

Minutes of the Business Meeting of the Herpetologists' League

25 July 2008

Le Centre Sheraton, Montréal, Québec, Canada

President Cundall brought the meeting to order at 16:10.

New Business:

The Board of Trustees had considered donating the proceeds of the 2008 live auction to the Joint Meeting fund. HL is basically in support of the proposal to financially unite the societies and would donate the auction money if accounting for the 2008 Joint Meeting is provided.

Other items as follows were informally discussed:

- The constitutional changes that will enable ASIH to support the meeting costs of its officers and editors, and the implications of this for a future Joint Meeting cost sharing agreement between the societies
- Whether or not HL should compensate its associate editors
- The finances of the Montreal Joint Meeting and previous Joint Meetings
- The issue of secrecy of the Joint Meeting finances and the effect it may have on future cooperation between the societies
- The relative expense of the Montreal Joint Meeting venue
- The possibility of the future merging of society finances in relation to the Joint Meeting
- The issue of the lack of formal structure for how the societies interact (currently the only formal interaction is through the Joint Meeting Management Committee)
- The upcoming World Congress of Herpetology meeting in Vancouver
- How membership attending the Joint Meeting counts, given that most attendees are members of multiple societies
- The need for the treasurers of the societies to meet before finances are merged for the Joint Meeting

Committee report:

Education Committee: Bevier noted that a new webpage will be up and running. Michael Dorcas will be compiling list of Joint Meeting awards to see which ones may apply to undergraduate students. The Education Committee will develop a herpetology teaching award. Currently this committee is a joint committee between HL and SSAR, and there is no current formal arrangement with the ASIH education committee, and this is being explored.

President Cundall adjourned the meeting at 17:25.