

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting  
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences  
February 4, 2017 – Tucson, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President John Issa at 6:40 P.M. in the north ballroom of the University of Arizona student union.

As this meeting is held in conjunction with the annual banquet and scholarship auction there was no membership roll available. It was well attended with over 150 in attendance.

Past President Neal Larson again gave a brief review of the proposed BLM regulations and implored us to write our comments as the period for public comments was near.

### **Charles Sternberg Award**

The Charles Sternberg award was presented to two individuals this year.

The first award was presented posthumously to **Vic Porter** by Neal Larson. Although not a member of AAPS Vick was a long-time member of the paleontology community and a friend of AAPS. He embodied the spirit of the cooperation between the commercial and academic portions of paleontology. He was a skilled preparator for the Indianapolis Children's Museum as well as a talented sculptor who designed and cast our Sternberg Award Medallion. He will be missed.

The second award was presented by President Issa to **Glenn Rockers**. Glenn was president of AAPS during the difficult early years of our formation and has been an outstanding member of the commercial community since. He has comported himself in a manner in his business life to which we should all aspire. He is cooperative, ethical and greets all with a smile.

### **Election of Officers**

The election of officers took place via paper ballot. The entire slate of AAPS officers can be found on our website.

### **Bill Mason**

Bill was presented with a rather large birthday cake (to hold all the candles) accompanied by a rousing rendition of 'Happy Birthday' by all in attendance.

Past President Tracie Bennitt of PaleoBOND, along with PaleoTools owners Bill and Jane Murray, and Bone Clones owner David Kronen, announced the creation of the **William H. Mason III Preparator's Grant**. The annual grant, which will be up to \$1000 in cash and supplies each year, will be a joint effort by PaleoBOND, PaleoTools and Bone Clones to support preparators in the industry. Application details will be worked out over the next few months and posted to the AAPS and PaleoBOND websites.

This brief meeting was followed by the banquet and our scholarship auction which raised over \$15,000 almost doubling last year's total.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary - 4/4/2017