

NAS/IUSSI Officers

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Dear NAS members:

Here in Arizona the daytime highs have finally settled into the 90s. Clearly Fall has arrived, which means it is time for another scintillating newsletter chalk full of useful information. So break away from watching the latest presidential polls, find a warm place to nestle and put on those reading glasses (unless you are one of those young whippersnappers that don't need them yet).

First, I want to thank Tugrul Giray and Bert Rivera-Marchand for their work in organizing the breakaway conference in Puerto Rico. We had over 100 people in attendance, with an extraordinary turnout of students. There were also quite a few hyperactive cub scouts flitting about the camp that provided some interesting talking points during breaks, and necessitated the revival of the age-old tradition of covert NAS-IUSSI mixers. The talks were varied and intriguing and of notably high quality. This was also the first year that we implemented an award for the best student presentations. A highly esteemed panel of judges (Sara Helms Cahan, Juergen Gadau, Micheal Goodisman, Gard Otis, Olav Rueppell, Kirk Visscher and myself) selected Adrian Smith (ASU) and Brendon Mott (ASU) and for the best oral and poster presentations, respectively. Each winner received a hearty handshake, the admiration of their peers, and a \$100 check. Guess which of these three they preferred.

For those of you attending the Entomological Society of America in Reno, NV this year, I would like to remind you that there will be a meeting of the NAS/IUSSI at 7:30pm Tuesday, November 18. This will be in Room A8 of the convention center. Marla Spivak, the outgoing president, will be giving a brief presentation on her research. This will be followed by short (no really, I promise) business meeting, at which the

presidential election results will be announced (get me those last minute votes by Nov. 4) and then some socializing (covertly BYOB, I'll try to have super-secret snacks available).

Minutes of the NAS-IUSSI Business Meeting Camp Gaujataca, PR October 25, 2008

Attendance: ≈ 85 Call to order: 5:15 PM, by Marla Spivak

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Thanks to Tugrul Giray and Bert Rivera-Marchand for organizing the meeting.
- Reminder to vote for either Rebeca Rosengaus or John Wenzel as the next president-elect. Results will be presented at the ESA business meeting and later by email.

II. <u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u>:

INFLOWS				
Membership Dues		\$3146.00		
Donations		707.50		
Revenue from 2008 NAS-IUSSI Conferen		ence 11100.00		
TOTAL INFLOWS		\$14953.50		
OUTFLOWS		+ - - - - - -		
IUSSI International (Capitation fees)		1460.00		
Award plaque (2007 Nutting Award)		59.79		
Award Plaque		53.26		
Conference Costs		11850.00		
Student Travel Awards (34 @ \$100)		3400.00		
TOTAL OUTFLOWS		\$16813.50		
Net Income/Loss		- \$1860.00		
Balance Forward		\$7678.00		
REMAINING BALANCE		\$ 5818.00		
2007 Memberships	2008	Memberships		
Total Regular members:	107	Total Regular members:	112	+5%
Total Student members:	21	Total Student members:	68	+224%
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Household members:	4	Household members:	7	+75%

Nutting FundStart Value (Oct 31, 2007)\$22,156.00Contributions\$5,535.00End Value (Sept 30, 2008)\$21,022.12

Net Value Change -24%

III. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

TOTALS

The anonymous benefactor that initiated the Nutting Award fund has donated an additional \$5250 worth of stock. He has also offered to provide future donations to help grow the fund, however there are some stipulations. He would like the fund to managed more aggressively to promote a rapid increase in value. He would also like the nature of the award to be changed to research grant which would be larger than the current \$1000 recognition award. He would also like the funds to be overseen by a standing committee of Isopterists. Justin Schmidt suggested that if this last stipulation were adopted, then there should also be a non-voting non-isopterist that can advise in the selection process. This topic will be further discussed at the business meeting at the ESA conference.

Meeting Adjourned: 9 pm

I hope to see many of you a couple of weeks. And as usual, if you have any announcements you would like posted on the web, by email or in the quarterly newsletters, please let me know.

Cheers.

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