

AZNEV January 26, 2013 Meeting 10:00-11:45 AM Conference Call

Minutes

Members in attendance at phone conference: Rob Bowker, Boyd Campbell, Pedro Chavez, Karen Conzelman, Shafiu Jibrin, Bob McCord, Theo Manno, Pamela Marshall, Boris Poff, Doug Sims, and Florence Slater.

General welcome and phone connects

Call to order by Shafiu Jibrin, President

Old Business

ANNUAL MEETING (joint with Pacific Division of AAAS)

1. ANAS Logo for AAAS-There was a brief discussion regarding changes to the web-acquired logo for AAAS. A significant problem with this logo was that it was taken from a web site and as such cannot be enlarged. This logo becomes badly pixilated if enlarged, but at small size might work. It was decided to send it anyway to Roger Christiansen, the contact person for the AAAS meetings in Las Vegas and see if it was adequate for their needs.
2. Pacific Division Newsletter's request for info about ANAS to include: Pam sent sample copy of their newsletter to board. Shafiu had previously written a short blurb about the ANAS and sent it off. It was unclear what that would be used for and whether they were looking for additional info from us for their newsletter. Bob McCord was designated to contact Roger Christiansen for further direction.
3. Example of abstracts. Pam sent an example of abstract for Pacific Division Annual Meeting to board. Format is different from usual ANAS Proceedings. Decided we needed to get it linked to AZNEV web site. Florence Slater said that it should also be sent to last year's section chairs. April 18th is the deadline for submission of abstracts of posters or papers.
4. Registration Fees: Early registration: \$95 for professionals and \$35 for students (for entire meeting). Registration on site is \$125 at the AAAS meetings.
5. Session info. There was discussion as to how traditional AZNEV sessions would be aligned with those available at AAAS meeting. Apparently ANAS hydrology group did not decide to organize a session, Would Hydrology submit to Earth Sciences section chair? Paleontology in with Geology? Would our members know which session chair should receive their abstract? Pam Marshall had proposed symposium but it apparently will be cancelled due to lack of participation. She suggested that someone else (like hydrology) could possibly have that slot if they let organizers know right away.
6. Need for business meeting. There was a brief debate regarding the date for a business meeting, but June 17th (Monday) at 12:30 to 1:30 PM was the selected date and time, the first day papers are presented at the AAAS meetings. President elect Pam Marshall-will take over at the business meeting in June. We still need somebody to run for President elect.
7. Bob McCord will contact AAAS. Sessions should be organized and unconflicted in an attempt to get better attendance. Bob will also work on a draft

for Fellows Certificate. Doug Sims stated his interest to be involved with AZNEV.

New Business

1. Student Travel Grants.

a. There was general consensus that travel grants previously discussed were something we wanted to pursue. Discussion as to amount to award. Registration fees usually funded by reimbursement accounts/grants at early registration rate (however in this case since early registration ends so soon after abstract submission due date, it is likely that students will not know if their paper had been accepted or not). Since we won't be giving "best student paper" awards at this meeting, that money could be allocated to this. Another possibility would be to use some of the research grant money/scholarship money that has not been awarded (due to lack of applicants)

b. There is likely some money to fund this endeavour, but that money is not specifically allotted for in the budget. Karen Conzelman will provide an estimate of funding that might be available for these grants and awards.

c. There was the question of who should be funded. The consensus seemed to be: student who is presenting and either student or mentor should be member of the academy.

d. The procedure for grant application should be kept simple: Abstract, summary paragraph of why they want to go and present at the meeting, and must be early registered. Pedro Chavez volunteered to receive those applications. Pamela Marshall and Florence Slater offered help to Pedro during this process. They will put together specific criteria. Boyd Campbell will announce these grants with "membership dues" reminder to be sent soon.

2. No proceedings this year. It was decided that a miniproceedings would be published in light of there being no stand-alone AZNEV meetings this year. Something should be published to make sure subscribers know the academy is still alive. Discussed whether we could publish abstracts of those presenting in Las Vegas, but Pam pointed out that she thought that was a violation of their copyright. Florence will put together. Plans are to include a president's report, summary of the Las Vegas (who from AZNEV presented and won awards) event, awards or grants, and officers' reports.

3. JSTOR.

a. Karen is currently the contact person for JSTOR. She had previously sent the board info from JSTOR about a new program they are offering that allows individuals (without institutional subscription to JSTOR) access to limited number of articles at a time as well as the opportunity to purchase individual articles. Per memo from JSTOR rep, JANAS had over 20,000 "turnaways" in 2011 (individuals interested but unable to access). It was moved that we participate in JSTOR's new program in an attempt to increase ANAS visibility and citation. Also has the possibility of increasing revenue from JSTOR by selling pdfs of individual articles and journals.

b. Need to set a purchase price. Discussed how our back issues are currently priced at only \$6 whereas a subscription (two issues) costs library \$40. Another motion was also made to increase the purchase price for one of the past AZNEV journals from \$6 to \$25 (either hard copy or through JSTOR) and set single article price at \$5 each. Pam suggested that perhaps it was time to get rid of our collection of very old back issues since everything has now been digitized on JSTOR and storage space for them is not readily available (especially as current holders get close to retirement age). It was suggested that we hold on to hard copies of last year or two for late subscribers, lost mailings, and special requests (particularly since JSTOR's holdings have a moving wall [as an archive they don't have the last year or two of publications – BioOne does])

4. Membership list update?

a. Shafiu wanted a membership list update. Boyd Campbell will add e-mail addresses to mailing address list he is currently putting together. . Eight PayPal paid members don't seem to have mailing addresses; these will be added by Pamela Marshall. There was also discussion of problem with deceased lifetime members where often we don't know about their death and until we know they remain on the active mailing list.

b. It was also discussed about including earlier (2011) membership lists. Theo Manno was hoping to access this membership list and reach out to more potential members in the Tuscon region. All members of the committee should receive a copy.

c. The web page should be updated with a 2013 calendar. A motion was made and accepted that the 2004 directory should be deleted from the web site.

5. Membership dues. Reminder notices go out this weekend. We won't have an opportunity to collect dues at meeting. It was suggested that we ask to set up an AZNEV table at the June meetings and make fliers (with information about the AZNEV) available to interested parties. Pamela volunteered to handle arrangements for the table. The cost of the fliers will be investigated by Theo and Karen.

6. JANAS Tony Brazel sent electronic report. Volume 44(1) is done and 44.2 almost done. We need people to encourage active submissions and also need reviewers. Pedro and Doug volunteered to review.

7. Treasurer's report-Karen presented draft of 2012 Treasurer's report.

8. Science Olympiad-March 2nd-Karen reminded group of this event and suggested that volunteers would be welcome.

9. Format of future board meetings: Pamela Marshall asked whether we wanted to continue to meet by conference call or face-to-face? Consensus seems to be to stay conference call. Worked pretty well and attendance was high. Explore possibilities of ways to share/store documents (Adobe Connect, wiki) and possibility/desirability of a Skype or other video conference call.

Submitted by Rob Bowker, Interim Recording Secretary