

Fellows of the Academy of Leisure Sciences

Fellows of the Academy of Leisure Sciences Annual Meeting
Thursday, October 18, 2012
Mix Restaurant, Anaheim, CA
11:30am-1:30 pm

MINUTES

President David Scott opened the luncheon meeting by welcoming everyone.

President Scott thanked the following 2011-2012 officers and committee members:

President Elect: Alan Ewert
Past President: Diane Samdahl
Secretary-Treasurer: Bill Stewart
Historian: Karla Henderson
Nominations and Elections Committee: Deb Jordan, Diane Samdahl, and Kim Shinew
Future Scholars Committee: Diane Samdahl, Bob Barcelona, Deb Kerstetter, and Ingrid Schneider
Membership Committee: Lowell Caneday, Kim Shinew, and others
Best Graduate Student Paper Award: Fran McGuire and Dan Williams
Future Scholars Program Endowment Fundraising: Doug Kleiber

Noting the number of guests at the luncheon, President Scott asked for a round of introductions where each person identified themselves and their affiliation.

President Scott asked for **Standing Committee Reports**

- Secretary-Treasurer's Report – Bill Stewart provided a current financial statement (attached). He stated that the Academy continues to be in a favorable position and thanked the Fellows for their commitment to the leisure scholarship community, and to the increase in revenue due to expanding membership. Bill Stewart characterized many of the expenses this past year were incurred due to "opening-up" the ALS to general membership and the need to professionalize academy business operations (i.e., website development, stationary, membership cards, membership software), sponsored additional events like the ALS social and the social justice symposium in May, and ALS leadership for student awards and best paper.
- Future Scholars Endowment Fund Report – In absence of Doug Kleiber who regretfully could not attend NRPA this year, Bill Stewart reminded Fellows that if they have made a pledge, to be sure to submit their payment.
- Nominations and Elections Committee Report—Deb Jordan recognized the following duly elected officers for 2012-13:

President: Alan Ewert

Past President: David Scott
 President Elect: Deb Jordan
 Treasurer: Bill Stewart
 Secretary: Ingrid Schneider
 Historian: Karla Henderson (appointed)

- ALS Future Scholar's Committee – David Scott noted this meeting as the 21st anniversary of the first Future Scholar program. Recognition of 2012 Lucille and Derby Dustin Future Scholars:

Hua Bai, University of Missouri, nominated by Sonja Wilhelm Stanis
 ALS Mentor: Myron Floyd

Gareth Jones, Temple University, supported by Brianna Clark
 ALS Mentor: Gary Ellis

Bronwen Valtchanov, University of Waterloo, supported by Diana Parry
 ALS Mentor: Lynn Jamieson

President Scott thanked the committee, and recognized the newly appointed Future Scholar's Committee for 2013: Ingrid Schneider, Deb Kerstetter, and Diane Samdahl (administrator)

President Scott then introduced the **Academy Old and New Business**

- President Scott thanked several Fellows who have played important roles in the development of the ALS website, including Ed Jackson and Tony Tinsley. He indicated that Sagamore Publishing has provided substantial technical support in revisions of the website this past year. Most of the revisions were related to establishing a user-friendly website for new members, including registration documentation, connection to Paypal, integration of MemberTies, a software designed for professional organization membership management, as well as back-up capabilities. President Scott thanked Sagamore, and stated that the ALS Executive Committee will continue to oversee Sagamore in their technical development and maintenance of the website.
- President Scott explained that the ALS has taken-over leadership of the LRS "best paper" award, and indicated that the LRS co-chairs make the recommendation.
- President Scott indicated that the Tourism Research Center of the Chinese Academy of the Social Sciences has requested an affiliation with the ALS. He is moving forward with this request as it will open-up avenues for dialogue between ALS and Chinese leisure scholars. There are no financial or resource obligations in the proposal for collaboration.
- President Scott stated that the ALS By-Laws do not state the existence of a nominations committee, yet there is a need for such a committee in the recruitment and nominations of ALS officers. Roger Mannell moved to give the ALS President the authority to appoint a committee, and Bryan McCormick seconded the motion. The motion was called to a vote, and unanimously approved.

- Induction of New Fellows

Jim Busser, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Introduced by David Scott on behalf of John Dattilo

Sherry Dupuis, University of Waterloo

Introduced by Roger Mannell

Heather Gibson, University of Florida

Introduced by Karla Henderson (and co-nominated with Doug Kleiber)

Bob Rossman, Professor and Dean Emeritus, Illinois State University

Introduced by Gary Ellis (and co-nominated with Peter Witt)

Bryan Smale, University of Waterloo

Introduced by Gordon Walker (and co-nominated with Bill Stewart)

- Gary Ellis announced that third annual NRPA Quiz Bowl that occurred on Wednesday, evening. It characterized it as an exciting forum to connect students, faculty, and professionals on the history of our field. He explained the need for sustained leadership on the coordination of the quiz bowl, including the need to recruit younger ALS members to assist in its coordination. Gary Ellis stated that, along with Bob Rossman, they have been coordinating the quiz bowl for the past three years, and there is a need to plan a transition in leadership for this NRPA event.

New President's Statement

President Alan Ewert thanked the Past-President David Scott and provided him with a plaque of gratitude for his service. President Ewert also thanked other officers for their service this past year. President Ewert pledged to expand efforts to connect with ALS Members and Fellows, and stated that frequent and careful communication among members is essential for a vibrant ALS. In addition, President Ewert indicated that the "science" in the Academy of Leisure Sciences was an important part of our tradition, and that his vision for moving forward was to emphasize the implications of leisure sciences – education, teaching, and research.

Adjournment

The 2012 Future Scholars

Hua Bai (University of Missouri). Hua earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Tourism Management from Beijing University in 2009. Her interest is on park use and parks' role in improving people's health and wellbeing. Contact: hbtgc@mail.missouri.edu

Gareth Jones (Temple University). Gareth earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Sport and Recreation Management at Temple University. He is interested in how participation in sport, recreation, and leisure contribute to social, physical, and psychological development and leadership skills among youth. Contact: Gareth.jones@temple.edu

Bronwen Valtchanov (University of Waterloo). Bronwen earned her Honours Bachelor of Arts in Women's Studies and Psychology at Waterloo University in 2011. She is interested in how adolescent girls from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds experience leisure and negotiate leisure constraints. Contact: bronwen.valtchanov@gmail.com

