

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Herpetologists' League

24 July 2009

Hilton Portland & Executive Tower, Portland, OR, USA

The meeting informally began at 18:00 with discussion of several pressing issues including strategies for increasing membership, increasing graduate student retention/involvement, and reducing meeting costs. Attendance at HL Business Meetings has been limited for the last few years and most people in attendance had previously attended the Board Meeting. Hence, there was little reason to report on votes taken at the Board Meeting nor to discuss most issues covered at the Board Meeting.

President Cundall brought the meeting to order at 18:40 when a quorum was reached by appointing past HL President Aaron Bauer as an acting member of the Board of Trustees.

Some unfinished business from the Board of Trustees meeting was conducted:

1) *A motion was made to approve the symposium proposal for \$2000. This was approved unanimously.*

Bauer pointed out that symposium proposals can be submitted requesting larger amounts of money. Moon brought up the idea of adding late-breaking symposia. Cundall noted that it could be difficult to do this based on the timing of the planning meeting and how it is organized, although he would express interest to the JMIH planning committee to incorporate late-breaking symposia. Mahoney suggested encouraging students to submit accessory talks related to sponsored symposia in order to encourage more student participation.

2) *A motion was made to encourage the archiving of data online. This was approved unanimously.*

There was a short discussion about printing instructions to authors in *Herpetologica* once a year.

The meeting was adjourned at 19:00.

Immediately following the meeting, outgoing President Cundall transferred the gavel to incoming President Heatwole.