

National Block & Bridle Club
Annual Business Meeting
January 18, 2001
St. Louis, MO

President Hayden Brown called the meeting to order at 8:40 PM and asked all those attending to introduce themselves. Secretary/Treasurer Cindy Wood summarized the minutes from the meetings in Baltimore. Officers then gave the following reports.

President (Hayden Brown): There were eight entries for Outstanding Senior. The nominations have been judged and the three finalists determined, along with two honorable mentions. The deadline of June 1 is very strict because of publication deadlines for the Journal of Animal Science. Dr. Brown encouraged chapters to submit nominations. Criteria are on the web. Because of last-minute cancellations, scrapbook judges are needed for tomorrow.

Vice President (Harold Harpster): Dr. Harpster reiterated the difficulty in finding judges, and passed around a form for advisors to indicate what they would like to volunteer to judge. He said that there was one candidate for Outstanding Sophomore and 10 candidates for Outstanding Junior. Five awards will be given in that category. He also received 12 entries for activities, and deducted points for packets that arrived after the deadline.

Secretary/Treasurer (Cindy Wood): The Year-End Treasurer's Report is attached.

Editor (Jeannette Moore): Dr. Moore reminded everyone that a new Editor will be elected in November, and asked chapters to consider nominating someone. One of the duties of Editor is to publish a newsletter each spring and fall. She also has addresses of all chapters on the web, and encouraged people to check the web every once in a while to see what's new. Chapter abstracts are encouraged. They are put on the web, and are good ways to share information. Dr. Moore indicated that Published Yearbooks and Web Page awards were tough to judge this year. Finally, she encouraged chapters to send updates on officers and advisors to the Editor as needed.

Old Business

- 1) Dr. Fred Thrift gave an update on the 2002 Convention, which will be held in Louisville, KY Nov. 8-11, 2001 in conjunction with NAILE. Rooms at the Holiday Inn South have been booked at \$83.15/room. The schedule includes the following:
 - Nov. 9: Central Kentucky tour, including (tentatively) a riverboat cruise
 - Nov. 10: Sessions at the Fairgrounds, followed with a visit to Churchill Downs, a rodeo, and dance
 - Nov. 11: Breakfast program with awards and business meeting

2) Dr. Julia McCann reported that the convention hosted by the UGA chapter was a success financially. Because of late donations, she has a surplus of \$14,000+ for the national treasury.

3) Dr. Nevil Speer reported that this year's Beef CLLI class has been selected and will be announced at the banquet Saturday night. There were 13 nominees this year, with 10 recipients selected. The CLLI is funded by ASAS, NCBA, and National B&B, along with some financial support from each student's college or university. Because of the cost, other funding sources are being pursued as well. Because the national convention next year is in November, nominations will be needed by October at the latest. There were several questions asked. Dr. Speer indicated that nominees should be rising Seniors, with strong academic credentials, good letters of recommendations. Nominees must be members of Block and Bridle, but their academic major is open as long as the student's department was willing to support him/her financially.

New Business

- 1) Dr. Cindy Wood presented a proposal for the Virginia Tech chapter to host the 2003 Convention in the DC area. Some advisors would prefer January, but March would work. Fred Thrift so moved, seconded by Shelly Armour. Motion passed.
- 2) A nominating committee was appointed by President Brown. Members include Drs. Tim Marshall, Mike Gould, and Ron Lemager.
- 3) Dr. Marcia Carlson gave a report on the 2001 convention. She said that 615 students representing 43 chapters are at the meeting. Money is tight, but the MO chapter plans on more fundraisers to help close the gap. She reminded everyone that a pork BBQ supper would be available at the Casaloma Ballroom before the comedy show. Buses would depart at 6:45 for those who wanted to eat there. Other buses would depart at 7:45.
- 4) Advisors were told that an informal session would follow the business meeting. It is designed to give advisors a chance to ask questions and talk informally among themselves.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Wood