

**Texas Genetics Society
Board of Directors Meeting
April 4, 2019**

Participants

Jonathan Rios, president

Caleb Phillips, president-elect

Tina Gumienny, secretary/treasurer

David Threadgill, at-large member, local organizer

David Aiello, at-large member, travel awards coordinator

Rachel Lynch, at-large member, local coordinator

Penny Riggs, at-large member

Steve Daiger, at-large member

Jonathan Rios, President, called the meeting to order at 3:45 pm.

1. Minutes from the March, 2019, meeting will be available for approval at the next board meeting.
2. 2019 Annual Meeting Business
 - a. Registration update: David Threadgill noted we have almost 100 registrants.
 - b. Travel awards: David Aiello's undergraduate students are the only undergraduates who applied. David Threadgill will email Jonathan Rios the list of awardees.
 - c. Vendor update: We had a record year with almost \$8900 in sponsor funding.
 - d. Local update: The local organizer at the hotel went into early labor yesterday, so there's some last-minute scrambling.
 - e. Announcement: David Aiello asked and was cleared to announce at the 2019 TGS meeting an NSF-funded Austin College summer pedagogical workshop on using yeast in undergraduate labs.
 - f. Location of 2020 TGS meeting: We'll have it in College Station again.
 - g. Dates for 2020 TGS meeting: We're generating a list of conflicting meetings and dates.
 - i. AACR, no 2020 date yet (March)
 - ii. AMCG, San Antonio, March 17-21, 2020
 - iii. Texas Society of Genetic Counselors, no 2020 date yet
 - iv. The Allied Genetics Conference, April 22-26, 2020
 - v. Perhaps the first weekend of March or April will work

vi. The Southeast Texas Evolutionary Genetics and Genomics Symposium is in College Station around this time, too.

h. New Business:

- i. Recognition of new emeritus members: Steve Daiger will be retiring. His term as an at-large member ends this year, but he may continue to join us, if he's not fishing. No other members are known to be retiring.
- ii. Appointment of the historian position: According to the TGS Constitution, the President will appoint annually an historian to the Board of Directors. Pat Howard-Peebles is fine with keeping or relinquishing this position. Nobody volunteered to take this position. Pat Howard-Peebles was appointed the 2019-2020 TGS historian.
- iii. Replacing Rachel Lynch's at-large position: Because Rachel Lynch is moving to UNC-Chapel Hill this year, we need to fill her position. Caleb Phillips will nominate Nichole Phillips, UNTHSC, for this position at the general meeting.
- iv. Filling other at-large positions: Caleb noted that we have six at-large positions and two are rotating off. He will nominate Heath Blackmon for one position at the general meeting. We need another nomination.
- v. Possible Constitution change: Article VI Section 5, notes that new positions begin April 1. We should change that to the end of the annual meeting.
- vi. Advertising:
 1. David Threadgill noted that next year, we need to make a more concerted effort to get the word out about the 2020 meeting.
 2. Caleb Phillips responded that he started a list of Texas biology departments and senior administrators' contact information.
 3. Steve Daiger added that a lot of undergrads want to present at a meeting, so we should get the announcement to students directly.
 4. Caleb Phillips will send out a request to board members for the date and Texas biology departments to add to his list.
 5. David Threadgill will get a flyer made.
 6. David Aiello volunteered to contact the smaller schools.
 7. Jonathan Rios asked if we should contact active PIs who have phased out of the TGS. Steve Daiger noted there are too many meetings and they need to choose.

8. David Threadgill noted that we should target undergraduate and graduate students who want to present their research.
9. Steve Daiger added that he can help Caleb Phillips with outreach.
- vii. Nominating a President-Elect position: David Aiello was vetted for the president-elect nomination. He noted that Heather Conrad-Webb had asked him before. He argued he does not have the connections to identify and bring in the big-name speakers, but others argued that his PUI status could increase the attendance of others from PUIs at the next meeting. Steve Daiger said David Aiello is working with “the bread and butter” of TGS and sending students to grad schools. David Aiello said he’d consider it.
- viii. Announcing Sarah Canterbury’s death: Jonathan Rios noted that he would have a moment of silence for her during the meeting.
- ix. Nominating a student representative: Jonathan Rios reminded the board that a new student rep will be voted on at the general meeting. David Threadgill said that he’d get Anna Salvador to organize the grad students and identify a volunteer.
- x. Sponsoring students: Steve Daiger noted that as he approached retirement, the TGS may be able to appeal to his sentimentality and get him to sponsor a student. He’s probably not the only one who would consider doing so. It’d be great to get a photo of the sponsor with the student at the meeting. There could be three tiers of sponsorship opportunities based on participation by the sponsor and funding.
- xi. Funding student scholarships: David Threadgill noted that the cost of sponsoring an undergrad is currently set at the cost of the banquet. The grad student and postdoc cost is about average, and full professors are charge a little bit more. So, funding a student is a feasible request. After discussion of board members’ fund-raising experiences, it was concluded that this request of emeritus and full members should be done by (a) high-ranking board member(s).
- xii. Vendors: Rachel Lynch noted that we need to announce sponsors during the meeting. She also noted that they should be happy because their tables are right with the posters, so they should get a lot of traffic.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 pm after Steve Daiger motioned to adjourn and Rachel Lynch seconded the motion.

Prepared by Tina L. Gumienny, TGS Secretary/Treasurer.