

Friday, June 19, 1999, at the Mary Murrin Room of the UBC Conference Center in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. He began with the Presidential Address: "Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. . . ." Copies of the Treasurer's report, the Secretary's report, and the Editor's report were posted for the duration of the meeting for members' information.

2. *President's report.*—Lewontin announced that Simon Easteal would become Editor of *MBE* on September 15, 1998, replacing Barry Hall. On behalf of the Society, he thanked Hall and Strausbaugh for their extraordinary efforts. Lewontin reported on current status and new initiatives for funding for molecular evolution at the NSF (see details under Council meeting minutes). Lewontin informed members of the meeting sites for 1999 and 2000, called for proposals for 2001 (North America), and announced a preliminary inquiry from Crete (Eleutherios Zouros) for 2002 (Europe).

3. *Treasurer's report.*—In the absence of Treasurer Dick Hudson, Lewontin presented a synopsis of the Treasurer's report (Please refer to the accompanying Treasurer's report for details). Lewontin reported that the seemingly excessive accumulation of funds beyond the Society's reserve goals is more apparent than real, with expenses associated with electronic publishing looming in the near future.

4. *Secretary's report.*—Secretary Linda Strausbaugh presented a synopsis of Council and Society activities for the preceding year. She reported that the Council had voted to increase funds for the annual meeting to U.S. \$15,000 and that the Society would undertake initiatives to foster regional meetings in the near future. The Society will publish a directory of members at the end of 1998, to be included as an insert with *MBE*. (Please refer to the Secretary's report in the minutes of the Council meeting for details and additional activities).

5. *Editor's report.*—Barry Hall presented a synopsis of the Editor's report. He reported on the number of pages per volume and the costs per page for the past year. Hall informed membership of the favorable impact factor for *MBE*, as well as the likely occurrence of an increase in subscriptions. (Please refer to the minutes of the Council meeting and the Editor's report, published in its entirety in *MBE*, for details).

6. *1999 SMBE meeting in Australia.*—Craig Moritz reported on the July 11–14, 1999, SMBE meeting at Griffiths University, Brisbane, Australia, to be held in conjunction with the Genetics Society of Australia meeting (July 14–17). Please refer to the Council meeting minutes for more details and information on the website. Moritz invited suggestions for symposia topics from the membership. Formal call for papers and additional details will be sent to members at a later date.

7. *Business from the floor.*—Several issues were raised from the floor. First, there was sentiment that the Society should move rapidly to implement electronic manuscript handling and creation of a website with additional services for members. Suggestions from the floor for the website included posting of positions, availability of computer programs for downloading, data set exchange-

es, and links to other "nonrestricted sources" such as biological databases. The suggestion was also made that we consider adopting consistent formats for data and alignment to facilitate use. Second, the question was raised about the absence of reduced student rates for this meeting. Hall explained the rationale for the decision (low cost to all members for this particular meeting); Lewontin reiterated that the Society will consider this and other ways to promote student participation. Third, there was discussion of electronic publishing (see the Council meeting minutes for details reported). The concern was raised from the floor that electronic manuscript handling and publication sites be secure, with adequate maintenance.

8. *Adjournment and banquet.*—President Lewontin adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. to the Society banquet, a Salmon BBQ, and a book auction (Barry Hall, auctioneer) at the Anthropology Museum.

Fitch Prize postscript.—The winner of the Walter Fitch Student Prize was Mark Siegal (Harvard University) for his presentation "Functional evolutionary analysis of genes coplaced into the *Drosophila* genome."

Election results postscript.—Wen-Hsiung Li is President-Elect, Marcy Uyenoyama is Secretary, and Tomoko Ohta is Councilor.

Treasurer's Report for January 1, 1998–June 30, 1998

Assets on January 1, 1998:

Cash accounts	\$184,749.86
Certificates of deposit	\$80,752.68
Total	\$265,502.54

Assets on June 30, 1998:

Cash accounts	\$107,743.29
Certificates of deposit	\$184,698.94
Total	\$292,442.23
Net change in assets	\$26,939.69

Activity from January 1, 1998 to June 30, 1998

Inflows:

Interest income	\$5,971.58
Journal revenue:	
Institutional Subscriptions	\$79,751.79
Individual memberships	\$25,359.00
Page charges	\$29,086.31
Reprint charges	\$10,823.39
Other	\$4,136.26
Total Journal revenue	\$149,156.75
Total inflows	\$155,128.33

Outflows:

1996 meeting	\$208.35
1998 meeting	\$917.33
Kansas annual corporate fee	\$20.00
Council travel	\$2,543.00
Legal fees	\$694.18
Office of the Secretary	\$500.00

Bank charges	\$1,054.15	Reprints	\$5,619.41
Journal expenses:		Production	\$70,342.67
New Editor's setup	\$8,000.00	Business management, etc.	\$12,865.03
Editorial office	\$15,423.19	Total Journal expense	<u>\$122,251.63</u>
Postage	\$7,001.33	Total outflows	<u>\$128,188.64</u>
1997 advertising (Allen Press fee)	\$3,000.00	Overall total (inflow – outflow)	\$26,939.69