

Gibbs Conference on Biothermodynamics 2003 Business Meeting

Meeting was convened at 12 noon, Monday September 29th by Jack Correia.

1st order of business was election of President elect. Wayne Bolen is the current president, taking over from Jack Correia, effective at this meeting. Madeline Shea was nominated and elected unanimously.

2nd order of business was selection of organizers for next years meeting. Nominations included Brian Baker, Doug Barrick, Jennette Carey, Trevor Creamer, Kathleen Hall, Clay Clark, Ed Lattman, Karen Fleming, Vince LiCata, Susan Pedigo, Marty Scholtz. First round of voting, 3 votes each, reduced the list to three candidates. Second round of votes, 2 votes each, selected Doug Barrick and Kathleen Hall with Ed Lattman as alternate.

3rd order of business: The treasurer, Mike Johnson, was not present so Jack Correia presented an overview of the incorporation process and details of the current financial status. The Gibbs Society for Biothermodynamics is now an official (federal) tax exempt organization. The Illinois state tax exempt status is still not clear.

other business:

Vince Hilser suggested using Gibbs funds to bring undergraduates to the meeting. After much discussion this was rejected as individuals already do this with students in their labs.

The idea of student awards with a cash prize was discussed at great length, with the opinions in support and against surging to the front. In the end Jim Lee suggested any attempt to exclude the efforts of some students, especially when the meeting appears to encourage high quality work from all students, would be ineffectual and contrary to the goals and philosophy of the meeting.