AGENDA FOR THE 2004 COUNCIL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES

(available online at http://www.aibs.org/events/councilnews/)

For: Presidents, Presidents-Elect, AIBS Council Representatives, and Executive Directors of AIBS Member Societies and Organizations

Monday 15 March (7:00 pm - 9:00 pm) and Tuesday 16 March (9:00 am to 4:00 pm) 2004, in the Washington Ballroom of the Westin Grand Hotel, 2350 M St. NW, Washington DC, 20037 (three blocks north from the Foggy Bottom Metro Station, on the edge of Georgetown). Contact the hotel directly to arrange for accommodations: 800/937-8461 or 202/429-0100.

As at previous year's Council meetings, the agenda will provide members with AIBS updates and a focus on opportunities among AIBS members for collaborative action on research, education, and public policy issues.

15 March

7:00 pm - 7:15 pm
Welcome

7:15 pm - 8:00 pm

Report and Group Discussion: Politics and Science


See also: NY Times article, 18 February 2004:

and

Chronicle of Higher Education article, 19 February 2004
http://chronicle.com/temp/email.php?id=cclexfr69r6sn3ban58xh22d05krmlpz

8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Reception
16 March

8:30 am - 9:00 am
Continental Breakfast

9:00 am - 9:30 am
Welcome from AIBS President and AIBS staff

After a brief report on AIBS activities over the last year, the remainder of the Council meeting will employ breakouts and group discussions among the Council, guests, and AIBS Board and staff members.

9:30 am - 10:20 am
Report and Group Discussion: Biological Research Funding Update and Challenges in the Federal Science Budget

(Coordinator: Adrienne Froelich, Director of AIBS Public Policy Office)

10:20 am - 10:40 am
Break

10:40 am - 11:45 am
Report and Group Discussion: Big Science for Biologists--Status and Future of the National Ecological Observatory Network

(Coordinator: Jeffrey Goldman, Director of AIBS Science Office)

(Guests: U.S. Geological Survey / National Biological Information Infrastructure staff)

Description: Historically, biologists have been ambivalent to the notion of Big Science. This session will examine the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON) in the context of Big Science and describe the continuing role of AIBS in the development of NEON. Discussion will revolve around these issues and the potential need for other Big Biology initiatives. The larger role of the newly-established AIBS Science Office will also be discussed.

11:45 am - 12:15 pm
Report and Group Discussion: Department of the Interior's Misconduct of Science Policy

James Tate, Jr., Science Advisor to the Secretary of the Interior, will announce that "the Secretary has today approved a uniform code and policy governing the conduct of science for the Department." The report will be distributed and discussed.

(Coordinators: Robert Gropp, Senior Public Policy Representative, AIBS Public Policy Office; Adrienne Froelich, Director of AIBS Public Policy Office)
12:15 pm - 1:45 pm

Lunch

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm

**Report and Group Discussion, Education 1: (1) Evolution Education, (2) Visiting Scholars and International Visas, (3) AIBS Public Policy Fellowship Program.**

(Coordinators: Robert Gropp, Senior Public Policy Representative, AIBS Public Policy Office; Adrienne Froelich, Director of AIBS Public Policy Office)

2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

**Report and Group Discussion, Education 2: Curricular Issues.** At this stage in the Council meeting's agenda, the Council will be joined by the members of the AIBS Education Committee, which will have been meeting for the day elsewhere in the hotel. Together, we will discuss AIBS education initiatives, in particular, (1) the AIBS evolution-education symposium planned for the fall 2004 meeting of the National Association of Biology Teachers, and (2) activities related to the 2003 National Research Council report, "BIO2010: Transforming Undergraduate Education for Future Research Biologists" (online for free page-by-page viewing at: http://books.nap.edu/catalog/10497.html ) and AIBS's plans for collaborative follow-up activity with the NRC.

(Coordinators: Susan Musante, AIBS Education and Outreach Program Manager; Gordon Uno and Christopher Haufler, AIBS Board members and Co-Chairs of the AIBS Education Committee--roster online at http://www.aibs.org/about-aibs/committee_education.html )

(Guests: Jay Labov, Kerry Brenner, and Adam Fagen from the Board on Life Sciences, National Research Council)

3:30 - 4:00 pm

**Group Discussion: Summing up, Old/New Business, and Action Items**--in particular, how can AIBS staff best follow up on this year's Council meeting to begin feasibility planning for the next (2005?) AIBS Presidents' Summit and Strategic Planning Conference for the presidents and senior staff of all AIBS member societies and organizations?

4:00 pm

Council meeting ends.

**Appendix:**

The notes and report from the 2003 Council meeting (held March 2003) are online at: http://www.aibs.org/about-aibs/030325_aibs_council_news.html

The 2003 Annual Report from the AIBS Public Office is online at: http://www.aibs.org/public-policy/annual_reports.html

(Note: The Council meeting is being held immediately before the AIBS Annual Meeting)
(3/16/04 - 3/18/04), in the same hotel. The theme of the 2004 Annual Meeting is "Invasive Species: The Search for Solutions." Please consider registering to attend the AIBS Annual Meeting while you are in Washington. You may register for the 2004 AIBS Annual Meeting (fee required; starts 7:00 pm 3/16/04; ends mid-afternoon 3/18/04) online at http://www.aibs.org/events/annual-meeting/.