

**National Association of Biology Teachers
Four-year College and University Section
Annual Business Meeting, October 14, 2011
Anaheim California**

At 7:15 AM, Section Chair, Eileen Gregory called the meeting to order with a Welcome to Members and an Acknowledgement to Jacki Reeves-Pepin and the hotel staff for setting up what was to be a splendid breakfast.

This was immediately followed by approval of the agenda. Liz Cowles motioned to approve the agenda and Steve Christenson seconded the motion. Membership approval of the Agenda was unanimous.

Gregory next called for the approval of the minutes from the 2010 Business meeting; the motion to approve was made by Emily Walter and was immediately seconded by Amanda Orenstein.

After recognition of the current Four Year Section Board and past chairs was made, Gregory thanked the sponsors for their support of the Four Year College and University Section. The sponsors recognized were John Wiley & Sons (reception and poster session), Vernier (student poster and travel awards), Pearson/Benjamin Cummings (Four Year College and University Teaching Award), Holbrook Travel (Professional Development Symposium) and Leica Microsystems (Four Year College and University Research in Teaching Award)

Review of Reports: Eileen noted that committee sign-up sheets were distributed at the tables.

- Awards Committee – Bill Kroen introduced this year’s winners
 - Dr. James Krupa, Four Year College Teaching Award for his work entitled “Scientific Method, Evolution and the Ivory Billed Woodpecker”.
 - Dr. Erin Baumgartner, Four Year College Research in Teaching Award for her work entitled “Assessment of Learning in Biology Novices”.
- Biology Education Research Committee – Teddie Phillipson-Mower noted the Four Year College and University Research Symposium had successfully been presented on Thursday with presentations by Jason Wiles (Syracuse), Jacqueline Rojas (Cal. State –Fullerton) and Denise Boyd (Santa Ana College), Chris Emdin (Columbia University), and Tom Lord (Indiana University of Pennsylvania). The final presenter was this year’s research in teaching award winner Erin Baumgartner (Western Oregon Uni).
- Convention Planning Committee – Steve Christenson noted that there were 34 posters at this year’s meeting, up quite a bit from previous year. The winner of this year’s poster session was Luke Blacquiere of California State University, Fullerton. Luke’s poster was titled: Development of a Diagnostic Test Assessing Student Conception of Evolutionary Trees. Steve also announced that WH Freeman is no longer contributing to the breakfast meeting and a new sponsor is being sought.
- Faculty Development Committee – Neither Jacqueline (Jackie M.) McLaughlin nor Kim Sadler were able to attend. It was reported that Jackie M. was going to step down from the committee next year (2012), and throughout her last year as co-chair she will work to find a qualified replacement. It was also mentioned that the committee had prepared a healthy agenda for the International Program session. Jackie M. will be beginning a new post as chair of NABT's new Global Perspectives Committee and working to move NABT forward in this important realm.
- Graduate Student Committee – Emily Walter invited everyone to the graduate student symposium/workshop on the future. All college faculty are invited to network with the students and peruse their CVs at the symposium at 4:00 pm. It was also announced that the Vernier Travel Award of 2011 was presented to Julia Snyder of Syracuse University. Julia’s paper was titled Peer-Led Team Learning in Introductory Biology: Effects on Critical Thinking Skills.

- **Historian – Jean DeSaix did not present a report. It is noted by the Secretary/Treasurer that a brief history of the Four Year College and University is contained in the NABT Section Program Brochure and posted on the Section website.**
 - **Nominations Committee – President Gregory acknowledged that, due to the absence of the chair, Janet Halderman, there would be no report from that committee.**
 - **Membership Committee – The position of Chair of this committee is currently vacant – no report was given.**
 - **Publicity Committee – Gregory announced that the Section is still without a Web-Master and encouraged members to consider chairing this committee.**
 - ***Ad-Hoc* First year Undergraduate Biology Committee – Gregory noted that the executive committee had recommended the continuance of this committee for another year and that the work of the committee has been published in *ABT* (Jan. 2011) and *JMBE* (May 2011)**

Old Business

- **Tom Lord introduced Kim Sadler who was nominated by the Nomination committee as the next Secretary/Treasurer of the Four Year College and University Section. Members were then asked if there were any nominations for the position from the floor; hearing, none Kim was elected unanimously by the membership to the position and will begin her succession to the Four Year College and University Section Chair in 2014.**
- **Gregory requested Section members to consider serving on national NABT committees. Members willing to serve should email Jacki Reeves-Pepin at jreevespepin@nabt.org**

New Business

- **Proposal to update and amend the by-laws.**
 - **Cheesman noted several changes in the Four Year College and University Section By-Laws. Please refer to the By-Law Changes document for details**
 - **Don French motioned, Rob Loeb seconded, that the *Ad Hoc* First Year Undergraduate Biology Committee be accepted as an ongoing committee in its own right. After much discussion, a vote of the membership approved the motion 38 for and 0 opposed.**
 - **The proposed and amended by-laws were approved by a unanimous voice vote.**
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- **Members were reminded of the committee meetings the next morning**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:02 am.