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FROM THE EDITOR

Nominations Due!

By the first of July, 1981, nominations for new officers of the Association should be received by the Chairperson. Two new members of the Executive Committee will be elected to fill the expired terms of John S. Gray and Eike Hartwig. The office of the Chairperson of the Association (and Editor of this newsletter) will also expire at the end of 1981.

Nominations for any office may be made in writing by any two members of the Association (in the form of either a single letter with two signatures or two separate letters). Such letters of nomination must include copies of correspondence or other assurances that the nominee(s) have agreed to serve if elected and a brief biographical resume of the nominee(s).

To date, no nominations for Committee Members have been received. This is the last chance for nominations. Please act today!

Election Time-table

The ballot for officers of the Association will be included in the August issue of PSAMMONALIA. This issue will have to be sent air mail in order to ensure sufficient time for a proper response by 1 November. The November issue of the newsletter will announce the results.

Considering the time necessary for this process, the next election (1983) should begin with a formal call for nominations in August, 1982 in order for a ballot to be included in the February, 1983 issue and the results to be announced in the August of that same year. Because of the necessary constraints of third class mail service, it would appear that a turn-around time of more than three months is necessary. This will provide future Chairpersons more adequate time to assemble their Board of Correspondents and Treasurer.

1981 Dues!

Of the over 100 members whose 1981 payment was due prior to the mailing of this issue, only a few have responded. Only paid members will receive this issue. Again, I call your attention to the mailing label on your issue: in the upper right corner the year through which your dues have been paid is indicated, or if you receive a free copy because of currency or retirement status, this is indicated by "FC" or "FR."

Bibliographies Needed

One of the most valuable services of this newsletter has been the occasional inclusion of a bibliography on a subject appropriate to the membership. These bibliographies come from members, not the Editor. If you have a bibliography of interest, please consult past issues of PSAMMONALIA to note the proper format and correspond with the Editor concerning this matter.

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP

Comments from Bruce Coull

"I would like to see the Editor/Chairperson have a 3-4 year term rather than the present 2-year term. This would alleviate the problem of always (or so it seems) scrambling to find a new person for this position. Furthermore, as former Editor's know, after the first 1 or 2 issues by an Editor, putting out issues becomes pretty routine.

I would also like to see the abstracts of our IAM meetings included in PSAMMONALIA, along with the program prior to the meeting. This would allow the entire membership, not just those that attend the meeting, access to these otherwise obscure citations. I have seen, for example, citations in the literature to TIMCO abstracts - obviously inaccessible to the majority of the scientific community. This proposal, of course, necessitates having finished ABSTRACTS in early and making sure that the PSAMMONALIA prior to the meeting gets to the membership before they depart. This way, PSAMMONALIA serves as program and abstracts, eliminating the cost of publishing an abstract/program booklet like we did for FIMCO and follows precedents of other similar professional organizations.

If PSAMMONALIA is issued, Feb., May, Aug., Nov., (as now) and the IAM meetings are held in August, then I envision the following schedule: ABSTRACTS due in camera ready copy from authors, 15 March (the same as FIMCO, by the way). ABSTRACTS due at Editor, 15 April. PSAMMONALIA mailed 15 May - meeting in August. Anyway, these are my thoughts."

Chairperson's Response

Bruce's suggestions have my concurrence. I would expand his first suggestion to include a 3-year sequencing for members of the Executive Committee as well so that balloting is necessary only every three years. In other words, each 2 year office would become a 3 year office. The next Chairperson will serve 1981 through 1982 as currently planned. If we change his tenure to a 3-year term it would expire in the same year as our projected next meeting of the Association (1983).

Your comments on these proposals should be sent to me for inclusion in a future issue so that a bylaw revision can be proposed and voted on next year.

"Meiofauna Ecology" a Symposium Topic this December

A symposium on "Meiofauna Ecology: Present Concepts and Future Directions" will be a feature at the annual meeting of the American Society of Zoologists, December 27-30, in Dallas, Texas. Invited papers will include topics on relationships of meiofauna to special habitats such as the deep-sea, phytal assemblages, sandy beaches and salt marshes as well as on relationships to meiofauna and other components of the benthos. If sufficient contributed papers are offered, a special session may be arranged in conjunction with this symposium. For further information contact: Dr. Susan Bell, Department of Biology, University of South Florida, Tampa, FL. 33620, USA.

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Transition ¹	#47 2/80	#48 5/80	#49 8/80	#50 11/80
Balance Forward	\$1882.11	\$1602.46	\$1641.95	\$2290.80	\$2305.14
Deposits		<u>239.02</u>	<u>861.00</u>	<u>231.00</u>	<u>137.00</u>
Total	1882.11	1841.48	2502.95	2521.80	2442.14
Expenses	279.65	187.53 12.00	209.15 3.00	216.66	176.65 10.00
Total	<u>279.65</u>	<u>199.53</u>	<u>212.15</u>	<u>216.66</u>	<u>186.65</u>
Balance	\$1602.46	\$1641.95	\$2290.80	\$2305.14	\$2255.49

¹Represents a final closing of transactions from the preceding administration. These expenses did not appear in the Final Treasurer's Report for 1979.

I can also report that the Swedmark Fund, held in an account at Banyuls-Sur-Mer, includes 540.77 Francs. We enter 1981 in strong financial shape, largely the result of efforts by the Editor to keep costs of publication down. We are braced, however, for either a rise in postal rates or increase in the size (weight) of issues, or both. Even a modest addition to our per-issue weight can double mailing costs.

Respectfully submitted,
Leland W. Pollock, Treasurer

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This compilation indicates that despite the vast amount of literature on oil pollution, how few deal with meiofauna. Much data probably is hidden in reports on projects, local oil spill incidents, technical papers, etc. that are not readily available and which may not even be published. Furthermore, I am aware of the increasing research in this field where results are currently being compiled or in press. Therefore, this bibliography should not be considered definitive. Also, the use of the term "meiofauna" in this literature is not always as strict as we might prefer it. I have included several important papers on the impact of oil on sediments for obvious reasons. As is the custom with PSAMMONALIA Bibliographies, I urge the readers to inform me of any additional papers not listed. This will help in revising this bibliography in the future.

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