



FIG. 8. Students were recognized at the SSAR Business Meeting. **Upper left, from left to right:** winners of the Victor Hutchison Student Poster Awards—Jillian Josimovich, Harrison Goldspiel, Vic Hutchison, Drew Davis. **Upper right, from left to right:** Henri Seibert Awards for Best Student Paper—Caroline Dong (2nd Runner up, Systematics & Evolution), Rhett Rautsaw (1st Place Conservation), Tatum Katz (Special Undergrad Runner-up), John Cavagnaro (1st place, Systematics and Evolution), Ariana Rupp (Runner-up, Physiology & Morphology), Brian Folt (1st place, Ecology), Nicole White (Runner-up, Ecology), John Stepanek (1st place, Physiology & Morphology), Meghan Parsley (Runner-up, Conservation), Eric Nordberg, Rafe Brown (Seibert Awards Coordinator). **Lower left, from left to right:** Seibert Award First Place Winners—Rhett Rautsaw, John Cavagnaro, Brian Folt, John Stepanek, Rafe Brown (Seibert Awards Coordinator). **Lower right, from left to right:** lucky recipients of SSAR Student Travel Awards—Marissa Granzfried, Ariel Kruger, Caroline Dong, Ariana Rupp, Eric Nordberg, Mariah Cardoza, Erin Crandall, Meghan Parsley, Colin Brocka, Megan Mosier.

we find volunteers to translate meeting abstracts (or perhaps just titles) into Spanish (and perhaps Portuguese). Following on in this vein, a suggestion was made to organize a symposium that focuses on the herpetology of a specific region or country.

Discussion also focused on integrating the business functions of the three major U.S. herp societies, providing an honorarium for editors, locating the welcome reception off-site, and rescheduling the LRPC meeting so as not to conflict with paper sessions.

SSAR Business Meeting

The Annual SSAR Business Meeting was called to order by President Shine (1800 hrs, July 15th). Officers, Editors, and Committee Chairs who were at the Business Meeting introduced themselves to the other attendees and gave brief summaries of their annual reports and relevant information from the Board Meeting.

The “Openness and Transparency Guidelines” discussed earlier by the Board were deemed too rigid. The membership

requested that the document should be taken back to the Board for review. ASIH has devised a “Conduct Code” and has asked the other societies to join in. An SSAR committee has been set up and the issue will be discussed at next year’s Board meeting. President Shine commended ASIH for coming up with childcare at this year’s JMIH. He expressed his opinion that childcare is absolutely essential and should be provided at future JMIH meetings.

Dustin Seigel asked if SSAR has corporate memberships. He has spoken with a vendor who was interested in acquiring such a membership. We do not currently offer corporate memberships. Discussion ensued that corporate memberships might result in some free advertising and could be a major source of revenue; however, it was agreed that we need to move carefully on this. Vic Hutchison pointed out that some other societies have corporate memberships.

David Blackburn read the following resolutions: “Grateful thanks from SSAR to the local hosts of the 2017 JMIH in Austin and the KState folks who delivered a fun and smoothly-run meeting. President Rick Shine wishes to thank the many society