

IASNR Annual Meeting
July 7, 2009

Attendance: 38 including Council Members.

Council Member Present: Matt Carroll, Kathy Halverson, Al Luloff, Rick Krannich, Maria Ninjik, Stephanie Malin, Linda Kruger

Suggestion made by Gaby Hoebart that we changed the name from Business Meeting to IASNR Annual Meeting.

Krannich began by introducing Council members present and provided an overview of Council membership and terms of service. The Council has 13 members with voting rights, which includes the Executive Director, Secretary, and Treasurer, who serve four-year terms. In spring 2010, IASNR will conduct Council elections for four members and one student member. He called for nominations and explained procedures for conducting the election. He encouraged self-nomination, and the nomination committee will strive to maintain balance by paying attention to academia and non-academia differences and member interests (e.g., disciplines) to have a broadly representative council. There is also an effort to find non-North American Council members; currently there is one such member.

Rick also explained that Al Luloff, Penn State, had previously held both the Secretary and Treasurer positions. Jerry Vaske, Colorado State, and Jim Finley, Penn State, will fill these positions respectively.

Luloff provided a membership report. There are 636 members in IASNR. The current known participation for the Vienna meeting is 393 and should come in at about 410 – about on the budgeted number. Financially, the organization is in good shape. For a nascent organization, the finances are solid. The balance sheet shared was for 2008. There was a question about distribution of members. In response, Luloff explained there will be an electronic directory available on line. The majority of the members are North American (NA) – the ratio of others is changing. Krannich added that membership ebbs and flows by conference location. The last three meetings have been in North America, and this changed the membership composition. Currently, the membership distribution is about 65% NA, and 35% from elsewhere. At this meeting, less than 100 attendees are from NA. Luloff then explained the budget process for ISSRM and IASNR.

Journal Operations: Tom Beckley – no major changes since he took over. The impact factor has gone up in 2008. The subscription rate is about 98% for this year. There are problems related to operating the Journal. One of these is the number of manuscripts submitted this year (300+); as a result, the Journal will move to 12 issues annually. The acceptance rate currently is about 33%, but will like drop. The publication backlog is now about 14 months. All manuscripts are currently submitted through Manuscript Central electronically. He encouraged folks to sign-up to become a reviewer and complete the keyword process. He is looking for European reviewers. A member asked if a pdf of

accepted papers could be sent to authors. This is not done right now. Another question related to provide some “pre-reviews” to authors.

Membership Committee: The New Members Meeting is a relatively new effort and was well-attended last evening. The other member service effort is the Mentor Program, which needs member participation. The recommended commitment as a mentor is a suggested one hour per month. We have about 15 mentors connected with students and currently looking for about seven additional mentors.

The on-line membership directory has been held back because of the need to have the capacity of members to “opt out” for having their names and materials on line.

Student Activities: Malin conveyed there was strong support for the very successful Student Forum with about 30 students attending. She thanked those who supported the Forum. The Student Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday at noon at this meeting and invited new members to attend the session. There was a question about student membership fee. It is \$60 for membership and journal and \$35 without the journal. There was also a successful Quiz Bowl and Taylor and Francis provided \$300 to award students for their participation.

Upcoming Meetings: 2010 Corpus Christi, June 6-9 (Monday through Thursday). Icebreaker on Monday. Website will launch in the next couple of weeks. If anyone is interested in volunteering to help with the conference, Gene will accept any and all help. Gene asked for any leads on funding.

A question was asked about the possibility of webcasting sessions especially for those who might be unable to attend the physical site. The issue relates to funding support and obtaining travel visas. This would contribute to “greening” the conference. It would not have to be available for all the sessions, but at least a few and may allow the IASNR to collect some fees and membership. Beckley supported the idea of having something like a regional meeting “attached” to the international meeting. Another comment related to the loss of face to face interactions. There was further support because of the difficulty of obtaining visas especially for North American venues– people need to apply early.

Future Meetings:

2011 Malaysia

2012 North American location anticipated

2013 Possibly in South America

Open Forum:

1. Is it necessary to have printed version of the Journal, could it go electronic? The Journal is held by Taylor and Francis and it is their decision. The institutional subscriptions are the real supporter of the Journal and they need libraries to support the process.
2. Could IASNR create a process for providing invitations to meetings through a website? This would facilitate obtaining visas to attend meetings.

The meeting closed with Krannich passing the “official” pen to Luloff as the incoming Executive Director.