PALEONTOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL REPORTS

OCTOBER 2014

1. TREASURER

2. STUDENT GRANTS

3. EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

4. PROGRAM COORDINATOR
Overview:

Overall, the financial health of the Paleontological Society continues to be strong with the current assets exceeding $3.26 M reflecting a dramatically reduced reduction in the rate of increase in the value of stocks and bonds. This represents a de-acceleration in the dramatic returns the Society has experienced over the past few years as the economy recovered the pronounced economic downturn. The year has shown to be quite volatile with both dramatic increases and decreases in the value of investments. Given the current state of the world and especially evidence of global slowdown, I expect this volatility to continue and be reflected in limited growth and perhaps even a slight reduction in the value of our investments.

By and large, we have continued to add more financial resources to a range of Society initiatives, and this should be sustainable into the future. Furthermore, the launching of the Boucot support for young professionals represents a major new initiative that will help support colleagues augment their research profiles. We have also spent more than usual on various professional services and advice, especially necessary given the complications of the sorting out our publishing issues, and hopefully those costs will return to previous levels now that the CUP contract has been signed.

Obviously, from a budgetary standpoint, the ‘sea change’ is the move away from Allen Press to Cambridge University Press. As seen in the proposed budget for 2015, this removes both significant sources of revenue as well as expenses, but also adds a considerable amount of uncertainty (outlined in more detail below). That uncertainty, however, is somewhat mitigated by the guaranteed return of $117.5 k per year the bulk of which is dedicated to supporting the Society’s broader goals to support paleontology.
Concerns/Questions/Unknowns:

- The biggest unknown is how much additional revenue this new publishing relationship will generate for the Society. This will be based on several aspects, although largely the ability of CUP to more effectively and successfully market our journals (which at least from my perspective was pretty much non-existent previously) and also which on-line providers they will retain (hopefully all of them). The existing budget for 2015 is built very conservatively and includes only the guaranteed income, but there is certainly the very real potential for additional revenue, which may well allow the Society to undertake additional initiatives or increase the support of those that are currently funded.

- The numbers of subscribers and their distribution, and what the synergy will be between the Society and CUP in terms of retaining and even increasing their number. Given the signed agreement, we are required to pay CUP $75 and $35 per print subscription, so we are ‘sponsoring’ student members at this point (and, at least from my perspective, this is a sound investment in the future). I also have the sense, although not clearly articulated in the CUP agreement, that if subscriptions fall, we will be required to cover the shortfall should that arise.

- Our biggest source of revenue, which was then used as cash to fund many of the Society’s expenses, were our rebates from the on-line providers of our journal content (i.e., BioOne, GSW, and JSTOR). Obviously, these funds will go to CUP, and, therefore, our holding of cash will go down substantially from what it was in the past. I feel that this requires us to re-examine how our investments are balanced and that the current cash:bonds:stock ratio of 20:20:60 distribution potentially be realigned.

- An issue that still needs some thought is what to do with the various funds that were used in the past to offset the costs of our publications. There have been various notions floated, but at some point in the near future we need to come to a consensus about this.
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**TOTAL** $2,906,468 | $3,236,763 | $3,261,570 | 0.8% | 65.3% | 20.0% | 14.7%  

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**TOTALS** $3,065,950 | $51,693 | $3,144,223 |    |        |        |        |            |
### INCOME

#### 2014 Annual Meeting: Income

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**Publication Income (CUP)** $ 100,000

**Transition Payment (CUP)** $ 25,000

**Annual Editors Mtg (CUP)** $ 2,500

**Journal Development (CUP)** $ 15,000

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**NSF Grant Total** $ 20,000.00

**Donations MAPS Contribution**

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**TOTAL OPERATING INCOME**

|                          | $ 506,272               | $ 473,210| $ 508,411 | $ 302,785|
| Investment Withdrawals   | Unrestricted funds      | $ 45,295 |           | $ 51,693 |
|                          | Restricted funds        | $ 68,345 |           | $ 70,945 |
| Total withdrawals        |                        | 113,640  |           | 122,638 |

**TOTAL INCOME**

|                          | $ 506,272               | $ 586,850| $ 508,411 | $ 425,423|

## EXPENSES

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| Paleobiology Allen Press | Layout/Printing and mailing                      | $26,623  | $36,169  | $40,000  | $29,091  |
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| Allen Press             | Warehouse                                        | $1,749   | $1,456   | $1,750   | $2,139   |
| Allen Press             | Allen Track                                      | $2,048   | $2,755   | $2,500   | $2,255   |
| Editorial Office        | Office costs                                     | $16,140  | $20,000  | $12,500  | $10,000  |
| Editorial Office        | Copy Editor                                      | $16,425  | $17,451  | $23,068  |          |
|                  | **Subtotal: Paleobi**                            | **$48,854** | **79,160** | **76,701** | **65,292** |

| Both Journals: Additional Costs Allen Press | Electronic Publishing                            | $28,802  | $21,395  | $30,000  | $16,510  |
| GeoScienceWorld         | Content Conversion                               | $3,499   | $6,587   | $4,500   | $2,544   |
| Dryad                   |                                                  | $2,500   | $2,600   |          |          |
|                  | **Subtotal: Additional Costs**                   | **$32,301** | **30,582** | **37,100** | **19,054** |

| Total: Publications Costs |                                              | $222,186 | $319,438 | $340,061 | $246,285 |

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Committee Business

The Committee will meet on Monday evening, October 20, 2014, at the GSA meeting. Among the agenda items are (1) developing professional guidelines for the care and maintenance of university teaching collections and (2) modifications to the Paleontological Society Student Ambassador Program (PSSAP).

Outreach and Education Grant

The applicant pool for the PS Outreach and Education Grants continues to grow, with 25 applications received for the 2014 competition. A four-person subcommittee of the E&O Committee, including a PS Student Ambassador, reviewed the applications and made six awards of $2,500 each.

2014 PS Outreach and Education Grant Recipients:

- “Phylogenetic Systematics: Getting Relationships Right in High School” (David Fastovsky and David Upegui, University of Rhode Island and Central Falls High School)
- “ROCKS – Real Opportunities to Connect Kids with Scientists” (Randall Irmis, Jessica Seppi, Natalie Toth, and Matt Whittaker, Natural History Museum of Utah)
- “Earth in Sixty Seconds: An iOS-based game about geological time and the history of life on Earth” (Benjamin Kotrc and Beaudry Kock, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Better World Coding)
- “Foraminifera and Changing Cenozoic Climate” (Ellen Thomas, Pincelli Hull, and Andrea Motto, Yale University and Peabody Museum of Natural History)
- “Mapping Georgia Through Deep Time: Exploring Fossils and the History of Life using Place-Based Learning in K-12” (Christy Visaggi, Georgia State University)
- “SACNAS Field Trip to the Page Museum and La Brea Tar Pits” (Jory Weintraub, National Evolutionary Synthesis Center)

Final reports for three of the four projects funded in 2013 have also been received. Hadly et al.’s project successfully developed two museum exhibits about Solenodon and Dominican Republic paleontology for the Museum Del Hombre Dominicano in Santo Domingo, D.R., developed and ran summer educational workshops in Spanish for 25 Dominican children, and created a radio show that aired on Stanford’s radio station and is available to download at http://www.stanford.edu/group/storytelling/ (Episode 417). Powell and Hosler’s children’s book on evolution has been drafted and the creation of illustrations for it is in progress. And PS support allowed Wilson and DeBey’s Discoveries in Geosciences (DIG) Field School for K-12 teachers to expand access to more teachers, develop new curricula, and visit classrooms during the academic year.

The deadline for 2015 Outreach and Education Grant proposals will be March 27, 2015.
Earth Science Week and National Fossil Day

The Paleontological Society’s geologic time scale poster by artist Ray Troll, which was included in 16,000 Earth Science Week kits distributed across the country, appears to be a big hit. In response to requests by members for some guidance in how to initiate and plan an outreach event for National Fossil Day, PY has created a short “Guide to Outreach,” to be made available on the PS website.

University Teaching Collections

The E&O Committee is beginning the process of developing a formal statement on university teaching collections. We hope to have language ready for Council to discuss at the 2015 Mid-Year meeting. A separate group has independently raised this issue with GSA, and we may be able to partner with them.

Paleontological Society Student Ambassador Program (PSSAP)

Two students have participated in the PSSAP program, and a third student’s application is in process. The E&O Committee will be discussing how to increase the applicant pool and clarify expectations for participating students.

Budget Requests

We would like to maintain the current level of funding for our Education and Outreach programs for the next year:

- 2015 Outreach and Education Grant Program: $15,000 (6 awards)
- Educational Initiatives: $3,000

Submitted by Peg Yacobucci, Education and Outreach Coordinator and Chair of the Education and Outreach Committee

“Fun with Fossils” exhibit, STEM in the Park, Bowling Green State University, Sept. 2014
Interested in organizing a paleo session at GSA or another conference?

If you have suggestions or ideas for PS sponsored sessions at GSA or other conferences, email Tom Olszewski at olszewski@geos.tamu.edu. Please contact him at least two weeks ahead of the GSA topical session deadline to arrange for PS sponsorship, which also allows you to apply for PS funds to help cover travel/registration expenses for speakers who do not normally attend GSA meetings. Hope to hear from you!

1. Paleontological Society Short Courses:

   2014 (Vancouver, BC Canada) Reading and Writing of the Fossil Record: Preservational Pathways to Exceptional Fossilization (Marc Laflamme, James D. Schiffbauer, and Simon A.F. Darroch)

   2015 (Baltimore, MD) Earth Life Transitions (David L. Fox, Jason J. Head, and P. David Polly)

2. Paleontological Society-Sponsored Pardee and Topical Sessions at the Vancouver GSA:

   - T195. Extreme Environmental Conditions and Biotic Responses during the Permian-Triassic Boundary Crisis and Early Triassic Recovery (Thomas J. Algeo, Hugo Bucher, Peter Roopnarine and Arne M.E. Winguth)
   - T198. The Ordovician Revolution: Co-Evolution of Climate and the Biosphere (Thomas J. Algeo, Pedro J. Marenco and Matthew R. Saltzman)
   - T199. Conodonts as Stratigraphic and Paleoclimatic Tools (Charles M. Henderson and Michael J. Orchard)
   - T202. The Tonian-Cryogenian World (Leigh Anne Riedman, Erik A. Sperling, Phoebe Cohen and Susannah M. Porter)
   - T204. Fossil Mammalian Communities across Periods of Pronounced Climate Change (Anne Weil, Jessica M. Theodor and Craig Scott)
   - T205. Major Evolutionary Events of the Early Mesozoic— Paleontology and Paleoecology from the Middle Triassic to the Late Jurassic (Lydia S. Tackett, Rowan C. Martindale and David Bottjer)
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