

The Academy of Leisure Sciences

Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Meeting
Wednesday, November 2, 2011
McCormick and Schmicks Restaurant, Atlanta
11:30am-1:30 pm

MINUTES

President Diane Samdahl opened the luncheon meeting by welcoming everyone.

President Samdahl thanked the following 2010-2011 officers:

Past President: Linda Caldwell
President-Elect: David Scott
Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Stewart
Historian: Mark Havitz
Nominations and Elections Committee: Deb Jordan and Linda Caldwell
Future Scholars Committee: Lynn Jamieson, Deb Kerstetter, Erik Rosegard
(NRPA representative), and Diane Samdahl
Future Scholars Program Endowment Fundraising: Doug Kleiber

President Samdahl asked for **Standing Committee Reports**

- Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Bill Stewart provided a current financial statement (attached). He stated that the Academy continues to be in a favorable position and thanked the Fellows for their commitment to the leisure scholarship community. He also thanked both Sagamore and Venture Publishing for their contributions to the Future Scholars Endowment Funds, \$500 and \$250 respectively. Bill Stewart indicated that the Academy savings account will be used as a holding account for the Teaching Institute seed funds; he noted the \$4953.62 line item connected with the institute funds.
- Future Scholars Endowment Fund Report – Doug Kleiber provided a current update on the FSEF, noting that the target was \$80,000 by the end of 2011, however he would like to increase this target to \$120,000 to provide an endowment large enough to provide a sustainable flow of funds for four or more annual future scholars in the future. Doug also noted that he is still working on securing corporate sponsorship, and will remain as the treasurer for the FSEF until the target is reached.
- Nominations and Elections Committee Report—Deb Jordan recognized the following duly elected officers for 2011-12:

President: David Scott
Past President: Diane Samdahl
President-Elect: Alan Ewert
Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Stewart
Historian: Karla Henderson

- ALS Future Scholar's Committee – Diane Samdahl noted this meeting as the 20th anniversary of the first Future Scholar program. Diane recognized Ingrid Schneider as being one of the first Future Scholars who is now being inducted into the Academy. Diane thanked the 2011 Future Scholar's Committee of Lynn Jamieson, Deb Kerstetter, and Erik Rosegard (from the Education Network).

Recognition of 2011 Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars:

Jenny Roemer (Colorado State University, supported by Jerry Vaske)

Emily Pomeranz (Oregon State, supported by Mark Needham)

President Samdahl recognized the newly appointed Future Scholar's Committee for 2012: Ingrid Schneider, Deb Kerstetter, and Diane Samdahl (administrator)

President Samdahl then introduced the **Academy Old and New Business**

- The status of the ALS website was provided. Ed Jackson was a longtime force behind the maintenance of the website. When he retired, this function disappeared. Tony Tinsley fortunately has taken over this function and has volunteered to reconstruct the website after its crash of last year. The loss of the website has been impetus to review the state of the Academy's records, including membership lists, year of induction, current position, and so forth. Diane urged all Fellows to review the website (<http://academyofleisuresciences.com>), and provide Tony Tinsley (tinsley@siu.edu) with any updates on their biosketches.
- President Samdahl also recognized that the ALS constitution indicates that all active members can vote, and that a quorum is defined as 1/3 of all active members. President Samdahl noted that the term "active" is not defined in the Constitution, and this is problematic when calculating the quorum. She indicated that she will propose a change to the Constitution to define Active as Fellows who pay the annual dues; members who do not pay dues would be classified as Honorary. Retired Fellows who wish to remain active would pay a reduced annual membership fee.
- Approval of the 2012 Nominations Committee of Deb Jordan, Kim Shinew, and Diane Samdahl – Larry Allen moved that the nominations committee be approved, Bill Stewart seconded the motion. Motion unanimously passed.
- Approval of motion to change the constitution, referred to as "PROPOSAL A Constitution revision proposed by Dustin-Henderson-Scott." Bill Stewart facilitated the voting process for this motion. The proposal calls for expanding the membership of the Academy to include other scholars and/or educators committed to the intellectual advancement of our field (see attached PROPOSAL A). This requires specific changes to the constitution. The major effect of these changes is to open up the membership to non-Fellows. Members and Fellows would be allowed to hold office. This proposal, discussion, and voting was conducted both online and during the business meeting, and requires approval by 2/3 of the membership (see attached text of email as the call for votes). An additional proposal, with the similar objectives of opening membership of ALS, was also presented and discussed via the same process, and is referred to as

“PROPOSAL B--New association proposed by Samdahl” (see attached PROPOSAL B). As per Roberts Rules of Order, if PROPOSAL A passes, PROPOSAL B will be withdrawn. Bill Stewart appreciated the seriousness in which members voiced opinions via the online discussion regarding the proposal to change the constitution. He read the vote tallies on PROPOSAL A: 45 yes votes, 14 no votes, and 1 abstain, for a total of 60 Fellows voting. Because Proposal A passed, the vote for Proposal B was not revealed.

- Induction of New Fellows

Marcia Carter, Western Illinois University (introduced by Jean Keller)
 Karen Fox, University of Alberta (introduced by Karla Henderson)
 Bryan McCormick, Indiana University (introduced by John Dattilo)
 Ingrid Schneider, University of Minnesota (introduced by Kim Shinew)
 Jerry Singleton, Dalhousie University (introduced by Stuart Schleien)

- Induction of New Officers

New President’s Statement

President David Scott thanked the Past-President Diane Samdahl and other officers for their service this past year. President Scott asked for a show of hands of any founding members, and recognized Joe Bannon in the audience. He welcomed the Future Scholars, and stated there would be a number of changes occurring with the ALS this year, indicated a transition team has already been established, and encouraged all members to participate in the coming new phase of the Academy.

Adjournment

The 2011 Future Scholars

Jenny Roemer (Colorado State University, supported by Jerry Vaske) grew up in Sarasota, Florida before moving to Colorado to attend Colorado State University in 2006. After completing her undergraduate degree in 2010, Jenny remained at CSU to pursue her master’s degree in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources. Her current research interests address the emotional dimension of human-wildlife interactions, and she is also studying visitor satisfaction using data collected from various National Park Service (NPS) units. During the summer, Jenny has worked as an interpretive ranger for the NPS at Grand Teton National Park in Wyoming. Contact: jmroemer@rams.colostate.edu

Emily Pomeranz (Oregon State, supported by Mark Needham): Emily received her B.S. in Recreation Resource Management and History from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is currently working on her M.S. in the Department of Forest Ecosystems and Society at OSU where her thesis research explores the attitudes and perceptions of commercial guides and outfitters, government agency personnel, and local residents toward voluntary collaborative codes of conduct and standards for tourism management in the Tracy Arm-Fords Terror Wilderness in southeast Alaska. In the future she would like to further study collaboration as a managerial tool for addressing recreation and tourism issues faced by gateway and natural resource-dependent communities. Contact emily.pomeranz@gmail.com

TEXT OF EMAIL REQUESTING VOTE ON CHANGES TO THE ALS CONSTITUTION:

From: Academy of Leisure Science [mailto:ALS-L@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU] On Behalf Of Stewart, William P

Sent: Saturday, October 15, 2011 11:53 PM

To: ALS-L@LISTSERV.UGA.EDU

Subject: ALS membership vote on two proposals

Fellows,

Two proposals have been put forward to Fellows of the Academy of Leisure Sciences suggesting different strategies for creating a new professional organization for academics and scholars in leisure studies.

If you are receiving this email, you are eligible to vote. The online poll is open from now until 5:00 pm October 30. For those who do not vote online, in-person voting will take place at the ALS Business Meeting 11:30-2:00, Wednesday November 2, 2011 at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood Restaurant in Atlanta.

Proposal A put forth by Dan Dustin, Karla Henderson, and David Scott calls for expanding the membership of the Academy to include other scholars and/or educators committed to the intellectual advancement of our field. This requires specific changes to the constitution (see attached file labeled "PROPOSAL A Constitution revision proposed by Dustin-Henderson-Scott"). The major effect of these changes is to open up the membership to non-Fellows. Members and Fellows would be allowed to hold office.

Proposal B put forth by Diane Samdahl calls for establishing a new association under the auspices of the Academy but with semi-independent governance. If this proposal is approved, a task force would immediately be established to develop a detailed proposal that would come back to the Academy for final approval (see attached file labeled "PROPOSAL B--New association proposed by Samdahl").

Pursuant to Roberts Rules of Order, Proposal A was put forward first and therefore will be voted on first. Because it would change the constitution, Proposal A requires support from 2/3 of the voting Fellows. If Proposal A passes, Proposal B will be withdrawn. Proposal B is an action item that does not immediately change the Constitution; it needs a simple majority of votes to pass. Because we cannot anticipate the outcome of the vote on Proposal A, it is important to vote on BOTH proposals.

Results from the online ballot will be combined with the in-person votes from the meeting; therefore, it is necessary to identify your name on the online ballot. To access the online ballots, link to the following website: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6GMPBHN>

Regards,
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