

AES 2014 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, 26 Nov 2014

10:30 pm

Participants

Matt Symonds
Ben Fanson
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1. Review of previous minutes
 - No previous minutes to review
2. Financial report (Lee Ann Rollins, Treasurer)
 - AES assets at 1 Jan 2013 \$14,003,60
 - Income (conference registration and contributions) +\$47,900.00
 - Expenditure (conference, society maintenance) - \$43,449.22
 - **AES assets at 26 Nov 2014** **\$18,475.10**
3. Current membership (Kerry Fanson, Secretary)
 - *Determined by registration for conference*
 - # Academic members 77
 - # Student members 61
 - **Total members** **138**
4. Report of the society's activities
 - Organization of AES 2013 conference
 - Maintenance of AES website (managed by James O'Hanlon, Macquarie University)
 - Facebook group (527 members; managed by Megan Higgie, James Cook University)
5. Future plans
 - No AES meeting in 2015. There has been a long-standing agreement with the organizers of Behaviour2015 (conference of the International Ethological Society) that AES and ASSAB (Australasian Society for the Study of Animal Behaviour) will support and participate in that meeting and will not hold independent meetings in 2015.
 - The next AES meeting will be in 2017
6. Arrangement for election of officials for the society for 2015
 - Since there will be no AES conference in 2015 (and the primary job of the elected officials is to organize the conference), we suggest the current officials retain their positions until the Behaviour 2015 meeting, when the next AGM will be held.

7. Proposed involvement in Behaviour 2015 conference (to be followed up with organizers)
 - Hold the next AES annual general meeting and elect officials
 - Organize an AES-themed student symposium
 - o The symposium will be open to students enrolled at Australasian universities giving evolutionary biology presentations
 - o AES will pay conference registration fees for ~10 of the best abstracts (exact number to be determined when fee-structure announced)
 - o Symposium participants (at least sponsored ones) will be requested to write a short summary of their research and thoughts on the conference for the AES webpage.
 - Sponsor 2 student awards for best evolutionary biology presentation (1 talk and 1 poster; open to all students regardless of location)
 - Appoint a student board member
 - o Write a report about the conference
 - o Identify students (particularly in Australasia) who have just published research on evolutionary biology and ask them to write a blog about their research for the AES webpage
 - Spend up to \$4500 (revenue from AES 2013) to support the above activities at Behaviour2015
 - Once details of above arrangements have been finalized, notify AES members of opportunities via e-mail, webpage, and Facebook

8. Discussion of possible roles/expenditure for AES aside from society conference
 - See above
 - Initiate financial award program to support student participation in AES conferences (see Student Symposium/financial support above)
 - Appoint student board member to help identify student-driven evolutionary biology research to feature on the AES webpage

9. Succession planning and arrangements for AES 2017 conference
 - Arrange for transition at Behaviour2015
 - Contact a few people prior to the conference

10. Next AGM
 - August 2015 in Cairns at the Behaviour2015 conference