

Texas Genetics Society  
Minutes of the General Business Meeting  
(and list of awardees)  
Texas A&M  
University  
College Station, Texas  
April 6, 2019

1. The meeting was called to order by Jonathan Rios, TGS President, at 12:39 pm.
2. The minutes of the 2018 general business meeting were reviewed and approved.
3. The treasurer's report was reviewed.
  - a. For the 2018 meeting, we had income of just over \$15,000 and expenses of just over \$26,000. David Threadgill's TIGGS donation of about \$10,000 gave us a balance of \$0.
  - b. We has a starting balance of just over \$12,218 in our account. Income since the 2018 meeting of nearly \$18,000, with over \$8600 from sponsors, leaves a balance of over \$38,000.
  - c. The key thing here is we don't have expenses for this year's meeting. However, we are in pretty good shape.
  - d. The update will be provided at the next meeting.
4. Amendments were voted on.
  - a. Amendment IV: to have a second trainee representative with a two-year term.
    - i. No changes were recommended.
    - ii. David Aiello motioned to approve the amendment. Caleb Phillips seconded.
    - iii. There were none opposed. The amendment was passed.
  - b. Amendment V: to allow for electronic communications to TGS membership for voting purposes.
    - i. No changes were recommended.
    - ii. Deborah Threadgill motioned to approve the amendment. Caleb Phillips seconded.
    - iii. There were none opposed. The amendment was passed.
5. The President-Elect position was filled.
  - a. David Aiello was nominated by Caleb Phillips. David Threadgill seconded.
  - b. There were none opposed. David Aiello will be TGS President-Elect.
6. Student representative candidates were nominated and voted on.
  - a. Two students were nominated:
    - i. Talisa Silzer, first-year PhD student at UNTHSC with Nichole Phillips lab. She is a newly elected SACNAS Vice President, and could promote collaborations between these two societies.
    - ii. Craig Tipton, third-year student at Texas Tech University with Caleb Phillips. He could help the President prepare for the meeting.

- iii. Voting was too close to determine a winner, so the two candidates gave a brief summary of how they could serve the TGS (summarized above). Students voted again.
7. Rachel Lynch's TGS Board of Directors at-large member position was filled.
  - a. Nichole Phillips was nominated by a TGS member.
  - b. There were none opposed. Nichole Phillips will replace Rachel Lynch.
8. Two Board of Directors at-large positions vacated by Stephen Daiger and David Threadgill, who are completing their terms, were filled.
  - a. Heath Blackmon and Debbie Threadgill were nominated and seconded by TGS members.
  - b. There were none opposed. Heath Blackmon and Debbie Threadgill will be at-large members from 2019-2022.
9. Talisa Silzer won the second vote for TGS Board of Directors student representative.
10. Awards were announced.
  - a. Poster
    - i. Undergraduate student: Nathan Anderson (present)
    - ii. Graduate student: Tejas Karhadkar
    - iii. Post-doc/tech: Carl Hjelman (present)
  - b. Oral
    - i. Undergraduate: Keira Malone
    - ii. Graduate Student: Donna Iadarola
    - iii. Post-doc/Technician: Komal Raja
  - c. Travel
    - i. Sponsors: Twist Bioscience, Fluidigm, Marchery-Nagel, donations from Ralf Krahe and Liz Montez
    - ii. Recipients: Mandy Eckhardt, Aarthri Kannan, Keara Malone, Pranavya Manickavelu, Paul Mpunga, Sita Ramasamy, Sarah Smith, and Shreya Uppala
11. Jonathan Rios announced that next year's meeting will be at College Station, location to be determined.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 pm.

In addition, the following awards were announced at the 2019 TGS annual banquet, April 5, 2019:

1. The Barbara Bowman Distinguished Texas Geneticist Award  
Dr. Brendan Lee MD, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine
2. The TGS Distinguished Service Award  
David Nelson, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine

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