

Agenda for Paleocology Section business meeting
ESA annual meeting, Sacramento, CA
Tuesday, August 12, 2014, 12:00-1:15 pm, Sequoia, Hyatt Regency Hotel

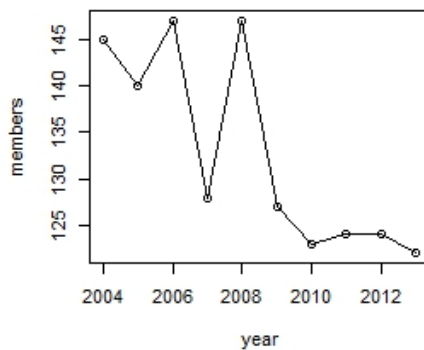
1. **Welcome, introductions.** Send sign-in sheet around the room

2. **Approve minutes from 2013**

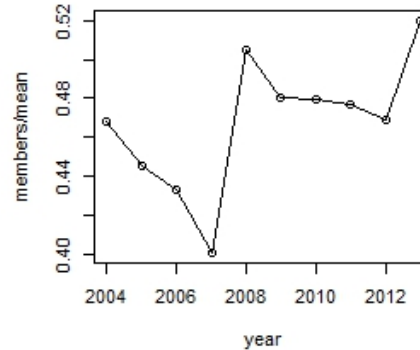
3. **Chair's report (submitted in July by Philip Higuera, will appear in ESA Bulletin)**

- First year that all sections have submitted reports on time! These are the only historical record of section activities.
- Updates from 2013 meetings, including symposia and Deevey Award winner.
- **Section Membership** as of 21 July, 2014: 122 (c. 25th percentile of all sections).
- **Section Budget:** As of 30 June, 2014, our budget was \$4440.

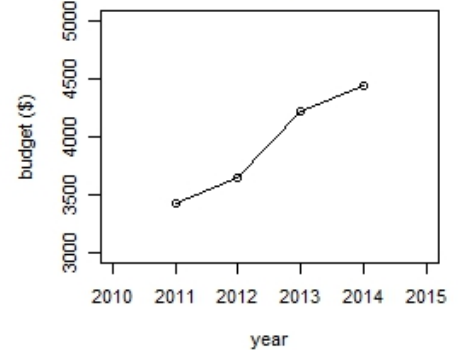
Paleocology Section: Membership



Members / ESA mean



Budget



- Biggest updates are in the launch of the new web site, in WordPress format:
<http://www.esa.org/paleoecology/>
 - Announcements: newsletter and section-specific announcements will go here in the future; e-mails will refer to page.
 - Officers and officer history
 - Deevey Award and award history -- *need help filling in a few gaps*
 - Annual meetings: paleo-relevant sessions stored; history and guide for current meeting.
 - Bylaws -- they're on line!
 - Links -- somewhat outdated, but transferred nonetheless.
- **NEED:**
 - Photos for the banner. Banner cycles through, and photos have to have the ESA logo...so it's a bit of a processes. This could be done by Section officers (e.g., secretary).
 - Timeline: As part of the ESA Centennial Celebration, sections are asked to collect section history. We now have Chair history and Deevey Award history, but need more section history on a visual timeline. Historical Records Committee has suggestions for easy on-line tools to do this.
- We are on Twitter and could use more followers / users! **Do not post anything that could qualify as a political endorsement, and jeopardize ESA's non-profit status.**

4. Updates from Council meeting on Sunday

- A. New orientation for Section chairs and vice-chairs. I found it useful...and wish it were available last year!
- B. ESA now has a (pretty useful) meeting app (catching up to AGU).
- C. Strategic reviews: (a) all of ESA publications in underway, lead by outside consulting firm, (b) criteria for “certified ecologist” certification.
- D. ESA budget is strong:
 - a. \$1.5 million endowment, 10% increase over last year
 - b. Adjusted investment portfolio to be more socially and env. conscious
 - c. Membership decreased during 2013, and projections are that memberships will remain flat for 2014
 - d. Assuming library subscriptions will remain flat and membership subscriptions will decrease by 15%. Subscription prices will increase by \$5 per journal.
 - e. Membership dues will increase for 2015 (discussed below).
- E. \$10 k available for long-range planning grants, open to Sections and Chapters. An additional \$10 k is available to do anything related to ESA’s centennial celebration.
- F. We voted to change the fees for ESA membership, which affects how Sections (and Chapters) are funded:
 - a. All ESA memberships will increase by \$6.
 - b. When joining / renewing ESA membership, you get to select one chapter to fund (and any additional chapters to join). This is similar to AGU memberships. Goal = help members in a large society “find a home” in smaller groups.
 - c. Of your membership fees, \$5 will go towards the Section / Chapter you choose to affiliate with (but you can choose multiple), and \$1 will go to the Student Section. The latter change reflects a strong support of the Student Section, given their growth and success in recent years. ESA expects Section / Chapter budgets to increase with this structure.

5. Election of new officers: Jacquelin Gill transitions to Chair

- Vice Chair:
- Secretary:
- Student Liaison:
- Deevey Award Chair:
- ***Orientation for web site design / management from 11:30-1:15 on Wed. and Thur. → secretary and/or other officers should go!***

6. Symposia proposals for 2015 meeting - ESA wants lots for the Centennial Celebration

- Proposals are due September 25th!

7. We need help filling in our timeline / Section history

- Past symposia
- Past meeting minutes (?)
- Historical Records Committee will support an oral history with anyone familiar with ESA or Section history.

8. Other announcements?

- IGNITE session coming up. See Section web site.