

Highlights 2010 Board of Directors Meeting

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2009 Elections for the Board of Directors

Congratulations to two new Board Members!

Marsha Quinlan is our new Outreach Coordinator 1.

Abe Lloyd is our new Outreach Coordinator 2 – Student Position.

Thank you to the 95 members who voted in the 2009 elections.

Great appreciation is extended to Becky Zarger and Shawna, our outgoing Board members, for your incredible service to the Society during your tenure on the Board.

Upcoming 2010 Elections

The 2010 Elections will be conducted through an online ballot in November.

In September 2010, a solicitation for candidates will go out to the whole SoE membership. The Nominating Committee will continue to seek qualified candidates and will accept informal nominations from non-Board members.

Anyone interested in self-nominating or nominating someone else should send an email to Marsha Quinlan (mquinlan@wsu.edu).



Grouse Dancer, principle character of the Atla'gimma (Spirits of the Forests) Created by Chief George Shaughnessy and Verna Barker. Donated by Kwaxistalla, Clan Chief Ada Dick for the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society of Ethnobiology who inherited the Atla'gimma from his father's side through Chief Pasa'lathl of Wuikinuxv (Rivers Inlet).

34th Annual Society of Ethnobiology Conference

Historical & Archaeological Perspectives in Ethnobiology

Columbus, Ohio

May 4-7, 2011

To learn more, visit

<http://ethnobiology.org/conference/upcoming>

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Protecting Your Privacy

The Board reaffirmed the Society's policy to not sell or give out the Society's membership list.

Treasurer's Report (Steve Wolverton)

- The Society is growing financially, but our membership numbers are not increasing.
- In 2009, SoE spent lots of time improving and modernizing our society and still came out ahead financially.
- In 2009, we made several big changes to our website, including integrating dues payment, conference management, and paper submission functions.
- The Society offers free online membership waivers to students to work on projects we need help with.
- A new tiered dues system was introduced this past year. Members now have the option of joining as Students, Professors, or Lifetime Members. We want to start a Retired and Emeritus category (Cecil's proposal).
- Steve recommends launching a campaign to increase the Society's membership.

Local chapters

Welcome **University of Wisconsin - Stevens Point** and **Society of Ethnobiology, Cameroon!**

Membership (Dana Lepofsky, Steve Wolverton)

- Membership in the Society has been stable for the last 10 years. Now, we have 450 members (which is higher than last year) including 350 flesh and blood members, plus institution members.
- Dana and Steve request that Board members think outside of the box to draw in new members. Dana encourages members in universities to recruit students as new members.
- Steve recommends setting a target of 600 members by the end of 2010.

Join us on Facebook!

The Society of Ethnobiology has 250 and growing fans on Facebook.

Steve, Justin, Marsha are the administrators.

Web Liason Report (John Tuxill)

- John, Steve Wolverton, & Cheryl worked together to set up the website to handle membership applications/renewals, & conference applications, submission of abstracts, and uploading PowerPoint presentations.
- John has begun and will continue wordsmithing the Society's website.
- John wants to add video content to the SoE website. He began by gathering video during the 2010 meeting which he plans to edit and add to the website. John also wants to add video welcomes from current and past Presidents of SoE, a video clip "What in the world is ethnobiology?," and several other clips.

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Journal of Ethnobiology Editors' Report (Ginny Popper)

- Thirty-eight manuscripts were submitted in 2009. Twenty-five of those were rejected.
- Eleven manuscripts are in active review, 8 are awaiting resubmission, 6 have been accepted for next year.
- The Journal published 7 articles in 29(1) and 8 in 29(2).
- The Editors are always striving to improve the quality of content.
- The Editors are working on increasing exposure for the Journal and on convincing high-quality scholars, especially Society members, to consider the Journal as *the first* place to publish.
- Board members and general members need to remember our Journal as the first place to publish.
- Journal of Ethnobiology was selected for coverage in Web of Science. Journal issues from 2009 onward are now on the Web of Science.
- All back issues up to 2005 of the Journal of Ethnobiology are posted on our website. Issues from 2005 and later are available on BioOne for members only.
- Impact Factor – the journal will acquire one in 2012
- Book Reviews are going to be published in Ethnobiology Letters, a new online journal for the sake of making space for more research information into each issue of the Journal.

Contributions in Ethnobiology Series

Secwepemc People & Plants: Research Papers in Shuswap Ethnobotany (edited by M. Ignace, N. Turner, and S. Peacock) is due to be published soon. This will be the first volume in the Contributions in Ethnobiology series which is free to members. Future volumes may include Marsha Quinlan's book about bush medicine in Dominique, a manuscript about owls, and a manuscript by Karol Chandler-Ezell.

Ethnobiology Textbook (Gene Anderson)

Gene Anderson's monumental *Textbook of Ethnobiology* is due to be published by Wiley-Blackwell. Learn more here: <http://www.ethnobiology.org/node/240>

Ethics Committee Report (Dana Lepofsky, Justin Nolan, Cassandra Quave)

SoE adopted the International Society of Ethnobiology (ISE) code of ethics as its own. The consensus of the recent ethics workshop was that the creation of an ethics toolkit could serve as a valuable resource for its members. Justin and Cassandra are soliciting resources to add to a broadly accessible ethics resource toolkit

New Journal

The Society just launched Ethnobiology Letters with essays, research reports, and books reviews. To submit an article, contact the Editors at EthnobiologyLetters@gmail.com. Check out Issue 1 at <http://ethnobiology.org/ethnobiology-letters>.

Biodiversity Heritage Library

Dana is working to on an agreement to include content from Society of Ethnobiology publications in the BHL database, the digitized version of the Encyclopedia of Life. .

Be an Advocate!

The Board is seeking a dedicated, passionate member of the Society to increase circulation and improve content quality.

Contact Ginny Popper and Heather Trigg: editorjeb@gmail.com

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AWARDS

Distinguished Ethnobiologist Award

The Board voted to enstate a new annual award to honor our members. Applicants or nominees for this award will be required to send CV or equivalent evidence of excellence. Awardees will be recognized on the website and in additional forum.

Barbara Lawrence Award

Board members decided that applicants for the Barbara Lawrence Award will be required to have an 8 page synopsis for a poster or paper entry. If the entry is co-authored, applicants need to include a statement specifying each co-author's contribution to the poster or paper. If there are multiple student authors, they are required to split the award. Learn more here: <http://ethnobiology.org/awards/bl-award>

Undergraduate Ethnobiologist Award

The Board has established an Undergraduate Student Award. A description of the award is on the SoE website. The winner will be a go-getter who will bring more students into the Society with them. The winner will be a student advisor to the Board of Directors and will serve as a non-voting member. Members who have great students can nominate them for the award. Go here for more information: <http://ethnobiology.org/awards/undergraduate-ethnobiologist>

Archives

SoE is establishing an archive of historical materials and seeking a storehouse.

Do you have any materials from previous SoE conferences or events? Contact Cissy (fowlerct@wofford.edu).

ROLE CALL, Board of Directors Meeting Attendees

Dana Lepofsky, President

Justin Nolan, Vice President

Steve Wolverton, Treasurer

Cissy Fowler, Secretary

John Tuxill, Board Member at Large

Kitty Emery, Board Member at Large (via Skype)

Marsha Quinlan, Outreach Coordinator 1

Abe Lloyd, Outreach Coordinator 1 – Student Position

Steve Weber, Past President

Cecil Brown, Past President

Kay Fowler, Past President

Nancy Turner, Past President

Jan Timbrook, Past President

Gene Anderson, Past President

Ginny Popper, Journal of Ethnobiology Editor

Denise Glover, Conference Coordinator

Conference Report (Dana, Lepofsky, Denise Glover, Nancy Turner)

- About 198 pre-registered for the 2010 conference plus about 30 volunteers (partial or full waivers) and we granted about 11 waivers. With on-site registration, we estimate a total of 260-270 attendees.
- About 11 waivers have been given out this year to indigenous and non-indigenous scholars. To request a waiver go to the Society website where you can find out fill out an application and provide a statement of purpose.