

Minutes of the "Pre-Business Meeting"
October 6, 1988

Present: Newly elected members of the Executive Committee John Krebs, President; Linda Partridge, President-elect; Hugh Dingle, Secretary; Martin Daly, Treasurer; Council members Arne Lundberg, Manfred Milinski, and Randy Thornhill; and members of the Organizing Committee Jerry Brown, Mart Gross, and Don Kramer.

Unable to attend: Council member Nancy Burley; organizing committee members Larry Wolf, Malte Andersson, and Geoff Parker.

The pre-business meeting was called to set the Agenda for the Business Meeting of the Society at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, October 6 and to discuss other matters that should be presented to the membership. The meeting was presided over by Don Kramer and the following matters were discussed:

1. An Agenda was developed for the evening Business Meeting.
2. Staffan Ulfstrand's offer to host the next meeting in Uppsala, Sweden in August, 1990 was accepted and an announcement put on the Agenda for the Business Meeting.
3. A list of the functions of the Society was presented by Mart Gross and was accepted for presentation to the Society.
4. After some discussion it was decided that membership dues covering the period between the Vancouver and Uppsala meetings would be \$5.00. Payment at the Registration Desk could be made in Canadian dollars and a membership form filled out. Payment by those not present at Vancouver will be in American dollars sent by check to the Treasurer or in Europe to a Bank Gyro to be established. Dues will be waived for those without access to the necessary currency, e.g., Eastern Europeans.

If and when a journal is established, dues will be adjusted to include subscription rate. Members paying the \$5.00 dues will receive the Society newsletter and meeting announcements.

5. There was a lengthy discussion of the various pros and cons of producing a journal for the Society and of possible formats, editorial arrangements, choice of publishers, and cost to members. A vote was taken among those present, and it was decided with only one dissenting vote to pursue the possibility of publishing a journal. It was also decided that suggestions for Editors and members of an Editorial Board would be solicited from those present at the Vancouver conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Dingle, Secretary.

Minutes of the Inaugural Business Meeting of the
International Society for Behavioral Ecology, Hotel
Vancouver, Vancouver, Canada,
October 6, 1988

The meeting was called to order by President John R. Krebs at 7:15 p.m. President Krebs expressed the Society's thanks to the local committee and to the organizing committee of Don Kramer, Jerry Brown, Larry Wolf, Mart Gross, Malte Andersson, and Geoff Parker. The newly elected Executive Committee was introduced.

President Krebs then announced the overwhelming vote by the membership to accept the Constitution and thus the establishment of the International Society for Behavioral Ecology.

In an opening discussion President Krebs reported on the deliberations of the pre-business meeting held during the afternoon as follows:

A) The functions of the Society were to be:

- 1) the production of a newsletter (including job announcements)
- 2) meetings, decisions, and organization of the membership
- 3) the possible publishing of a journal
- 4) the enhancement of the public profile of behavioral ecology
- 5) public relations
- 6) the generation and handling of funds
- 7) the fostering of links to other societies

B) On the question of a new journal, several issues were raised:

- 1) Was there a need? The answer seemed to be positive since a cheaper journal was needed for the field, it would provide a psychological boost to younger scientists, and it would establish the validity of behavioral ecology, e.g., in the job market.
- 2) On the financial side, it was likely that the journal would make money for the Society.
- 3) We would control editorial policy.

On the negative side:

- 1) There are already too many journals.
- 2) It might flop (which would damage the Society).
- 3) There is competition from other new journals.

Several other issues include:

- 1) Who would be the publisher?
- 2) What would be the editorial policy?
- 3) Would the language be English?
- 4) What would be the initial size?

President Krebs invited feedback from the membership on suggestions for Editors and Editorial Board (to be turned in at the Registration Desk) and discussed models for editing and possible types of publishing arrangements.

The question of a journal was then opened for discussion.

During the discussion several points were raised by members of the audience including when the journal might be brought on line (two years is a reasonable guess), and objection to "fleecing" libraries, the handling of suggestions for editor (they would be considered by the Executive Committee), the fact that the presence of "too many" other journals was likely to be a specious argument, and what the editorial policy might be (to be decided by the Executive committee after due deliberation).

It was then moved and seconded that the Executive Committee pursue the publication of a journal. The motion passed with an overwhelming vote by show of hands.

Information on progress regarding the journal will appear in the newsletter.

C) It was announced that the next meeting of the Society will be August 22-26, 1990 in Uppsala, Sweden and will be hosted by Staffan Ulfstrand. The organization is not yet set, and suggestions to Professor Ulfstrand or the Executive Committee are welcome.

There is already one offer for a 1992 meeting and the Executive Committee would like more offers so that it might consider options. Considerations include place, time, cost (both of meeting and travel), and duration.

D) It was announced that membership dues of \$5.00 will cover the period between the Vancouver and Uppsala meetings. An appropriate vehicle for payment by members not present in Vancouver will be announced in the newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Hugh Dingle, Secretary

The Executive Committee again met with the organizing committee following the Business Meeting. Topics of discussion included the journal, the next meeting of the Society, the newsletter, and procedures for determining future Executive Committees.

Journal

After some discussion, two prospective editors were identified plus some additional candidates as alternatives. It was decided the journal should have two editors, one located in the Eastern Hemisphere and one in the Western. Several publishers were also discussed. A large list of possible candidates for the editorial board was drawn up from suggestions made by the membership and the Executive Committee. An editorial board of about 15 members was considered about the right size. Considerations for the board included representation of different geographical areas, of various taxonomic groups, of theory and experimental or field work, and of methodologies.

A subcommittee of the Executive Committee consisting of John Krebs, Linda Partridge, and Randy Thornhill was appointed to pursue various details of a journal, including making contact with possible publishers and negotiating with them. These negotiations will include the two editors when they have been determined.

The following matters pertaining to editorial policy were then discussed:

Fields: The journal will encourage publication in all areas of behavioral ecology without constraint as to theory, empirical studies, or taxon.

First Issue: A special effort should be made to solicit good papers for the first issue. A good techniques paper would be especially welcome.

Format: In addition to major papers, a commentary section, a book review section (delayed to the second issue), and a high quality short communications section were considered desirable.

Name: First choice is Behavioral Ecology.

Style and Language: In English with author's choice on British vs. American spelling (although publisher will likely have input on this).

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes continued:

1992 Meeting

We have one volunteer and will solicit others so that the Executive Committee will have options. Some possible desirable locations were considered.

Newsletter: This will be edited by Treasurer Martin Daly. Correspondence should be addressed to him.

Succession: Officers will serve for two years and terms of council members will be staggered. The Executive Committee will appoint a nominating committee for new members.

Editorial Board: Terms will be decided by the Executive Committee plus the editors. It is likely one-third of the Board will turn over every two years.

A five-year term was suggested for the editors.

Membership: A membership form and instructions for paying dues will appear in the next newsletter.

Respectively submitted,
Hugh Dingle, Secretary

BEHAVIORAL ECOLOGIST

The Department of Zoology, University of Oklahoma, has a tenure-track position beginning in the Fall of 1989 at the Assistant or Associate Professor level for an ecologically-oriented animal behaviorist. The successful candidate will strengthen our graduate program in behavior and complement current faculty interests in the areas of ecology, evolutionary biology, or physiology. Preference will be given to candidates conducting experimental, field-based research and those using quantitative modeling techniques. Teaching responsibilities will include undergraduate and graduate courses in animal behavior.

Candidates must have: (1) demonstrated ability to conduct significant independent research as evidenced by publications; (2) demonstrated teaching ability, with interests in both graduate and undergraduate instruction; (3) a Ph.D. degree. Only candidates who meet these criteria fully should apply. Preference will be given to candidates with postdoctoral experience and with an interest in interdisciplinary scholarship.

Applications must include a complete curriculum vitae, reprints of published papers, a full description of research interests, and four letters of recommendation (which include evaluations of the applicant's ability and potential to fill this position, as described above). The application should also list the names and telephone numbers of the individuals asked to send recommendation letters. The best qualified candidates will be invited for a lecture-interview before a final selection is made. All application materials must be submitted before 15 December 1988.

Women & minority candidates are urged to apply.

Applications and requests for additional information should be sent to:

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