

AB-WRSA BUSINESS MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2006

MINUTES

President Ana Moura opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. by welcoming the members and guests in attendance and noted that it was great pleasure to host the 3rd Rabbit Congress of the Americas in Brazil.

President's Report

The President thanked Claudio Scapinello, the other professors and students for their excellent work in organizing the conference. She also offered thanks to the Universidade Estadual de Maringá and the sponsors of the Congress.

It was noted that Argentina had offered to host the 2010 Congress. Dr. Juan Carlos Daita provided a presentation about Argentina. The proposal was unanimously accepted by acclamation.

The President pointed out the importance of recruitment of members and noted that the Secretary had membership forms for those who were interested in joining.

The terms of office of the current officers have expired and a call had been sent out for nominations for these positions. Only one response has been received so far. An opportunity was provided for nominations from the floor but none were forthcoming.

The next business meeting of the American Branch of the World Rabbit Science Association will be held at the 8th World Congress to be held in Verona, Italy in 2008.

Vice President's Report

Vice President Gabriela Gonzalez-Marsical provided a report on publication opportunities for rabbit researchers. She noted that it is important to publish rabbit science in journals where it is most likely to be accepted and read.

She noted that our journal *World Rabbit Science* had, through the efforts of Agustin Blasco, been listed by the ISI. This is critical for researchers who, for advancement purposes, must publish in such listed journals.

The journal *Hormones and Behavior* in early 2007 will publish a special issue devoted to the behavior of farm and laboratory animals to help create a bridge between production and laboratory research. Drs. Gonzalez-Marsical, Lukefahr and McNitt have provided a chapter on rabbits for that issue.

The British Society of Animal Science, the European Association for Animal Production and the Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique will publish a new journal *Animal, the International Journal of Animal Biosciences*. This will replace the journals *Animal Science, Animal Research, and Reproduction, Nutrition and Development*. Dr. Gonzalez-Marsical will be editor of the rabbit section for this journal. Further information can be obtained at their website www.animal-journal.eu.

It was agreed to suggest to the webmaster that a list of journals that carried rabbit papers should be provided on the WRSA website. It was also suggested that if a member located an interesting rabbit paper in an unusual publication, a reference and brief abstract might be posted on the web page.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary noted that the minutes of the previous meeting held September 8, 2004 in Puebla, Mexico had been distributed by e-mail. Several copies in both English and Spanish had been brought to the current meeting for distribution. The Secretary moved approval of the minutes of the previous meeting as posted. Steven Lukefahr seconded the motion. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Treasurer's Report

The treasurer presented the following report showing income and expenditures since the previous meeting. It was noted that the branch is losing money because of increased postage costs and rates for using PayPal. The treasurer moved approval of the report. The report was approved as presented.

Financial Report – August 1, 2004 - July 31, 2006

Opening Balance August 1, 2004	\$ 526.25
Income	
Memberships and World Rabbit Science Subscriptions	\$2661.54
Interest	<u>28.12</u>
	\$2,689.66
Expenses	
World Rabbit Science Association dues	\$ 370.00
World Rabbit Science subscriptions	1350.00
Bank charges and currency exchange	684.58
Postage	<u>151.23</u>
	\$ 2555.81
Closing Balance July 31, 2006	\$ 660.11

* Of the \$10 annual fee, \$5 is paid to WRSA and \$5 is kept by the American Branch.

Old Business

Postage rates – As previously reported by the Treasurer. postage for forwarding World Rabbit Science to our members, especially the international members, far exceeds the amount that we have been charging. Since direct mailing of the journal directly from Spain has been stopped, it will be necessary to charge members for postage as part of their subscription fee.

- **Secretary's Note** - After this meeting the Secretary met with the Editor of World Rabbit Science and learned that the cessation of direct mailing to the AB-WRSA members had been in error and that the journals would still be mailed directly from Spain. Thus, the above discussion does not apply at the present time and all subscribers will receive on-line access and a hard copy mailed directly from Spain.

At a previous meeting, the Editor agreed that we could provide Spanish translations of WRS papers on our AB-WRSA website if any of our members volunteered to do the translations. Carlos Becerril pointed out that the journal *Agrociencia*, published in Mexico, is bilingual and has papers in both Spanish and English.

New Business

James McNitt moved payment of \$500 from the AB-WRSA treasury to the organizing committee to help offset the costs of the Congress. Carlos Beyer seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

James McNitt moved that the membership fee be increased from \$10 to \$15 for 2007. Gabriela Gonzalez-Marsical seconded the motion. Approval was unanimous.

President Ana Moura provided to Claudio Scapinello a plaque in recognition of his efforts in organizing the conference. Dr. Scapinello accepted the plaque on behalf of those who had assisted him including the National Committee, the Scientific Committee, the animal science students from the PET group of the Universidade Estadual de Maringá and the students from the Secretariado Executivo Trilingue of the Universidade Estadual de Maringá.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

PERSONS IN ATTENDANCE

Ana Silvia Moura,	President	Brazil
Gabriela Gonzalez-Marsical	Vice President	Mexico
James McNitt	Secretary/Treasurer	US
Juan Carlos Daita		Argentina
Serena Ricardo Umar		Argentina
Maria Laura Cimimi		Argentina
Gaby Qualliariello		Argentina
Jorge Eduardo Ghiglia		Argentina
Lilian Maris Sosa		Argentina
Enrique Douma		Argentina
Maria Elena Cossu		Argentina
Walter Motta Ferreira		Brazil
Claudio Scapinello		Brazil
Renata Apocalypse Nogueira Pereira		Brazil
Dirceu Alves do Como		Brazil
Elida Martinez		Columbia
Gabriel Cortazar Mora		Colombia
Luis Carlos Rojas		Costa Rica
Patrica Falconi		Ecuador
Carlos Beyer		Mexico
Carlos Becerril		Mexico
Maria Aparecida G. da F. Martins		US (Puerto Rico)
S.D. Lukefahr		US