

Alaska Entomological Society Meeting, January 30, 2021 - Minutes

**Annual meeting attendance:**

Todd Sformo

Taylor Kane

Elizabeth Graham

Derek Sikes

Roger Burnside

Susan Wise-Eagle

Isaac Davis

Alexandria Wenniger

Michael Baldwin

Curtis Knight

John Hudson

Mary Glenn

Jackson Audley

Renee Nowicki

Adam Haberski

Jessica Rykken

Steve Swensen

Janice Chumley

Bob Armstrong

Garret Dubois

Isaac Dell

Robin Andrews

Sayde Ridling

Sydney Brannoch

Jozef Slowik

Jessie Moan

Dan Bogan

Jillian Schuyler

Dana Brennan

Ed Holsten

Ben Diehl

1907\*\*\*\*480 ??

**Business meeting:**

Called to order: 2:05 pm

**Present:**

Alex Wenniger (President)  
Derek Sikes  
Roger Burnside (Treasurer)  
Taylor Kane (Secretary)  
Susan Wise-Eagle  
Kyle Callegari  
Michael Baldwin  
Garret Dubois  
Isaac Davis  
Jessie Moan  
Isaac Dell  
Dana Brennan  
Steve S  
Sayde Ridling  
Sydney Brannoch  
Robin Andrews (Vice President)  
Elizabeth Graham  
Matt Bowser

**Student Presentation winners:**

Oral, Taylor Kane  
Poster, Robin Andrews

**Announcements/Discussion:**

Derek Sikes:

- UAF dipterist postdoc announcement
- Online 5 week entomology course for children will be this semester, starting below spring with indoor insects (through Summer sessions at UAF).
  - Will send out email on listserve about this

Roger Burnside:

- Suggested 2 year terms for President, Vice President, or co-presidency
  - Not voted on. Terms will remain 1 year.

Motion by Elizabeth Graham: Move annual meeting to mid-week instead of weekend

- Seconded by Derek Sikes
- Suggested to not vote on, but poll members/listserve before scheduling meeting next year

Physical location next year (2022):

- Participants can Zoom in to in-person meetings
- Could do in person meetings in each city and Zoom w/ other cities

Dues:

- Should have target deadlines for dues payments/renewal
- Could post on Facebook page (~600 followers) to get more members
- Roger Burnside: Suggested 1st October send out a call for membership, follow up in December with a reminder about annual meeting, and one reminder after the annual meeting (early February)

T-shirt fundraiser:

- Proposed by Sydney Brannoch
- Could sell through website so there is no upfront cost for the Society
- Previous T-shirts sold through CafePress (not available anymore).
- Bonfire (on demand t shirts)
- Teespring or Custom Ink also options.

Promoting Society on Twitter:

- Sydney Brannoch will work on this

### **Roger Burnside: Treasurer's report**

2021: All dues came in via paypal. 34 people paid dues, 4 students, 30 regular memberships \$1,070, including \$110 in unspecified donations from 4 members. 3.8% in fees to paypal (\$41). Site costs: \$47.42 - 15 invoices. Currently have ~\$280 in checking at Northrim bank, total will have about \$6,698, \$277 will stay in checking. The society has money that could be invested in long term investments (probably not enough for it to be worth it though). Roger is not interested in being Treasurer for too much longer. If someone else is interested, they could help invest some of the society's money.

- Would be nice to have enough money to fund projects (Derek and Alex)
- Possibility of shared investment portfolio? Similar to State Society of Foresters - would need to be approved by Alaska state society. Would have the ability to get larger returns. Currently returning 8-10% (?) from 2017-2020. As long as society is a non-profit, investment gains are considered gross income, would have to stay under \$50,000 gross income for the year.
- Mikes Baldwin: would like to see possibilities for investment/brokerage presented, and what is the vision for what projects would be possible.
- Derek Sikes: Could UAF foundation be an option for the society? Easier in terms of management. Slower growth - UAF would take a cut of the earnings.
- Sayde Ridling: Could AKEntSoc have fundraising/outreach events that would raise money and make the public more aware of us (similar to seedling sale).
  - Roger Burnside: Should discuss possibility next year.
- Robin Andrews: UAF Student entomology club could restart and get funding through UAF.

- Derek Sikes: Difficult to get restarted during the pandemic.

#### **Review of last year's meeting minutes:**

Mike Baldwin print from last year:

- Derek posted on eBay, there was one bidder but they withdrew the bid before it was finalized. Did not sell.
- Derek will try to auction again, or will buy it himself.
- Sydney Brannoch: suggested posting it on Twitter/online entomological community

Science Fair awards 2020:

- Went smoothly this year for getting awards to students

Citizen Science project suggested last year: committee: Derek, Garrett, Kyle, Adam

- Looking at insect decline using Malaise traps?
- Engineering students at UAF working on Malaise trap for long term sampling
- Call for mosquito magnet samples went out, Derek will draft a protocol and send it to participants.

#### **Voting to approve last years minutes:**

- Roger Burnside moved to approve last year's minutes as presented. 11 voted to approve, none opposed.

#### **New Officers:**

- Dana nominated by Alex, seconded by Sydney.
- Motion to vote presented by Derek, seconded by Garret. 12 voted to approve, none opposed.
- Dana Brennan will be the president, replacing Alex Wenniger, all other officer members will remain the same.
- Sayde Ridling can step up and start to learn about being the Treasurer (unofficial assistant treasurer)
  - Derek, Sayde and Michael will all work with Roger to learn about account info/options

#### **Motion to end meeting: 3:38**

- Meeting ended