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*****PLEASE NOTE*****

We are electing two officers this year. The deadline for ballot submission is **14 JULY, 1997**. Please do not delay sending your ballot today! (page 15)

- Dates & Deadlines -

- ◆ Materials for '97 AAS Meeting due 15 June
- ◆ Ballots and student abstracts due 14 July
- ◆ 1997 AAS Meeting, 20-23 July, Dickinson, ND
- ◆ AAS Research Fund 30 November & 30 May; (see past Newsletters for details)
- ◆ 1998 CIDA & AAS, 27 June-3 July, Chicago IL
- ◆ 1998 Highlands Arachnology Course, late July or early August
- ◆ 1999 AAS Meeting, Trinidad&Tobago, West Indies

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1997 A.A.S. Meeting Dickinson, North Dakota 20 - 23 July

Dan Mott is our host for the Annual Meeting this year at Dickinson State University, Dickinson North Dakota. This location continues the tradition of exposing meeting attendees to the floral, faunal, and landscape diversity composing North America. Dan has provided some comments and directions pertaining to our gathering. - Ed.

I am pleased to invite you to Dickinson State University for the 1997 American Arachnological Society meeting from the 20th to the 23rd of July. Dickinson is located on I-94 in the southwest corner of North Dakota. We are 100 miles west of Bismarck, 80 miles from the Montana state line, 240 miles from the Black Hills and approximately 175 miles from the Canadian border.

Those who are driving may come on I-94 or, if you prefer the slightly more southern route, I-90. Just turn north at Spearfish, SD on Route 85. From I-94, take Exit 61 (the middle of 3, none too far wrong) and turn south on ND 22 (3rd Ave. W). Proceed south and turn right on 3rd St. W. This leads directly to the University at 8th Ave. W.

Delong Hall is on the west side of campus. Direction signs will be posted. There is an airport in Dickinson with service from Denver (and Williston), but there are only 2 flights per day on Saturday. I will arrange for transportation from the Bismarck airport at selected times (please see Registration form). There are vehicles to be rented in Bismarck.

Smoking is not allowed in any building except dorm rooms and alcohol is not allowed on campus.

The weather is often very good in July, however, one should be prepared for most anything. As a wise man (guy) once said; Going to North Dakota? **Better take a jacket**. Day time temperatures should be 80-90 degrees F, and because of low humidity, the after