

## Business meeting minutes -- SLS 2015

The meeting came to order at 4:45 pm, Saturday, Sept. 5, 2015, at the Heidelberg meeting with approximately 50 members in attendance.

Chair of the Executive Board Anton Zimmerling presided.

1. The Heidelberg local organizers (Jadranka Gvozdanovic, Katrin Schlund, and their team) were thanked for their work and for an excellent meeting with an enthusiastic round of applause.
2. The next meeting (Toronto, September 23-25 2016) was announced. The organizer is Joseph Schallert; details and a conference web site will be forthcoming later this fall.
3. Treasurer Catherine Rudin congratulated the 2015 Student Travel Award winners: Matthew Menzenski, Bartosz Brzoza, Marek Majer, Valeria Tretiak, and Vesela Simeonova. Each received \$500, awarded for the best student abstracts.
4. The treasurer's report in brief: SLS took in about \$6000 this year and spent about \$7000, mostly because of the large expenditure on student travel grants. These will probably be cut back from 5 to 3 next year, with some of the slack taken up by the new C.E.Townsend awards; see below.
5. Steven Franks announced the creation of the Charles E. Townsend memorial fund. The fund already has close to \$7000 in donations, which will be used to provide a life membership in SLS to a graduate student or recent PhD each year. Awardees must have presented at SLS within the two previous years and must have been a student at the time of presentation.
6. It was announced that the current webmaster of SLS, Andrea Sims, will be stepping down at the end of her 5 year term next year. Volunteers to take over the position are encouraged to contact the SLS board and/or contact Andrea Sims for more detail on what the position entails; it requires moderate technological expertise and about 1 hour per week of time.
7. Elections were held for two new members of the Executive Board, to replace Laura Janda and Sylwester Jaworski, who are rotating off this year and who were thanked for their service. Nominations were taken and a paper ballot held. The newly elected board members are Jacek Witkoś and Joseph Schallert.

The meeting adjourned shortly before 6:00.