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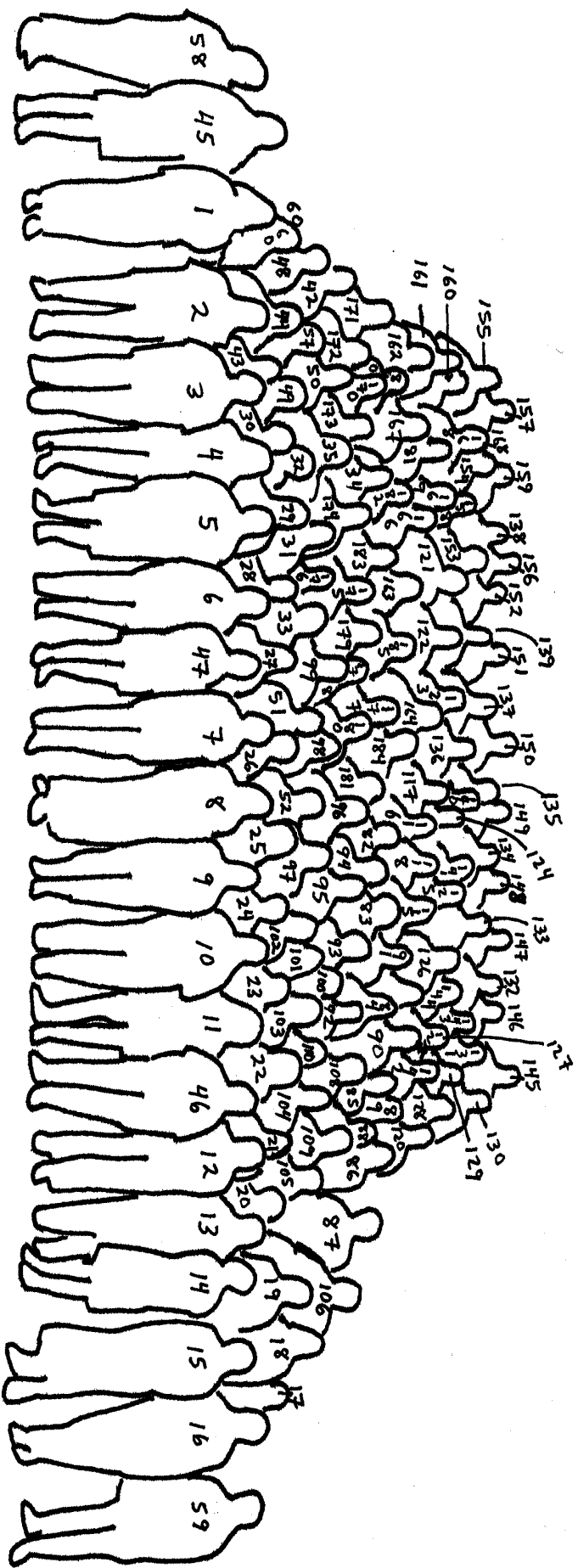
A.A.S. ELECTION – 2004

Please watch your mailbox... Your ballot for the 2004 A.A.S. election has been mailed. We select a new Director this year, so be sure to mark your choice and send your ballot ASAP.

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More from the 27th Annual AAS Meeting, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, 24-28 July, 2003

Number 68 of *American Arachnology* required more pages than usual to present the abstracts from the 27th AAS meeting and information for the 28th AAS meeting. Including the group picture from the 27th meeting would have produced a large file, impeding efficient electronic mailing. Thus, this supplement to *A.A.* Number 68 provides more materials related to the 27th AAS meeting and some other items of interest.



27th Annual Meeting of the American Arachnological Society, Denver Museum of Nature & Science, Denver, 24-28 July, 2003

- 1 Susan Riechert; 2 Gail Stratton 3 Pat Miller; 4 Valerie Wielard; 5 Abraham Miller; 6 Frank Pascoe; 7 Sandra Brantley; 8 Linda Rayor; 9 Petra Sierwald; 10 Beatrice ; Vogel; 11 Karrie Ann Fadroski; 12 Margaret Geick; 13 Carrie Graham; 14 Nadia Ayoub; 15 Marlena Koper; 16 Jill DeVito; 17 Daniel Palmer; 18 Susan Mastia; 19 Deborah Smith; 20 Zuleyma Tang-Martinez; 21 April Kinchloe; 22 Norm Platnick; 23 Leticia Aviles; 24 Ann Schlosser; 25 Rachel Walsh; 26 Joe Warfel; 27 Florencia Fernandez Campion; 28 Eileen Hebets; 29 Myung-jin Moon; 30 Nicole Vander Sal; 31 Chris Brown; 32 Cay Craig; 33 Dan Formanowicz; 34 Matt Nelson; 35 Marius Pfeiffer; 42 Darrell Ubick; 43 Maggie Hodge; 44 Alejandro Calixto; 45 Aaron Spriggs; 46 Paula Cushing; 47 Christine Vigli; 48 Suzanne Ubick; 49 Lourdes Montoya; 50 Jerome Rovner; 51 Janet Kempf; 52 Andrew Sensenig; 57 Douglas Copeland; 58 Maren Francis; 59 Julie Whitman-Zai; 60 Catherine Tuell; 68 Elizabeth Fet; 80 Kasey Fowler-Finn; 81 Patrick Sutton; 82 Donna Hamilton; 83 David Richman; 84 Karen Bost; 85 Roger Burleigh; 86 Dagmara Motruik-Smith; 87 Ann Rypstra; 88 Jack Brookhart; 90 Don Cameron; 91 Mathew Kashner; 92 Casey M. Harris; 93 Jan Weaver; 94 Rick Vetter; 95 Charles Griswold; 96 Rich Bradley; 97 Kimberly Jansen; 98 Anne Danielson-Francois; 99 Matt Persons; 100 Alexandra Rose; 101 Pam Rose; 102 Bruce Cutler; 103 Katie Waisanen; 104 Robert G. Breene, III; 105 Bill Shear; 106 Warren Savary; 108 Dennis Radabaugh; 109 Joe Spagna; 110 Sally Waterhouse; 115 Jeremy Miller; 116 Ingi Agnarsson; 117 Jack Kaspar; 118 Cathy Kaspar; 119 Kerri Wrin; 120 Todd C. Bukowski; 121 Jon Coddington; 122 Wayne Maddison; 123 Damian O. Elias; 124 Jim Carrel; 125 Brent E. Hendrixson; 126 David Sisson; 127 Carrie Williamson; 128 Norman Horner; 129 Elizabeth Jakob; 130 Doug Gaffin; 131 Simon Pollard; 132 Ryan Bell; 133 Pat Craig; 134 Marcus Willman; 136 Hank Guarisco; 137 Kaitlen Mooney; 138 Alan Cady; 139 G.B. Edwards; 140 Jason Bond; 141 Jeff Shultz; 142 Tim Allen; 143 Nancy Kreiter; 144 Karen Cangialosi; 145 Allen Dean; 146 Mike Germann; 147 Marshal Hedin; 148 Pierre Paquin; 149 CorVink; 150 Allen Brady; 151 Brent Opell; 152 Todd Blackledge; 153 Steve Lew; 154 Jim Starrett; 155 Nick Betzen; 156 Jeremy Gibson; 157 Ed Silvestri; 158 Robin Keith; 159 Volker Framenau; 160 Nadine Duperre; 161 James Cokendolpher; 162 Sarah Crews; 163 Kimberly Norris Russell; 164 Neal McReynolds; 166 Shawn Wilder; 167 Francisco Medina; 168 Maxence Salomon; 169 Fernando Alvarez Padilla; 170 Shasta East; 171 Terry Hiestler; 172 George Uetz; 173 Steven Bonham; 174 Jim Berrian; 175 J. Andrew Roberts; 176 Laurie ; Kerzicnik; 177 Ting Wu; 178 Robert Holmberg; 179 Chris Buddie; 180 Bob Suter; 181 Dan Mott; 182 David James; 183 Pete DeVries; 184 Jim Kase; 185 David Li-Kroeger



**American Arachnological Society Minutes of the 27th Annual Meeting
Denver Museum of Nature and Science 27 July 2003**

-President Brent Opell called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. mst.

Old Business and Announcements

- The minutes of the 26th AAS Business meeting, held at the University of California, Riverside on 28 June 2002, were considered and approved unanimously by voice vote.
- President Opell reviewed business the Executive Committee had conducted via e-mail since the last Business meeting:
 - To restrict access to the on-line Journal of Arachnology to Society Members
 - To restrict AAS Research Awards to members of the AAS
 - To use PayPal for dues and annual meeting payments
 - To distribute the Society's Newsletter, *American Arachnology*, via electronic mail to Members with e-mail access
- Opell recognized Paula Cushing, the meeting host. Cushing acknowledged the recognition, and emphasized the enormous work done by her assistants (all 43), the audio-visual personnel, the Executive Committee, those on the Spider Genera of North America Revision team, and the meeting sponsors. The assembled Membership concurred with a rousing round of applause.
- George Uetz then read a letter to the Membership from Sherry Hieber, the wife of the late Dr. Craig Hieber, thanking the AAS for their collective thoughts and support during a difficult time.
- Karen Cangialosi presented the treasurer's report by distributing the 2nd quarter Treasurer's Report. She explained the report and indicated that the Society's finances has been improving. Cangialosi stated that PayPal has been working well, and encouraged everyone to use it when possible. The report was approved by a unanimous voice vote of the membership. President Opell and the Membership thanked Treasurer Cangialosi for her service.
- President Opell read a membership report from Membership Secretary Jeff Schultz, who was then in the Student Paper Competition judges' meeting. The report showed an increase of 3% from 2002 (512 individual members in 2003) and a decline of 12 institutional members (9.4%) since 2002. The latter may have been due to the Society's participation in BioOne.
- Electronic mail addresses have been received for almost 90% of the Membership, which has significantly increased communication efficiency and decreased mailing costs. Through the efforts of webmaster Ken Prestwich, receipt of dues and donations via the AAS website using PayPal (over 25% of all 2003 members and 50% of students) has greatly facilitated transfers of monies.
- President Opell encouraged everyone to become a Life Member if possible. This could help with short-term cash-flow in that such members essentially pay in advance for many years of membership.
- Journal of Arachnology Editor-In-Chief Dan Mott reported to the membership that the number of featured articles published in 2002 increased by 58% compared to 2001 (37 in 2001; 64 in 2002), and that time from submission to publication as remained fairly stable (~ 17.5 months). Average cost per page also has remained stable (~\$71) while the number of pages published increased (440 in 2001; 621 in 2002).
- It was reiterated that the JOA is accessible to members via the website, and open to others via BioOne. Furthermore, the search engine and abstracts also are openly available.
- President Opell reported in the absence of President-Elect Gary Miller on future meeting sites. The 2005 meeting will be hosted by Sam Marshall and Maggie Hodge at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio. We are still searching for the 2006 and other future meeting sites. Those wishing to perform major service to the Society and host a meeting are strongly encouraged to speak with Gary Miller.
- Paula Cushing reported on the status of the revision of the Spiders of North America. It is on-track and has a good layout. Completion is anticipated in 2004, and will be marketed to a broad audience. She made a plea for help with some families.
- Secretary Alan Cady announced results of the 2003 election. With a good ballot return (89), Dr. Beth Jakob was elected President-Elect, Dr. James Carrel was elected Director, and Karen Cangialosi was re-elected Treasurer. Cady thanked the nomination committee of Rich Bradley, Bruce Cutler, and Rosie Gillespie for their service.
- Beth Jakob announced the winners of the Student Paper & Poster Awards from 19 podium and 7 poster presentations. Ingi Agnarsson won the paper presentation award, and Ryan Bell won the poster presentation. Jakob stated the judging was difficult, and gave thanks to the dedicated judges. The Membership showed their appreciation with a strong round of applause.
- There was no Old Business to attend to.

New Business

- President Opell announced to the membership that the Executive Committee is planning extensive Constitutional and By-Laws changes to reflect advancements in communication and changes in the Society. These should be presented to the Membership as the Executive Committee addresses these issues and suggests action.
- President Opell provided some examples such as making the webmaster a non-elected, voting member of the Executive Committee, (Opell went on to give heartfelt accolades to our webmaster Ken Prestwich), have the Editor-In-Chief of the Journal be a voting member of the Executive Committee, and the Parliamentarian be an appointed non-voting member of the Executive Committee.
- It was suggested from the floor that there be a student member on the Executive Committee, which is something the Executive Committee will consider.
- Rich Bradley rose from the floor to commend the service President Opell has given to the Society during his term in office. The Membership present seconded Dr. Bradley's comments with thunderous applause.
- In turn, President Opell recognized all of the assistance given to him by the other Society officers.
- A motion to adjourn was made and seconded at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted, Alan Cady, Secretary

Future A.A.S. Annual Meeting Sites

**2004— 23 → 27 June, Norman,
Oklahoma**
2005— Hiram College, Ohio

Note on the AAS 2003 Meeting logo

The wonderful rendition of the Black Widow used on the 2003 Meeting logo was done by a local Denver artist, Eric Parrish.

Peter Jäger writes:

Dear colleagues,

As I received some requests concerning visits in the Arachnid Collection in the Senckenberg Museum Frankfurt in the course of the International Congress in Gent, Belgium this year, I would ask all colleagues who are interested in visiting the collections for contacting me as soon as possible for travel dates. Only then I can make reservations of the Senckenberg guest rooms, which are cheap, but also most wanted.

Best wishes, Peter Jäger

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AAS Annual Meeting 2004 Norman, Oklahoma

Hosted by Douglas Gaffin

The 2004 annual meeting of the American Arachnological Society will be held at the University of Oklahoma in the city of Norman, 23- 27 June, and hosted by Dr. Douglas Gaffin.

Although it is too late to submit an abstract, you may register for the meeting anytime by going to:

http://www.americanarachnology.org/AAS_Meetings/AAS_2004.html

Also, the forms were available in Number 69 of *American Arachnology*, along with more detailed information about the 2004 Meeting.

The meeting will include a scorpion symposium, research papers/posters, a collecting trip, a field trip to the Wichita Mountains, plenty of good food, and the traditional auction and banquet, this year at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History (with special speaker **Dr. Kelvin Droegemeier**, director of OU's world-renowned meteorology program, speaking on an Oklahoma pastime -- storm chasing).

AND!!! Don't forget to submit your items to the annual **ArachnoAuction !!**

It is not too late to contact the meeting Host with your materials for the Auction. Remember, "One person's trash is another person's treasure". All proceeds directly help the Society's programs.



"Is that palp charged or are ya
just happy to see me?"
—Maevia westae

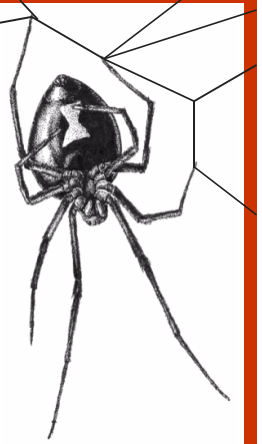


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AMERICAN ARACHNOLGICAL SOCIETY WEBSITE

[HTTP://AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://AMERICANARACHNOLOGY.ORG)

Ken Prestwich has developed our website where one may find membership information, **Annual Meeting Info & registration**, announcements & Bulletin Board, officers, meeting minutes, instructions to JOA authors, an electronic JOA index, graduate study opportunities, a photo gallery, links to other arachnological sites, and **JOA OnLine** (electronic versions of the Journal of Arachnology; available to A.A.S. Members). Many, many thanks and kudos to Ken for applying his time and skill to the Website!! Thanks too to Holy Cross for sponsoring the site.

ARACHNOLOGY IN CYBERSPACE

Here are some website addresses for arachnological information:

International Society of Arachnology—[HTTP://WWW.ARACHNOLOGY.ORG](http://WWW.ARACHNOLOGY.ORG)

Wolf Spiders of Australia (Lycosidae) - [HTTP://WWW.ALPHALINK.COM.AU/~FRAMENAU/LYCOSIDAE/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.ALPHALINK.COM.AU/~FRAMENAU/LYCOSIDAE/INDEX.HTML)

JOURNAL OF ARACHNOLOGY ELECTRONIC INDEX

The electronic index for the Journal of Arachnology is available at: <http://vassun.vassar.edu/~celt/suter/spiderform.html>

Note that the main search keywords are: **SCORPION, SPIDER, HARVESTMAN, MITE**. Any word or taxon that is in a title may be found with a search of the Index. Thanks to Bob Suter: SUTER@VASSAR.EDU [HTTP://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML](http://FACULTY.VASSAR.EDU/~SUTER/SUTER.HTML)

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