor for Ichthyology.

RESOLUTION FOR KENTWOOD D. WELLS.—WHEREAS Kentwood D. Wells has served eight years as Book Review Editor for Herpetology, and

WHEREAS Kent put his own research projects aside while he worked with his colleagues to provide critical reviews of recent books, and

WHEREAS this dedicated service provides valuable information for members of the society,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH extends its thanks to Kent for his generous service as the Book Review Editor for Herpetology.

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NANFA.—WHEREAS there is currently not a National Fish, and

WHEREAS, the North American Native Fishes Association (NANFA) has proposed the Rainbow Darter (*Etheostoma caeruleum*) as the national fish,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH support the efforts by NANFA to designate the Rainbow Darter as the National Fish.

PRESENTATION OF GAIGE AND RANEY AWARDS

President Frost called on Kirsten Nicholson to present the Gaige Award certificates. In 2006, the Gaige Fund Committee was chaired by Kirsten Nicholson. Adam Summers and Rita Mehta served on the committee in 2006, which reviewed 40 applications and made the following 10 awards of (\$500) to **Philip Bergmann**, Tulane University, “Locomotion and habitat selection in lizards with varying degrees of body elongation and limb reduction”; **Jennifer Curtis**, University of Central Oklahoma, “Androgen responses to aggression in territorial male collared lizards: A test of the challenge hypothesis”; **Matt Gifford**, Washington University, “Population-level ecomorphology in *Leiocephalus personatus*: Evolutionary relationships between morphology, performance, and habitat openness”; **Myra Hughey**, Boston University, “Interacting effects of red-eyed treefrog egg consumers: Flies, fungi, and wasps”; **Ali Rabatsky**, University of Louisiana Lafayette, “Evolutionary vestigialization of complex features using an island rattlesnake

model”; **Julie Ray**, Old Dominion University, “Physiological and behavioral ecology of a predator feeding on a chemically defended invasive species in Central California”; **Gabriel Rivera**, Clemson University, “Morphological variation between populations of the turtle *Pseudemys concinna* inhabiting different flow regimes: Are differences in three-dimensional shell shape adaptive?”; **Rebecca Symula**, University of Texas, “A field test for mimicry in an Australian myobatrachid frog, *Crinia signifera*”; **Maria Thaker**, Indiana State University, “Maternal stress and dynamics of alternative reproductive tactics in male offspring”; **Nathan Turnbough**, University of Tennessee, “Functional equivalence of native and invading *Anolis* lizards in a food web.” Myra Hughey and Ali Rabatsky came forward to accept their certificates.

President Frost then called on Secretary Donnelly to present the Raney Award certificates. The Raney Fund Award Committee was chaired by Andrew Simons. Kent Carpenter and Timothy Targett served on the committee, which received 36 applications and divided the 2006 funds equally among the top six applicants listed below: **Shannon C. DeVaney**, The University of Kansas, “Molecular systematics of deep-sea dragonfishes and allies (Teleostei: Stomiiformes)”; **Ron I. Eytan**, Louisiana State University, “Phylogenetic analysis of microhabitat differentiation and metabolic rate in the reef fish genus *Acantheblemaria*”; **Lucy R. Harrison**, Simon Fraser University, “Estrogens in the sea: Effects on sex-changing coral reef fishes”; **Alison Mitchell**, University of Colorado at Boulder, “Microhabitat use and niche overlap of native *Catostomus discolorus* (Bluehead Sucker) in sympatry and allopatry with non-native *Catostomus commersonii* (White Sucker)”; **Marina L. Ramon**, University of California, Santa Cruz, “Searching for adaptive genes using a global approach”; **Catherine E. Wagner**, Cornell University, “Genetic and morphological diversification among Lake Tanganyikan endemics: Patterns of diversity in trophic cichlids.” Ron Eytan came forward and accepted his certificate.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

President Frost then called on the membership to accept the changes to the constitution presented to the membership last spring. Frost called for blanket approval of all changes and asked Secretary Donnelly to describe the minor change to Article III, Section 2a. It was moved and seconded that all constitutional changes including a modified Article III Section 2a be accepted (see Board of Governors Meeting Report). The motion passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President Frost then moved to the election of ASIH officers including President-Elect, sectional editors, new members of the Board of Governors (Class of 2011), the Nominating Committee Chair, and members of the Nominating Committee. The

slate of nominees as provided by the Nominating Committee and the BOG are posted on the website. The ballots were distributed to the members by the election facilitators (Alessandro Catenazzi, Kia Ruiz, Steven Whitfield, James Watling, Ralph Saporito, Rocky Parker) and President Frost called for any additional nominations from the floor, hearing none he called for a motion to close nominations. It was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. The ballots were collected and tallied by the facilitators.

Results of the elections were announced at the banquet and are listed here (an asterisk [*] denotes re-election of an incumbent officer): President-Elect: Henry R. Mushinsky; Secretary: Maureen A. Donnelly*; Treasurer: Margaret A. Neighbors*; Editor: Scott A. Schaefer*; Index Co-Editor: Frances M. Cashner*; Ecology and Ethology Sectional Editor: Stanley F. Fox*; Ecology and Ethology Sectional Editor: Joel M. Snodgrass; General Herpetology Sectional Editor: Michael J. Lannoo*; General Herpetology Sectional Editor: Tod W. Reeder*; General Ichthyology Sectional Editor: Donald G. Buth*; General Ichthyology Sectional Editor: Carl J. Ferraris, Jr.; Genetics, Development, and Morphology Sectional Editor: Joseph M. Quattro*; Genetics, Development, and Morphology Sectional Editor: Jacqueline F. Webb; Physiology and Physiological Ecology Sectional Editor: Eric T. Schultz*; Physiology and Physiological Ecology Sectional Editor: Robert T. Mason*; Chair of the Nominating Committee: Lawrence M. Page; Nominating Committee Members: Christopher Beachy; Stanley F. Fox., and Philip J. Motta. The new members of the Board of Governors Class of 2011 are: Herpetology: Steven J. Beaupre, Frank Burbrink, Tiffany M. Doan, James Hanken, Anne M. Maglia; the new members of the Board of Governors Class of 2012 are: Salvador Contreras-Balderas, Marlis R. Douglas, Phillip M. Harris, J. Andrés López, H. J. Walker, Jr.

OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

President Frost then called for items of old business, hearing none he called for items of new business, hearing none he called on Robert Cashner to come forward and describe future meetings. Once Bob reached the podium, Henry Mushinsky told Bob it was a “helluva party” and the members agreed with an enthusiastic round of applause. Bob asked Henry if he had any memories of the social because Bob lost all of his. Bob then announced that our meetings are arranged through 2011. We will meet in St. Louis in 2007 (11–16 July 2007), Montreal, Quebec, Canada in 2008 (23–28 July 2008), Portland, Oregon in 2009, Providence, Rhode Island in 2010, and in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 2011. Karsten Hartel asked Bob if we had identified local hosts for 2010 and Bob indicated that we did not yet have a local committee. Rick Mayden, chair of the local committee for the 2007 meeting came forward to describe the 2007 event. The meeting will be held in the Hyatt Regency in St.

Louis and St. Louis University is the host institution. Rick is actively trying to raise funds to support the meeting (<http://www.dce.ksu.edu/jointmeeting/2007/>). The logo for the 2007 meeting was designed by David Neely. Rick described how our meeting will coincide with the 300th Birthday of Linnaeus and a celebration of his birthday will take place during the meeting. Rick guarantees that there the city museum is a great venue. The picnic will be held at the St. Louis zoo or a river boat. Rick will do his best to get podcasts recorded and hopes to garner ipods for the student awards! An Anheuser-Busch brewery is in St. Louis and tours will be arranged. There will be a variety of family activities including the Missouri Botanical Garden. Rick is working with the Army Corps and the Missouri Department of Conservation to arrange field trips. Bungee jumping off the arch will also be a possibility! Rick invited all to join him in St. Louis in 2007.

President Frost then called for a motion to adjourn. The membership quickly obliged his request and the meeting adjourned at 1909 h.

ANNUAL BANQUET: 17 JULY 2006

Emcee Larry Allen called the banquet to order at 2005 h and introduced the persons seated at the head table. The AES was represented by Cami McCandless (Secretary), and The ASIH was represented by Darrel Frost (President), Margaret Neighbors (Treasurer), and Maureen Donnelly (Secretary). The HL was represented by Linda Ford (President) and the SSAR was represented by Robin Andrews (President), Marion Preest (Secretary), and Kirsten Nicholson (Treasurer-Elect). On behalf of the ASIH and its sister societies, Larry extended his thanks to Sharon Brookshire, Heide McBride, Victoria Bañales, Cara Davis, Greg Dressman, and Rebecca Frakes of Kansas State University Conference Services. Sharon and her team ensure that our meetings are successful, and the 2006 New Orleans meeting was extremely successful. Larry then thanked all the many sponsors: University of New Orleans (UNO), Southeastern University (SELU), Tulane University, Loyola University–New Orleans, Freeport-McMoRan Energy LLC, and the Louisiana Gulf Coast Herpetological Society. Brian Crother acknowledged the help of his SELU colleagues Mary White, Kyle Pillar, David Sever, and Cliff Fontenot. Brian also thanked the Office of the Provost, the College of Science and Technology, the Department of Biological Sciences, and all the many SELU students that assisted during the meeting. Hank Bart thanked David Heins, Nelson Rios, Mollie Cashner, Steph Woltmann, Mike Doosey, Rebecca Blanton, and John Johansen of Tulane University. Bob Cashner thanked Jim Grady, Karen Grady, Joe King, Marty O'Connell, Meg O'Connell, Liz Sigler, the Office of the Provost, the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the College of Sciences, and the many students that assisted during the meeting from UNO. All the co-hosts acknowledged the help of Bob Thomas and Frank Jordon (Loyola Univer-

sity), Betsy Dresser (Audubon Center for Research on Endangered Species), and Jim Miller and David Norriss (Freeport McMoran).

Larry then announced that 1206 persons attended the 2006 Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. The attendees included 585 professionals, 526 students, 21 exhibitors, 72 accompanying persons, and 2 reporters. Student participation at our meetings has always been high, and students help make the annual meeting special and exciting as we learn of new advances made by our young colleagues. The attendees represented 27 countries including Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Columbia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Germany, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Russia, Singapore, South Africa, South Korea, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, the United States of America, and Venezuela. Larry then called on all Past-Presidents and asked them to stand. The former Presidents of AES, ASIH, HL, and SSAR were acknowledged warmly by a hearty round of applause.

Larry then announced that the students earned \$2746 during their book raffle. The ASIH will provide \$2000 as a match to increase the funding to support student participation in the 2007 meeting. Representatives from the HL and NIA announced the winners of their student competitions. Larry then called Tanya Darden and Greg Fulling to the podium to announce the winners of the Outstanding Student Paper for the Southeastern Division of the ASIH. **Michael Sandel**, University of Alabama, won the Outstanding Student Paper in Ichthyology for his paper entitled "Intraspecific phylogeography of Ellassomatidae: A test of the interglacial refugia hypothesis." **John D. Willson**, University of Georgia, won the Outstanding Student Paper in Herpetology for his paper entitled "Evaluation of trap response in two aquatic snakes using mark recapture and an experimental release study."

PRESENTATION OF STOYE AND STORER AWARDS

Larry then called on Steve Beaupre, Chair of the 2006 Student Awards Committee (STAC), to announce the names of the judges and the winners of the 2006 Stoye and Storer awards. Steve and President-Elect Rick Mayden assembled a group of 22 judges to work with them during the 2006 competition. Each Stoye or Storer winner receives a cash award of \$250, a certificate, and all existing back issues of *Copeia*. Before Steve presented the names of the judges and winners, he pointed out that the ASIH has a strong tradition of supporting student activities and he was honored to present the awards to our deserving students during the 2006 banquet. The Storer Award in Herpetology judges were Frederic Zaidan (Chair), Scott Boback, Carol Spencer. The winner of the 2006 Storer Award in Herpetology was **Kristin A. Bakkegard**, Utah State University, "The genetic response of *Taricha granulosa* to the 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens." The Storer Award in Ichthyology judges were

Michael E. Douglas (Chair), Marlis R. Douglas, Mark Pyron. The winner of the 2006 Storer Award in Ichthyology was **Kenneth G. Blanke**, University of New Orleans, "Response of fishes and aquatic invertebrates after Hurricane Ivan affected Chandeleur Island (Louisiana) seagrass communities." The judges for the Stoye Award for Conservation were Melissa Pilgrim (Chair), Jacqueline D. Litzgus, Phillip Harris, and the winner of the 2006 Stoye Award in Conservation was **R. J. David Wells**, Louisiana State University, "Habitat use and the effects of trawling on fish and invertebrate communities on the northern Gulf of Mexico continental shelf." The judges for the Stoye Award in Ecology and Ethology were: Eric T. Schultz (Chair), Robert Espinoza, Brian Greene, Cristina Ugarte, Ann Cleveland, and the winner of the 2006 Stoye Award in Ecology and Ethology was **Gregory B. Pauly**, University of Texas, "Mating signal evolution and sexual selection in western toads, *Bufo boreas*." The judges for the Stoye Award in General Ichthyology were Bernard Kuhajda (Chair), Mel L. Warren, Jr., Thomas F. Turner, Mark Peterson, Paula Mabee, and the 2006 winner of the Stoye Award in General Ichthyology was **Brian L. Sidlauskas**, University of Chicago and the Field Museum, "Hyperdisparate headstanders and static slime suckers: Trends in morphological diversification within the Characiformes." The judges for Genetics, Development, and Morphology were: Marlis R. Douglas (Chair), Donald Buth, Anne Maglia, and the winner of the 2006 Stoye Award in Genetics, Development, and Morphology was **Jacob J. D. Egge**, "Solving a prickly problem: Venom gland structure and evolution in madtom catfishes (*Noturus*: Ictaluridae)."

BANQUET RESOLUTIONS

Larry then called Taran Grant, Chair of the 2006 Resolutions Committee to the podium to read the Banquet Resolutions.

RESOLUTION FOR THE LOCAL HOSTS.—WHEREAS the New Orleans meeting was a great success, and

WHEREAS the science at the Sheraton was exceptional, the scenery on Bourbon Street inspirational, the drinks devastating, the gumbo and jambalaya delicious, and the dancing—both on laps and dance floors—titillating, and

WHEREAS none of this would have been possible without the long hours and unflinching dedication of our hosts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH heartily thanks our hosts, Robert Cashner, Hank Bart, Brian Crother, and the students, faculty, and staff of The University of New Orleans, Southeastern Louisiana University, and Tulane University.

RESOLUTION FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS AND THE GULF COAST REGION.—WHEREAS the People of the City of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region have

suffered incomprehensible loss at the hands of nature and bad government, and

WHEREAS these people include some of our most honored and colorful herpetologists and ichthyologists, and

WHEREAS many of these people kept going, despite all, to organize, run, and attend our Joint Meeting, either out of bravery or boneheaded stubbornness, and

WHEREAS they have welcomed us into their City and Region with open arms and great hospitality,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH expresses its gratitude to the People of the City of New Orleans and the Gulf Coast Region and shall continue to support their efforts in any way possible.

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE KATRINA AWARENESS AND RECOVERY EFFORTS.—WHEREAS an unfathomable number of areas, faculty and student homes, and businesses of the region remain utterly devastated, and

WHEREAS Liz Sigler, Jim Grady, and Meg O'Connell, at great personal sacrifice, conducted tours of the region to create awareness that our members will take with them to their home states and countries, and

WHEREAS despite the absence of free alcohol on the bus, these tours were unexpectedly well attended, and

WHEREAS a number of meeting attendees contributed their time, sweat, and varying levels of carpentry skills to the Habitat for Humanity recovery efforts,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH extends its thanks to Liz Sigler, Jim Grady, Meg O'Connell, and that all members who participated in these recovery efforts spread the word about the need that still exists in New Orleans.

RESOLUTION FOR LOST MEMORIES.—WHEREAS Robert C. Cashner threw a helluva party at the Joint Meeting in 1996, and

WHEREAS Bob has, once again, and despite great personal and professional adversity, thrown an equally successful party, and

WHEREAS by his own admission he has no recollection of either event,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH calls on all members to assist in recovering those lost memories, either through direct donation of extra brain cells or written, photographic, or audio records.

RESOLUTION FOR THE RETURN OF GREATNESS.—WHEREAS over a decade has passed since Royal Suttkus last attended the Joint Meetings, and

WHEREAS last year's meeting in Tampa was the first in many decades that Clark Hubbs was unable to attend,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH is thrilled and honored to see these great ichthyologists in our midst again.

RESOLUTION FOR THE PICNIC WEATHER.—WHEREAS in Norman the picnic was held indoors due to a tornado, and

WHEREAS in Tampa the picnic was held indoors due to Hurricane Dennis, and

WHEREAS in New Orleans there were no tornadoes and the only hurricanes were consumed on Bourbon Street, and

WHEREAS holding the picnic at the Swamp Exhibit afforded the opportunity for Bruce Collette to further develop and propagate his unique dance style,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH expresses its profound gratitude to the powers that be for sparing us this year and allowing the picnic to be held outdoors, WHERE IT BELONGS.

RESOLUTION FOR PERSEVERANCE.—WHEREAS the five steps of the main entrance of the Sheraton and the revolving door form an almost insurmountable obstacle, and

WHEREAS in the early hours one morning, a distinguished colleague, who shall remain nameless, was observed to hover motionless for an extended amount of time, hunched over, contemplating the enormity of this challenge, and

WHEREAS said individual was eventually able, after repeated attempts, to overcome this barrier and gain entry to the lobby of the Sheraton and was greeted with applause by those witnessing the struggle from the bar,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH salutes this colleague, and the many others who faced similar challenges over the last few days and nights, for exemplifying the perseverance that is necessary to achieve success as an ichthyologist or herpetologist.

RESOLUTION FOR THE AD HOC COPE-MARSH AWARD.—WHEREAS competition and public debate are essential to science, and

WHEREAS one of the most famous competitions and debates in the history of biological sciences involved Edward D. Cope and Othneil C. Marsh in the Dinosaur War, and

WHEREAS a new competition and debate has erupted, involving our distinguished colleagues David C. Cannatella and Darrel R. Frost, in what may come to be known as the Amphibian War,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASIH is proud to honor David C. Cannatella and Darrel R. Frost with the first ad hoc Cope-Marsh Awards. The winners were presented with appropriate ceremonial dolls.

PRESENTATION OF THE ROBERT K. JOHNSON AWARD

Larry called Bob Cashner, Chair of the Robert K. Johnson Award Committee to the podium to present the 2006 Robert K. Johnson award. The following is the text of Bob's presentation speech: The Robert K. Johnson Award was formalized by the ASIH membership during the 2004 meeting in Norman, Oklahoma. Bob Johnson was a very

dedicated ASIH member and devoted much of his time to improving the quality of our professional lives through his service to the Society. Bob served the ASIH as the editor of our journal *Copeia*, as the chair of the Long Range Planning and Policy Committee, and as Secretary. His legacy is large. Bob's development of the policy manual has been of enormous benefit for all those volunteers who govern the society. Constitutional changes in 2004 formalized the Robert K. Johnson Committee that is charged with the review of nominations. The Johnson Committee consists of three members with three-year terms and this year I served with Harvey Lillywhite and Frank McCormick. Each year a replacement member is elected to serve on the committee by the Board of Governors.

The award is given annually, and the first Robert K. Johnson Award was presented to Clark Hubbs in 2004. In even years the award is given to a deserving ichthyologist and in odd years the award is given to a deserving herpetologist. Last year's winner was Margaret McBride Stewart. This year's winner, like the previous two winners, also has a long and distinguished record of service to the society. This service includes such Herculean responsibilities as hosting an annual meeting of the ASIH before Kansas State Conference Services, and membership on numerous committees for the Society over the past 36 years, including the Time, Place, and Program Committee and Chairing the Nominating Committee.

There are over 90 publications listed in the winner's current curriculum vitae, and the winner is well known for an encyclopedic knowledge of North American fishes and taxonomic histories. Thus the selection for membership on the Joint AFS-ASIH Committee on Common and Scientific Names and election to the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award Committee are based on his expertise and well deserved reputation. I consider this year's winner a good friend and wonderful colleague, who freely gives time, direction, encouragement, and information to fledgling ichthyologists and other students of fishes.

The awardee has been a member of the Board of Governors, starting in 1970 with near continuous service to the present time by virtue of holding several major offices in ASIH. This year's winner served as Index Editor and then as Secretary, with nearly a decade in each office. Election to President soon followed. Our winner of the 2006 Robert K. Johnson Award is known for always being helpful and committed to the betterment of the ASIH. It is my pleasure to present this year's award to **Carter R. Gilbert**.

PRESENTATION OF THE HENRY S. FITCH AWARD

Larry called on Al Savitzky, Chair of the Henry S. Fitch Award Committee, to come forward to make the presentation of the 2006 Henry S. Fitch Award. The following is the text of Al's speech: The Henry S. Fitch Award for Excellence in Herpetology recognizes an individual for their lifetime body of research

in any area of herpetology and for other contributions to our community. This year's Committee consisted of Julian Lee, Brad Shaffer, and myself.

Before presenting this year's award, the Committee wishes to note with great sadness the passing of the first recipient of the Henry S. Fitch Award, A. Stanley Rand. Stan Rand was an outstanding colleague and a dear friend to many of us here, and we miss having him among us this year.

The 2006 recipient of the Henry S. Fitch Award was chosen from among seven nominees, and the Committee's task was a difficult one. We have selected an individual who, like both Henry Fitch and Stan Rand, has devoted his professional career largely to the study of amphibians and reptiles at one highly productive field site. He is a leading authority on the ecology and natural history of amphibians and reptiles of southeastern North America, the author of over 200 peer-reviewed publications, and the author or editor of 15 books. He has served on countless boards and committees, including the Board of Governors of ASIH, and served as President of the Herpetologists' League. He has served as the advisor or co-advisor for an astonishing 42 graduate students.

In addition to his renowned scholarly work on the ecology of amphibians and reptiles, he has been heavily involved in public education and conservation, in which capacity he has written over 200 newspaper columns and several books for lay readers. Recently he played a pivotal role in the establishment of Partners in Amphibian and Reptile Conservation, PARC, which provides many of us with hours of recreational email triage every day.

For his many contributions to the study of amphibian and reptilian biology and to the conservation of the global herpetofauna, please join me in recognizing the 2006 recipient of the Henry S. Fitch Award for Excellence in Herpetology, **J. Whitfield Gibbons**.

PRESENTATION OF THE ROBERT H. GIBBS, JR. AWARD

Larry then called Joe Nelson to the podium to present the Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Award for 2006. The following is the text of Joe's presentation speech: It is a pleasure for me to present this year's award to an outstanding ichthyologist. Ichthyology is alive and well as we have seen with the wonderful talks at this meeting. These are very exciting times. Our thanks to all those who have submitted nominations for the Gibbs award.

The Robert H. Gibbs, Jr. Memorial Award for Excellence in Systematic Ichthyology is presented by the ASIH to a citizen of a Western Hemisphere nation (the Americas) for "an outstanding body of

published work in systematic ichthyology." The award is offered annually and consists of a plaque and a cash award [and this year—a polite but reserved hug!].

The award is in memory of Bob Gibbs (1929–1988), a truly wonderful person. I encourage all young members to read Bob's obituary in *Copeia* for 1989 written by Vic Springer and Bruce Collette.

The first winner of the Gibbs Award was Bruce B. Collette in 1989. This year's award committee consisted of David Greenfield, Carter Gilbert, and myself as Chair.

A supporter of this year's winner said, "I can't recall any question that I had about fish that he couldn't answer."—gee I hate that—your job as the audience after my announcement is to plaster this bloody know-it-all with questions!

This year's winner has published primarily on tropical acanthomorph fishes. So if you have spent your life's work on lake trout in Arctic Canada stay in your seat—you aren't winning anything here tonight in New Orleans. The winner has done postdoctoral work at the Smithsonian, but also at another National Museum in North America (now audience, let's see, how many countries does that leave in?)—then went off to South Africa for several years. But, now listen carefully, the winner lives south of the 49th parallel! This year's winner, when not supervising students and showing off his bloody knowledge, etc., is either doing woodwork, working with stained glass, taking photographs (like that's a hobby requiring any skill), playing golf [indeed, our winner played golf this morning, thereby missing the entire morning session in systematic ichthyology relevant to his area], or off collecting in tropical marine localities. This year's winner shares a research interest with the Emperor of Japan—gobies—but is also well known for work on tetraodontiforms.

The winner is a truly outstanding ichthyologist whose research, such as his pioneering work in myology and in fish systematics, his peers and the committee greatly value, a fellow Canadian from far east of me at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto, Ontario—please join me in congratulating Dr. Richard ['bizzz kachick kachick'] Winterbottom.

Congratulations, Rick—I know what a thrill it is to have this award bestowed on you by your peers.

Larry then called on Rick Mayden to invite us to attend the 2007 meeting and we hope to see all of you in 2007 in St. Louis. Following the invitation from Rick, the banquet was adjourned at 2101 h.

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen A. Donnelly
Secretary