

1994 EWDA REPORT (excerpts from minutes; no official report)

In response to requests to Sections to submit information on a quarterly basis, the European Section sent in announcements for two Supplement issues. Discussion took place on the issue of how to increase contributions by sections by improving distribution of the Supplement in a timely manner to sections. D. Jessup reported that the Australasian Section now has phone and FAX capabilities which will ensure a direct line of communication. They will try to submit information to give the Supplement more comprehensive international information. A suggestion was made to include information from section newsletters in the JWD Supplement to encourage greater interest and participation of Section members. T. Morner, chair of the Nordic section stated that, currently, portions of the Supplement can be worthless due to dated material. T. Rocke presented a comparison of costs for mailing journal subscriptions outside the United States by the current method of surface mail and a service provided by Allen Press called AllenAir. AllenAir delivery of mail within 7 to 14 days is comparable with air mail delivery within 7 to 10 days, but is much faster than the current surface mail delivery time of 3 to 4 mo. Currently, the cost of shipping one subscription of the journal by surface mail is \$5 to \$6/yr. Shipping costs for one journal subscription by AllenAir would be approximately three times higher at \$15 to \$18/yr. Alternative for paying the additional costs of using AllenAir were discussed. Suggestions by T. Rocke included an increase in dues for members outside North America by \$10 to \$12/yr or an increase in dues of all regular members by approximately \$5.50/yr. This rate was determined by dividing shipping costs for approximately 350 overseas subscriptions at \$12/yr by the current number of regular members (757, excluding students, emeritus, and associates). A survey of five professional wildlife organizations indicated that they charge higher membership and journal subscription rates for non-North American members (Avian Diseases, American Journal of Veterinary Research, Journal of American Veterinary Medical Association, Journal of Wildlife Management, Wildlife Society Bulletin, and Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Veterinarians).

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A suggestion was made that the President consider travel to the First European Section meeting in Paris instead of the AAZV meeting. It was felt that another WDA/AAZV member could attend to WDA business at the AAZV meeting. T. Morner emphasized that there are more than 100 WDA members in Europe and it is important that someone from the parent organization attend the First European Section meeting. D. Pence commented that in the future other long-term WDA members could attend meetings to represent the WDA instead of the President. A motion was made (Locke/Fairbrother) and passed that a travel fund be established for WDA officers to conduct official WDA business. Treasurer W. Adrian stated he would need to know about potential trips one year in advance to budget them. D. Pence commented that most professional societies do fund travel for officers to attend meetings. It is important to inform WDA membership of paid travel by officers and the purpose(s) of their travel. A motion was made (Morner/Botzler) and passed that WDA allocate up to \$1,500 U.S. to send a WDA officer to the First European Section Meeting in Paris. Following more discussion, a motion was made (Morner/Zarnke) to send a WDA member, that requested travel support, to the first European Section Meeting in Paris. The motion was defeated.

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