

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences
February 3, 2018 – Tucson, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President John Issa at 6:30 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 again was well attended with over 150 in attendance.

The reading of the minutes was suspended – they can be found on our website.

Charles Sternberg Award

President Issa called up George Winters to announce and present the awards.

The first two awards were presented to Pete and Neal Larson. Both Pete and Neal were among the founding members of the organization and both have been very active and supportive of the organization ever since. They have both held several offices with A.A.P.S., often more than once, including president. The awards were greeted with a well-deserved standing ovation.

At this point George thought he was done and was truly surprised when President Issa called him back up on stage to present him with a Sternberg Award. George has been our first and only Administrative director for what seems like forever. He organizes and tracks membership, plans and executes our Tucson Show Guide, our annual banquet, oversees and manages our website and newsletters, etc. ad infinitum. He is the glue that holds the organization together with all its widely scattered membership and board. A second well-deserved standing ovation ensued.

Election of Officers

The election of officers took place via paper ballot.

Those elected at this meeting were

John Issa – second term as president

Jane Murray – treasurer

Board Members – Dr. Kirby Siber, George Ast, Brook Ricard and Tom Caggiano.

The entire slate of current AAPS officers and Board Members can be found on our website.

Grants and Scholarships

Those applying for grants and scholarships were also voted on by paper ballot.

The awards are:

James R. Welch Scholarship – Shannon Brophy – Brooklyn College and American Museum of Natural History.

Rene M. Vandervelde Research Grant – Dr James Witts – American Museum of Natural History.

Dan Rigel Memorial Educational Grant – Loretta Zarow, Fontana School District, Fontana California

The specifics for all these awards can be found on our website.

This brief meeting was followed by the banquet and our scholarship auction which raised \$19,402.00. Thank you and congratulations to all who donated, bid and helped raise this amount for our scholarship fund.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary