

National Association of Biology Teachers  
Four-year College and University Section  
Annual Business Meeting, November 2, 2012  
Dallas, Texas

At 7:55AM, section vice-chair, Kerry Cheesman, called the meeting to order with a warm Welcome to Members. He acknowledged the wonderful attendance because there were 60 members and award winners attending the buffet breakfast. He asked everyone to please put their name, affiliation, and email address on the blank rosters on tables.

This was followed by a motion for approval of the agenda and minutes from the 2011 Business meeting; the motion to approve was made by Jean De Saix and seconded by Bill Kroen. A minor correction to the minutes was noted on the spelling of Rob Loeb's name.

Kerry Cheesman recognized current executive officers (Eileen Gregory, outgoing chair; Tom Lord, incoming chair [not able to attend], Kim Sadler, secretary) and past executive officers of the board by asking them to stand. Sponsors were thanked for their support and if present, asked to stand: John Wiley (Reception and Poster Section), Vernier Software and Technology (Student Poster Award and Student Travel Award), National Science Foundation (Faculty Development Summit), Person/Benjamin Cummings (Biology Teaching Award), and Leica Microsystems and Pearson/Benjamin Cummings (Research in Biology Education Award).

The announcements of awards for high school/undergraduate/graduate students were presented by Steve Christenson, chair, Conference Planning. Steve thanked and recognized members of the planning committee that assisted with poster selection and judging. The winner of the graduate student travel award from Vernier Software and Technology was Lori Ihrig (Iowa State University) for her poster titled, "Changing Foundations of Human Physiology Students' Conceptions of the Nature of Science through Research and Reflection." The first place poster award went to Tess Rasmusen (Brigham Young University) for her poster titled, "Combinational PCR to Produce a Flexible Introductory Gel Electrophoresis Genotyping Lab Exercise." Second place went to Lori Ihrig, mentioned previously as the graduate student travel award winner and third place was awarded to Phillip Martoccia (SUNY Plattsburgh) and Christopher Petrillo (Champlain Valley Union High School).

Faculty awards were announced by Award section chair, Eileen Gregory. The winner of the Biology Teaching award: Annie Prud'homme Genereux (Quest University, BC, Canada). The winner of the Research in Biology Education Award: Josef de Beer (University of Johannesburg, South Africa).

Kerry Cheesman called for committee reports from section chairs and noted written reports will be available in the executive board meeting notes.

- Awards: Eileen Gregory, chair, invited members to nominate themselves or a colleague for the awards by the deadline of June 15.
- Biology Education Research: Kristy Halverson, co-chair, shared with the membership about the great turnout and the need for a larger space next year. She also mentioned about the blind review process and encouraged everyone to submit a paper or volunteer to serve as a reviewer.
- Conference Planning: Steve Christenson, chair, thanked his committee again, sponsors, and NABT for support.
- Faculty Development: Anneke Metz and Jackie McLaughlin, co-chairs, announced Vision & Change workshop to follow the business meeting and extended an invitation for membership

- Graduate Student: Carrie Jo Boyce, chair, announced graduate student workshop at 4:45PM in Pegasus A and invited faculty to mentor/assist with review of curriculum vitae.
- First Year Undergraduate: Eileen Gregory, chair, announced new co-chairs for the committee for 2013, Amanda Orenstein and Jane Ellis.

Kerry Cheesman asked everyone to PLEASE volunteer and list their intentions on the rosters on each table. He also encouraged those interested in a specific committee to attend section meetings on Saturday morning from 7:30 to 8:30AM in Pryor Crockett room. He included contact information for Jacki Reeves-Pippens to include membership on NABT (National) committees.

Jean De Saix, four-year section historian, reminded the membership this is the 75<sup>th</sup> year for NABT and an excellent time to be involved.

#### New Business:

- Nominations: in the absence of Jan Haldeman, Kerry Cheesman announced the position of secretary-treasurer, 2013-2015 is open and he received Steve Christenson's name as a nominee. He asked for other nominations from the floor. There were no other nominations proposed and a motion was made for Steve as secretary-treasurer (John Moore, first; Bill Kroen, second). Steve received a unanimous vote for the position to begin in 2013.
- First Year Committee: Jane Ellis asked all members to please respond to a survey related to the examination of non-majors introductory biology at a national level
- NABT 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Bob McGuire (on the History committee announced there are many events planned for next year)
- Jean De Saix asked for a special thanks from the membership for Kerry Cheesman's leadership this year for the section.
- Don French was also thanked for his leadership in representing NABT as president this year

The business meeting was adjourned at 8:32AM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Cleary Sadler, Secretary