

2003 NATIONAL DROSOPHILA BOARD MEETING

March 5, 2003, Chicago, IL

Chicago 10, Chicago Sheraton Hotel, 2 – 6 p.m.

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1. 2002 BOARD MEETING SUMMARY (Trudi Schüpbach)

The Board approved the 2002 Board meeting minutes and summary (Report 1). This report can be found at the end of the 2002 Board Meeting Report which is posted on FlyBase.

2. REPORT OF THE 2003 PROGRAM COMMITTEE (Dennis McKearin, John Abrams and Helmut Krämer)

Registration – Pre-registration for the meeting continues to be strong, as detailed in the report from Marsha Ryan. To date (as of 2/17/03), 1464 people (a few more than the 2001 record high) have registered for the meeting; the breakdown is in Marsha's report. An additional ~100 participants are expected to register at the meeting itself. The strong attendance continues even with the increased registration fees and challenging travel conditions.

Plenary Speakers - 12 plenary speakers were invited, as we returned to the traditional format of two plenary sessions on Thursday and Sunday morning. Plenary speakers were chosen for their excellent science and for their ability to communicate in talks. We made efforts to cover a broad range of current topic areas, to include investigators at different stages in their careers, and to achieve gender and geographical balance to the extent possible (8 male and 4 female this year). We included Tim Karr who - due to a sudden illness - could not present his invited plenary lecture last year. Michael Ashburner was invited to be the keynote speaker for the opening night, and will speak on "**A Life of Flies**". An updated List of Plenary Speakers is appended to this report that includes the year 2003 invited speakers.

Traditionally, the Drosophila Board has covered the travel and meeting expenses for the Keynote/Historical speaker only. This year, however, we proposed that the Board cover the travel costs of invited foreign speakers to make it easier for our overseas colleagues to accept the invitation to speak. This request was motivated by a desire to enhance our Drosophila communities' scientific exchanges and the request was generously approved by the Board. The offer to assist with foreign travel expenses was certainly appreciated by our foreign invitees although we cannot say that it made the difference between an accepting or declining the invitation. To the extent that finances permit, we feel that continuing this practice will be beneficial for future meetings.

Abstract Submission- Abstracts were solicited under thirteen areas of primary research interest (same as last year). The list of 2003 topics is appended to the end of this report, including the number of abstracts submitted in each area. In total, 1016 requests were received for posters and platform talks (versus 1003 in 2002 and 966 in 2001). There were 454 requests for slide presentations for 153 available slots, allowing accommodation of approximately 30% of the requests (7% less than last year). The number of speakers for each sub-topic was roughly in proportion to the number of abstracts submitted in each sub-field, insofar as possible without combining topical areas in a single platform session.

The choice of session topics worked well, although there is definitely a higher chance of being chosen for a platform presentation in some areas relative to others (see table below). The most popular submission topics were Signal Transduction and Neurogenetics and Neural Development, but other subjects such as Regulation of Gene Expression and Pattern Formation were not far behind. While the overlap of platform and workshop presentations has been a significant problem in prior years, that concern was diminished this year probably due to the smaller number of workshops offered (see below).

Posters. One of the most consistent messages we received was that the amount of meeting time devoted to posters at the 43rd Conference was too little. This was a result, in part, of the extra Plenary Session that was unwritten by NIH. Since posters are the format for the majority of the meeting's presentations and accommodate a greater breadth "works in progress", we wanted to increase the visibility of posters at the 44th Conference. To do so, we devoted a large percentage of the time early in the meeting to blocks of poster time with author attendance.

Slide Sessions – We selected abstracts for platform talks from among the pool of submissions requesting this consideration. The primary criteria were novelty and scientific interest. We tried to avoid choosing more than one speaker from the same laboratory although, in some rare cases, we felt that selections from the same group were appropriate if the topics covered were truly distinct. We also gave consideration to the "juniorness" of the presenter, favoring more junior speakers to offer them some opportunity for visibility that might not be afforded in other meeting formats.

Workshops - Including the Techniques session, a total of 6 workshops were organized. This is about half the number of workshops scheduled for the 2002 conference (a total of 13). Reasons for this difference are not

obvious. We anticipated heavy attendance at the Techniques workshop and, following the pattern of previous meetings, this session was scheduled for an exclusive 2-hour time slot during prime time. The remaining 5 workshops were scheduled to run in parallel. Responsibility for organizing the program and content of these was delegated to the workshop organizers. Input from the conference organizers was limited to scheduling and other logistical issues (e.g. insuring against redundant talks etc.). Previous organizers felt that issues related to the workshops were “the most time-consuming and vexing problems encountered”. The 2003 organizing committee experienced similar pressures, but they were evidently less acute in scope and magnitude, perhaps because far fewer numbers of workshops were scheduled this year (13 versus 6).

Previous organizers felt that “*A choice needs to be made: are the workshops meant to be workshops (informal groups of people meeting to discuss relevant issues), or are they meant to be another form of platform session, with the topic suggested by the community?*” This organizing committee adopted a “hands-off” policy and the atmosphere of each workshop will clearly reflect the attitudes adopted by the individual workshop organizers. In keeping with recommendations from previous organizers, speakers and abstracts were not listed for the workshop sessions. We did, however, make accommodations to dedicate a bulletin board to Workshops’ announcements at the meeting itself. The Techniques Workshop, which has clearly evolved “plenary” status, is listed with speakers in the meeting catalog.

Policies - In general, the policies followed were similar to those for the 2002 meeting. Complimentary hotel rooms were reserved -- as traditionally -- for GSA personnel, the meeting organizers, and foreign scientists who indicated critical fund shortages. Registration fees were waived for all participants who asked on the basis of serious financial need. While there are many deserving domestic scientists, the critical nature of fund shortages presented by foreign colleagues and the limited supply of complimentary rooms made it difficult to justify extending this courtesy to scientists from historically affluent countries.

Future Considerations and Organization of the Meeting

- A.** As computer-based presentations have become the dominant media for talks, the GSA staff, Barbara Wakimoto (President) and Steve Mount (Treasurer) decided to spend the money necessary to hire a professional AV contractor to handle the IT demands of the meeting. This is almost certainly a wise decision but we will not know the success of the individual contractor until the meeting has concluded. The need to interface with the IT contractor creates some new demands on the organizing committee and requires attention over a period of several months leading up to the meeting date. One of the most important was the need to impress on the contractor the extent that MacIntosh machines would be used by colleagues; typically, IT companies deal with PC-based systems. Also, we considered it essential to retain the option to accommodate individual laptops *in situ* at the sessions. Another issue that still remains to be proven is efficiency of the mechanisms to get seminars loaded and reviewed on the dedicated meeting computers. This will be worth a supplementary report from the 2003 Committee.
- B.** Interactions with the GSA office and staff were excellent this year. Although the organizers are new each year, the GSA is becoming more and more experienced with respect to this meeting (thank you Marsha Ryan), and most issues were dealt with efficiently and expediently. The organizers have begun accumulating a compendium of advice (coordinated by Mariana Wolfner) to be passed along to future organizers, which includes both formal and informal wisdom about issues that need to be addressed. We will continue this tradition with respect to next year’s organizers.
- C. Suggestion to consider a new option for presentation format.** For more than a handful of abstracts, the central content features novel databases, software-mining tools and other computer based material etc. These abstracts were submitted either for platform talks or posters yet neither format seems entirely satisfactory in light of the uniquely interactive nature of the material and the benefits from “hands on” exchange with the developers/presenters. Since the need to convey web-based content will certainly increase in future meetings, we suggest that the board consider a new option for future meetings, modeled after the computer station format developed by the presenters of Flybase. This could be an elected format option chosen by presenters - in addition to the standard platform talks and posters. Important considerations, beyond the obvious logistics of adding computer-based presentations, include the high cost of providing additional lines for Internet access. This cost might be minimal, however, if the necessary lines for Internet access were negotiated “up front” as part of the package of GSA requirements when selecting a venue for the meetings.

In summary, everything went fairly smoothly this year and attendance continues to increase. We look forward to an enjoyable meeting.

Acknowledgements: This report used the report of the 2002 organizing committee as a template, and includes text from that report.

Plenary Speaker List

Susan Abmayr	1995	Minx Fuller	2003	Terry L. Orr-Weaver	2002
Kathryn Anderson	1999	Elizabeth R. Gavis	2002	Mark Peifer	1997
Deborah Andrew	1997	Bill Gelbart	1994	Trudy MacKay	2000
Chip Aquadro	1994	Pam Geyer	1996	Nipam Patel	2000
Spyros Artavanis	1994	Richard Gibbs	2003	Norbert Perrimon	1999
Bruce Baker	1996	David Glover	2000	Leslie Pick	1994
Bruce S. Baker	2002	Kent Golic	2001	M. Ramaswami	2001
Utpal Banerjee	1997	Iswar Hariharan	2003	Robert Rawson	2003
Konrad Basler	2003	Dan Hartl	2001	Pernille Rorth	1995
Amy Bejsovec	2000	Scott Hawley	2001	Gerry Rubin	1998
Phil Beachy	1998	Tom Hayes	1995	Gerry Rubin	2001
Hugo Bellen	1997	Ulrike Heberlein	1996	Hannele Ruohola-Baker	1999
Celeste Berg	1994	Ulrike Heberlein	1998	Helen Salz	1994
Marianne Bienz	1996	Martin Heisenberb	1998	Babis Savakis	1995
Ethan Bier	2002	Dave Hogness	1999	Paul Schedl	1998
Seth Blair	1997	Joan Hooper	1995	Gerold Schubiger	1996
Grace Boekhoff-Falk	2003	Wayne Johnson	2000	Matthew P. Scott	2002
Nancy Bonini	2000	Timothy Karr	2003	John Sedat	2000
Juan Botas	1999	Thom Kaufman	2001	Amita Sehgal	2003
Andrea Brand	2001	Rebecca Kellum	1999	Allen Shearn	1994
Vivian Budnik	2000	Christian Klambt	1998	Marla Sokolowski	1998
Ross Cagan	1998	Thomas B. Kornberg	2002	Ruth Steward	1996
John Carlson	1999	Mitzi Kuroda	2003	Tin Tin Su	2002
John Carlson	2002	Paul Lasko	1999	Bill Sullivan	1996
Sean Carroll	1995	Cathy Laurie	1997	John Sved	1997
Andrew G. Clark	2002	Ruth Lehmann	2002	John Tamkun	2000
Tom Cline	2000	Maria Leptin	1994	Barbara Taylor	1996
Claire Cronmiller	1995	Mike Levine	2003	Bill Theurkauf	1994
Ilan Davis	2001	Bob Levis	1997	William Theurkauf	2002
Rob Denell	1999	Haifan Lin	1995	Tim Tully	1995
Michael Dickinson	1995	Susan Lindquist	2000	Barbara Wakimoto	2001
Chris Doe	1996	John Lis	2001	Steve Wasserman	1996
Ian Duncan	2001	Liqun Luo	2003	Kristi Wharton	1994
Bruce Edgar	1997	Dennis McKearin	1996	Eric Wieschaus	1996
Anne Ephrussi	2001	Mike McKeown	1996	Ting Wu	1997
Mel B. Feany	2002	Jon Minden	1999	Tian Xu	1997
Martin Feder	1998	Denise Montell	2002	Philip Zamore	2003
Janice Fischer	1998	Roel Nusse	1997	Susan Zusman	1998
		David O'Brochta	1997		

II. Number of applicants and speakers in different topical areas

	Session Title	# Talks
1	Meiosis, Mitosis, and Cell Division	75
2	Cytoskeleton and Cellular Biology	70
3	Genome and Chromosome Structure	64
4	Regulation of Gene Expression	102
5	Signal Transduction	119
6	Pattern Formation	101
7	Gametogenesis and Sex Determination	69
8	Organogenesis	49
9	Neurogenetics and Neural Development	103
10	Neural Physiology and Behavior	84
11	Evolution and Quantitative Genetics	80
12	Immune System and Cell Death	42
113	Techniques and Genomics	58

III. Workshops. all concurrent at Sat., 7:00 pm–11:30 pm

Concurrent Workshops		
Research and Pedagogy at Primarily Undergraduate Institutions Organizers: Elaine Reynolds, Lafayette College, Easton, PA; Beverly Clendening, Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY; Karen Hales, Davidson College, NC; and Nancy Pokrywka, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY		Sheraton Ballroom 1
RNA Processing Organizers: David Standiford, University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia; and Mary Beth Davis, Bryn Mawr College, PA		Sheraton Ballroom 2
Ecdysone Action Organizer: Laurence von Kalm, University of Central Florida, Orlando		Sheraton Ballroom 3
Release 3 Re-Annotated <i>D. melanogaster</i> Genome Organizers: Madeline Crosby, FlyBase, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA; and Sima Misra, FlyBase/BDGP, University of California, Berkeley		Sheraton Ballroom 4-5
Hematopoiesis and Immunity Organizer: Shubha Govind, City University of New York, NY.		Chicago Ballroom 8

3. REPORT OF THE SANDLER AWARD COMMITTEE (Mandy Simcox)

2003 Committee members:

Amanda Simcox, Ohio State (Chair)
Steve DiNardo, UPenn (2002 Chair)
Celeste Berg, University of Washington
Jin Jiang, UT Southwestern

Mechanism of Committee Selection: The current year's chair selects next year's chair (during summer), and also stays on for one year for "continuity". The chair selects the other members; a list of recent members is pasted at the end of this document. You need to have the committee chosen by early Fall. Membership numbers have varied; we had no problem with a committee size of four. One should pay attention to gender, geographic region and perhaps specialty / area of expertise.

Key Contact at GSA: Marsha Ryan mryan@genetics.faseb.org

Please contact Marsha as early as possible with the name and address of the chairperson so the information is included in the Fly Meeting Announcements. The deadline for nomination should be given careful consideration, given the fluctuation in Fly Meeting dates. This year's meeting (2003) was to be held relatively early, hence the December deadline.

Selling points for committee work: not much work; really fun to read what is going on in fly field; responsibility to the meeting, which is FOR the students and postdocs, really. Each faculty member I approached agreed without any question. In past years faculty have been "let off the hook" for good reasons (grant due Feb / March 1, but were asked to give two names as suggested committee members.

Operation of Committee: Because there were no major disagreements during both phases of the selection process (see below), the committee was able to correspond by email with no conference calls necessary.

Initial Nomination / Application: (thesis abstract, student's CV, Letter of support from Advisor):

Nominations arrived by mail throughout December and a total of 12 was received. Some applications arrived as email attachments only. I mailed copies of the nomination materials to committee members in early January.

I acknowledged receipt of all applications. It might be worth considering whether the whole process could be managed by email with attachments. This may be more convenient and would avoid the worry I had that an application was lost in the mail somewhere. Stating in the application announcement that receipt of a nomination will be acknowledged would also achieve this.

Nominee	Advisor
Agapite	Steller
Blower	Karpen
Chu	Boekhoff-Falk
Dong	Boekhoff-Falk
Lazarro	Clark
Lee, C-Y	Baehrecke
Lee, J	Treisman
Prober	Edgar
Rodriguez	Abrams
Urban	Freeman
Wittkopp	Carroll
Yang	Simon

Initial round of selection:

Each member of the committee ranked the applicants using 1-6 to identify their top six candidates based on the quality and impact of the research and the independence of the applicant. Three of the twelve applicants, Blower, Prober and Urban, were clearly identified as the top candidates. They were asked to send copies of their completed thesis (figures and text), on CD ROMs or as PDF attachments, which I

mailed or emailed to the committee. All committee members were happy to read the theses electronically.

Final round of selection:

Each member of the committee read the theses and ranked the three finalists. The standard was very high but Sinisa Urban was unanimously selected as the winner.

The Award:

Opening talk of the Drosophila Research Conference April, 2003. Chairperson introduces speaker; summarizes why the award exists, perhaps briefly mentions some things about the selection process. Steve DiNardo, gave me his PowerPoint slides from last year to form a base for the introduction. Steve also advised me to read Dan Lindsley's "Perspectives" about Larry Sandler (Genetics 151, 1233-1237) as people serving on the committee are not necessarily directly connected to Larry.

1. *Publication of thesis as a monograph* by Kluwer Academic Publishers (Joann.Tracy@wkap.com was the contact). This has not happened for at least two years and Marsha Ryan is unaware if and how it worked in the past. The thesis of this year's winner is a single PDF file and given this new technology producing a monograph does not seem warranted.
2. *Sandler Award Plaque* (see entry on "Plaque", below)
3. *Lifetime membership in the GSA* (Arranged wholly by Marsha)
4. *All expenses to attend the meeting* (Arranged wholly by Marsha).
5. *Runners up.* This year the GSA also offered to pay for the two runners up to travel to the meeting and covered their registration. Their hotel costs were not covered. One runner up will be attending.

Plaque: Once I knew the winner, I emailed the full name, award date, and Marsha's email to Brinks Trophy. The company contacted me to confirm details and shipping address.

The history: Lynn Cooley (2001) arranged for 10 plaques to be made by Brinks Trophy Shoppe in Santa Cruz, CA (831-426-2505; staff@brinkstrophies.com). Bill Sullivan laid the groundwork for this in 2000. Marsha Ryan paid for the plaques and the silk-screening of the name / date of the winner (\$690.00 total), and she has all the information on how to contact them. The selection committee chairperson simply needs to contact Brinks Trophy so that the name of the winner and the date of the award can be silk-screened on one of the plaques. The only additional cost will be shipping of the completed plaque to the committee chair; sent by UPS ground, which Marsha is billed for.

Outstanding expenses: None

Previous Committee Members: This is the list of past committee members to help future chairs select new people for the task.

2000 Committee:

Amy Bejsovec
Tom Cline
Joe Duffy
Chris Field
Janice Fischer
Scott Hawley
Bill Saxton (Chair)
Bill Sullivan (1999 Chair)

2002 Committee:

Steve DiNardo, UPenn (Chair)
Lynn Cooley, Yale Med (2001 Chair)
Chip Ferguson, U Chicago
Helen Salz, Case Western

2001 Committee:

Laurel Raftery
Haig Keshishian
Susan Parkhurst
Bill Saxton (2000 Chair)
Lynn Cooley (Chair)

2003 Committee:

Amanda Simcox, Ohio State (Chair)
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4. REPORT OF THE GSA MEETING COORDINATOR (Marsha Ryan) 2/25/03

44th ANNUAL DROSOPHILA RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Registration:

Advance registrations for the 2003 total 1490. This is about 100 registrants then we had a week before the 2002 conference began. The increase could just be the outcome of leaving the on-line registration site open longer and more people choosing to register on-line instead of standing in a line when they arrive at the conference. Total registration income may be less than in 2002 because this year almost 200 more people registered by the early deadline at the much lower rates. The number of individuals registering as GSA members, paying the lower member rate, appears to be constant (953 in 2003, and 941 in 2002). A comparison of registration figures for 2002 and 2003 is attached. Registration fees charged in 2003 were the same as in 2002, as follow:

	<u>On or before Jan. 21</u>	<u>After Jan. 21 and on site</u>
● Faculty, Postdoctoral, and Lab Technicians		
GSA Member/Affiliate	\$180	\$230
Nonmember	\$300	\$360
● Graduate And Undergraduate Students Only		
GSA Member/Affiliate	\$ 70	\$150
Nonmember	\$135	\$180

Hotel Rates and Pick-up:

Hotel room rates for singles and doubles in 2003 (\$180 single or double) are significantly higher than in 2002 (\$130 single, \$150 double). However, in spite of the higher room rate, this year's room pick-up, 740 peak night, nears last year's record of 751 rooms peak night. Note that room pick-up is of significant importance in leveraging the conference during negotiations with future conference facilities.

Exhibitors:

Twenty-three exhibit spaces were sold this year, 7 more than was sold in 2002. Represented are 19 commercial companies and 2 not-for-profit organizations.

Donors:

Four of the exhibiting companies responded to Barbara Wakimoto's request to sponsor the continental breakfast, for a total of \$2500. Donors will be acknowledged by a slide at the beginning of Plenary Session I, just after the Continental Breakfast ends.

2004 - 45th ANNUAL CONFERENCE – March 24-28 – Marriott Wardman Park Hotel – Washington DC

Room rates at the Wardman Park will not be set until one-year out, but will be no more than \$217 single/double per night. It is worth considering, if the Conference is to go back to this property in 2007, that perhaps, with economics being what they are currently, the Marriott might consider lowering the rates for 2004 if an agreement for acceptable rates could be made with the Marriott for 2007.

2005 - 46th ANNUAL CONFERENCE – March 30-April 3 – Town and Country Resort & Conference Center

Following the 2002 Conference and based upon the positive experience and enthusiasm of registrants for the Town and Country, the Board again selected the Town and Country Resort & Conference Center, San Diego, California, as the site for 2005. Dates are March 30-April 3. Room rates set at \$150-\$170 single or double.

2006 - 47th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Hilton-Americas in downtown Houston (scheduled to open Fall 2003) and the Sheraton Chicago Hotel and Towers are being investigated for the 2006 conference.

The Hilton offers poster and exhibit space of approximately 40,000 SF, about 5,000 SF more than Sheraton Chicago. Concurrent platform sessions and plenary sessions would be handled in one room that would split into three, in the same manner in which the rooms will be turned in Chicago. Both hotels have offered to block up to 700 rooms peak night.

The Hilton is located in downtown Houston next to the George Brown Convention Center. Because of the 1200-room Hilton going in next to the convention center, the area is rapidly developing additional nearby dining and shopping areas. However, a site visit is required before any final negotiations can be entered into. This could be done between March and May sometime.

Since the Conference is meeting for the third time at the Sheraton, its location, quality, service level are known to be good and Chicago, as a city, has been an excellent draw for registrants. However, costs of staying in and doing business in Chicago have been considerably higher than other cities. A good part of this is due to Labor Union requirements, minimums, jurisdictions, that exist in Chicago. Houston is not considered a "Union" city, and thus, labor is somewhat less. For example, AV labor for projectionists in Houston is \$45 vs. \$48 in Chicago.

Comparisons:	Sheraton – Chicago	Hilton – Houston																								
Meeting Dates offered (Passover April 13-20, Easter April 23)	March 8-12, 2006 Temperatures 30°-50°	March 29-April 2, 2006 Temperatures 55°-75°																								
Room Rates Offered	\$190 single/double	\$175 single/double																								
Poster/Exhibit Hall	Free carpeting <i>only if contract signed by March 31, 2003</i>	Hall is permanently carpeted																								
Poster/Exhibit Hall Charges	In 2003 \$5000 cleaning charge plus \$500 recycling fee	Complimentary if 85% of contracted room block satisfied																								
Air Service	O'Hare and Midway. O'Hare is considered among the largest airports in the world and handles more flights daily than any other airport in the USA.	Houston's Bush Intercontinental Airport serves 149 cities direct, is a hub for Continental Airlines, and is the 6 th largest airport system in the USA.																								
Airfare Comparisons (Roundtrip – all 21 day advance purchase for Wed. 3/26-Sun. 3/30. Discount airlines such as ATA, Air Tran, Southwest were not used for fare comparisons. Checked on SideStep.)	<table border="0"> <tr><td>Washington DC</td><td>\$180</td></tr> <tr><td>Boston</td><td>\$191</td></tr> <tr><td>Los Angeles</td><td>\$166</td></tr> <tr><td>Seattle</td><td>\$173</td></tr> <tr><td>Houston</td><td>\$293</td></tr> <tr><td>New York</td><td>\$260</td></tr> </table>	Washington DC	\$180	Boston	\$191	Los Angeles	\$166	Seattle	\$173	Houston	\$293	New York	\$260	<table border="0"> <tr><td>Washington DC</td><td>\$239</td></tr> <tr><td>Boston</td><td>\$243</td></tr> <tr><td>Los Angeles</td><td>\$282</td></tr> <tr><td>Seattle</td><td>\$338</td></tr> <tr><td>Chicago</td><td>\$293</td></tr> <tr><td>New York</td><td>\$180</td></tr> </table>	Washington DC	\$239	Boston	\$243	Los Angeles	\$282	Seattle	\$338	Chicago	\$293	New York	\$180
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Coffee/gallon	2003 Price \$52	2006 Projected Price \$50																								

2003 REGISTRATION STATISTICS AND INFORMATION

Registration Statistics

2003 Geographic distribution statistics for pre-registrants follow:

BY COUNTRY:

Country	Count		
AUSTRALIA	= 6	NORWAY	= 1
BRAZIL	= 2	PORTUGAL	= 1
CANADA	= 49	REPUBLIC OF KOREA	= 1
CHINA	= 1	RUSSIA	= 4
CZECH REPUBLIC	= 2	SLOVAKIA	= 1
DENMARK	= 1	SOUTH KOREA	= 10
FRANCE	= 28	SPAIN	= 12
GERMANY	= 38	SWEDEN	= 6
GREECE	= 4	SWITZERLAND	= 18
INDIA	= 2	TAIWAN	= 12
ISRAEL	= 7	UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	= 1
ITALY	= 9	UNITED KINGDOM	= 73
JAPAN	= 48	Subtotal foreign	348
MEXICO	= 8	28 different countries	
NETHERLANDS	= 3	USA	= 1142
		Total Number	= 1,490

BY STATE

State	Count		
Alabama	= 13	Nebraska	= 2
Arizona	= 13	Nevada	= 1
Arkansas	= 2	New Hampshire	= 5
California	= 161	New Jersey	= 36
Colorado	= 8	New Mexico	= 1
Connecticut	= 19	New York	= 87
Delaware	= 1	North Carolina	= 51
District of Columbia	= 2	North Dakota	= 5
Florida	= 4	Ohio	= 33
Georgia	= 14	Oklahoma	= 2
Hawaii	= 4	Oregon	= 17
Idaho	= 1	Pennsylvania	= 44
Illinois	= 76	Rhode Island	= 8
Indiana	= 28	South Carolina	= 3
Iowa	= 30	Tennessee	= 7
Kansas	= 16	Texas	= 77
Kentucky	= 3	Utah	= 20
Louisiana	= 2	Vermont	= 2
Maryland	= 63	Virginia	= 18
Massachusetts	= 112	Washington	= 32
Michigan	= 26	Wisconsin	= 34
Minnesota	= 13	Total Number	= 1,140
Missouri	= 44	44 States	

2003 Registrations as of 2/25/03

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Members	577	44101	\$103,860.00
NonMembers	244	44102	\$73,200.00
Student Members	312	44103	\$21,840.00
Student Nonmembers	237	44104	\$31,995.00
Advance-Early	1,370		\$230,895.00
Members	41	44105	\$9,430.00
NonMembers	27	44106	\$9,720.00
Student Members	16	44107	\$2,400.00
Student Nonmembers	23	44108	\$4,140.00
Complimentary	13	44109	\$0.00
Advance-Late	120		\$25,690.00
Total All	1,490		\$256,585

2002 Registrations

	<u>Number</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Members	516	44101	\$92,880.00
NonMembers	231	44102	\$69,300.00
Student Members	245	44103	\$17,150.00
Student Nonmembers	208	44104	\$28,080.00
Advance Registration	1,200		\$207,410.00
Members	148	44105	\$34,040.00
NonMembers	81	44106	\$29,160.00
Student Members	32	44107	\$4,800.00
Student Nonmembers	82	44108	\$14,760.00
Complimentary	9	44109	\$0.00
On-Site Registration	352		\$82,760.00
Total All	1,552		\$290,170

5. REPORT OF THE TREASURER (Rick Fehon) 3/5/03

A. ANNUAL DROSOPHILA CONFERENCE INCOME/EXPENSE

(Data are from the GSA [Marsha Ryan], 2/21/03)

	Actual 2002 ¹	Projections 2003
Revenue		
Registration	290,170	\$282,000 ²
Exhibit Fees	12,800	20,000
Mailing Fees & Program Book Sales	462	4,035
Advertising	500	500
Donations	7391	1,500
Miscellaneous (Flybase catering, Reg Cancellations)	725	2,000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$312,048	\$310,035
Expenditures		
Fixed Expenses:		
Hotel and Travel-Staff		\$ 3,500
Plenary and Historical Speaker Travel		4,000
Sandler Runners-Up (airfare)		500 ³
Printing/Web Site (Call, Program Book)	33,861	37,500
Mailing, Addressing, Shipping, Freight		13,000
Duplicating/Copying		800
Telephone - FlyBase room computer lines		5,500
Telephone & Fax - Other		850
Office Supplies (badges, signs, misc.)		3,000
Projection & Sound	36,041	57,500 ⁴
Exhibit/poster hall rent/cleaning		5,000
Masking, poster boards, tables, chairs	18,537	22,000
Poster Hall Carpeting	0	6,500
Exhibits		4,100
Contracted Services (Registration, security)		4,000
Miscellaneous		100
Subtotal Fixed Expenses:		\$167,850
Variable Expenses:		
Salaries/Wages/taxes/benefits		\$59,000
Catering: (Based on 1600 registrants)		
Coffee/Soda Breaks/FlyBoard		41,000
Catering - Reception		47,000
Catering - Fly Base		2,000
Catering - 1 Continental Breakfast		22,000
Catering subtotal	74,873	112,000
Credit Card Expense		8,500
Miscellaneous		200
Sub-total Variable Expenses:		\$179,700
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$250,411	\$347,550
NET REVENUE (EXPENSE)	\$61,637	(\$37,515)

¹ Because of the early meeting date, these numbers are preliminary – the GSA has not yet conducted a final audit.

² Assumes 1600 total registrants. This figure was decreased from \$305,000 by \$23,000. Currently (2/21/03), there are 1,488 paid registrations with a total registration income of \$256,130. Decreased income, despite a higher number of registrants this year, is due to: 1) a large increase in number registering by deadline (1372 in 2003, and 1200 in 2002) and a decrease in number of late/on-site registrations; and 2) an increase in the number of GSA-member registrants paying reduced advance member rates (890 in 2003 vs. 761 in 2002).

³ Reduced from \$1500 to \$500. One runner-up is not attending and other's airfare is lower.

⁴ Decreased from \$62,000 by \$4,500 to be paid by Sandler Award Account.

B. MEETING ATTENDANCE

Pre-registration 2003 (Chicago):	1,488	\$256,130
Total registration 2003:	1,600	\$282,000
Pre-registration 2002 (San Diego):	1,219	\$211,000
Total registration 2002:	1,552	\$290,170
Pre-registration 2001 (Washington):	1,372	\$240,240
Total registration 2001:	1,627	\$297,915
Pre-registration 2000 (Pittsburgh):	1,083	\$131,075
Total registration 2000:	1,183	\$167,005
Pre-registration 1999 (Seattle):	1,142	\$156,350
Total registration 1999:	1,366	\$191,425

C. ACCOUNT BALANCES

Drosophila Main Fund

Meeting Year	Net Income	Fund Balance	# Meeting Attendees
1993	\$17,105	\$ 25,146	1,165
1994	2,800	27,946	1,222
1995	8,417	36,363	1,103
1996	15,035	51,398	1,423
1997	31,663	83,061	1,382
1998	21,894	104,955	1,378
1999	(6,053)	98,530	1,366
2000	(56,060)	42,470	1,183
2001	71,656	114,126	1,627
2002	61,637	174,763	1,552
2003	(\$37,515)	\$138,895	1,600

(projections)

Drosophila Board reserve target is \$150,000. The cap is \$200,000. Estimated reserve is \$11,105 less than the target, and \$61,105 less than the cap.

Sandler Lecture Fund

Year	Net Income	Balance	Excess to Reserve (\$8,000)
1993	1417	25,964	17,964
1994	(451)	25,513	17,513
1995	1,595	27,108	19,108
1996	1,142	28,250	20,250
1997	1,119	29,369	21,369
1998	1,385	30,754	22,754
1999	877	31,631	23,631
2000	257	31,888	23,888
2001	(234)	31,654	23,654
2002	(846)	30,808	22,808

D. SUMMARY AND REMARKS

In contrast to the past two years, this year it appears that we will incur some losses due to increase costs at the Chicago site, and slightly lower revenues from increased numbers of preregistrations compared to past years. Although revenues are predicted to be quite similar to 2002, total costs for this year's meeting will be almost \$100,000 higher, resulting in a net loss of close to \$40,000. Areas of greatest cost increase include:

Catering	Up ~\$37,000
Projection	~\$21,000
Posters	~\$10,000
Printing	~\$4,000
Personnel	~\$3,000

All of these costs are estimates, so the exact numbers will change. But it is clear that Chicago is a much more expensive venue than either San Diego or Washington, DC. Despite this year's loss, the fund is still predicted to have a balance of almost \$140,000, which should be adequate even if similar losses occur in next year. The board might consider a slight increase in registration fees for next year, (especially if the final numbers show a greater loss) but it does not seem that this is an urgent issue at the moment. In addition, given that 2003 is the first year of losses in the past 3 years, it seems likely that the balance will be positive again next year, particularly if venue costs can be contained.

6. REPORT OF THE ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (Steve Wasserman)

Rick Fehon, our newly appointed treasurer, was nominated by Steve Mount and approved by a unanimous vote of the Board. To choose the nominees for the ballot, the Elections Committee met virtually. People were nominated based on previous involvement in the fly community and our perception of their ability to perform the job. We also tried to choose people who have not served on the Board for a while, or ever, in order to infuse new blood into the organization. Furthermore, we made sure that there was significant female representation on the ballot. The following letter was emailed to everyone in the FlyBase email list:

Dear Flyperson,

Enclosed you will find a ballot on which to cast your vote for a representative from your region and/or the president-elect for the National Drosophila Board. The Board administers the finances for the annual North American Drosophila Research Conference and the Sandler Lecture Award, chooses the meeting organizers, provides oversight for the community resource centers, and addresses issues affecting the entire fly community. There are nine regional representatives on the Board, eight from the United States and one from Canada. The Board also has a President and Treasurer, as well as individuals representing Drosophila community resource centers, including the BDGP, Flybase and the Bloomington Stock Center. The Board has a business meeting once a year, just before the start of the annual meeting; during the year business is regularly addressed with e-mail discussions and voting. Further information about the Board can be found at:

flybase.bio.indiana.edu/docs/news/announcements/other/Dros_Board_history.html

Starting in 1999, the Board instituted community elections for regional representatives and for the President-Elect. Please participate in this election, it is your opportunity to choose the people that will determine the scope and organization of the national meetings, as well as help set priorities and garner support for community resources. Please vote for one of the following people in each category. In order to record your vote simply reply to this email indicating your selection in each category. Balloting will end JANUARY 31, 2003.

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PRESIDENT-ELECT

*Ken Burtis (Univ. Calif. Davis)
Ruth Lehmann (New York University)
Mike Simon (Stanford University)*

REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVES

HEARTLAND

*Teri Markow (University of Arizona)
Dennis McKearin (Univ. Texas Southwestern Med. Center)*

MIDWEST

*Rich Carthew (Northwestern University)
Bob Holmgren (Northwestern University)
Lori Wallrath (University of Iowa)*

CANADA

*Vanessa Auld (University of British Columbia)
Henry Krause (University of Toronto)
Marla Sokolowski (University of Toronto)*

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Yours,

*Barbara Wakimoto, President
Trudi Schüpbach, Past -President
Steven Wasserman, Chair, Elections Committee*

Ballots were tallied by Thom Kaufman. The majority of votes went to Ruth Lehmann, Dennis McKearin, Lori Wallrath and Henry Krause. Winners and losers were informed by Barbara Wakimoto in early February, in sufficient time so the new officers could arrange to come to the Board Meeting. This year we have to nominate and elect another President Elect and regional representatives for the Northwest, Mid-Atlantic and California regions.

6. DROSOPHILA BOARD COMPOSITION

Drosophila Board Master List flyboard@morgan.harvard.edu

Spring 2003

Year indicates the last spring through which Board Members will serve as Officers or Regional Reps.

Officers:		Spring	
Barbara Wakimoto	President	2003	wakimoto@u.washington.edu
Ruth Lehmann	President-elect	2003	lehmann@saturn.med.nyu.edu
Trudi Schüpbach	Past-President	2003	gschubach@molbiol.princeton.edu
Steven Wasserman	Past-past President & Elections Chair	2003	stevenw@ucsd.edu
Steve Mount	Treasurer, outgoing	2003	sm193@umail.umd.edu
Rick Fehon	Treasurer, incoming	2006	rfehon@duke.edu
Regional Representatives:			
Paul Lasko	Canada, outgoing	2003	Paul_Lasko@maclan.mcgill.ca
Henry Krause	Canada	2006	h.krause@utoronto.ca
Sean Carroll	Great Lakes	2005	sbcarrol@facstaff.wisc.edu
Susan Parkhurst	Northwest	2004	susanp@fhcrc.org
Amy Bejsovec	Southeast	2005	bejsovec@duke.edu
Judith Lengyel	California	2004	jlengyel@ucla.edu
Bob Boswell	Heartland, outgoing	2003	boswell@beagle.colorado.edu
Dennis McKearin	Heartland	2006	dennis.mckearin@utsouthwestern.edu
Laurel Raftery	New England	2005	laurel.raftery@cbr2.mgh.harvard.edu
Denise Montell	Mid-Atlantic	2004	dmontell@jhmi.edu
Jeff Simon	Midwest, outgoing	2003	simon@molbio.cbs.umn.edu
Lori Wallrath	Midwest	2006	lori-wallrath@uiowa.edu
Ex Officio:			
Bill Gelbart	FlyBase		gelbart@morgan.harvard.edu
Gerry Rubin	BDGP & FlyBase		gerry@fruitfly.berkeley.edu
Thom Kaufman	B'ton S.C. & FlyBase		kaufman@sunflower.bio.indiana.edu
Kathy Matthews	B'ton S.C. & FlyBase		matthewk@indiana.edu
Kevin Cook	B'ton S.C. & Nomenclature Comm.		kcook@bio.indiana.edu
Teri Markow	Tucson Species S.C.		tmarkow@arl.arizona.edu
Jim Thompson	DIS		jthompson@ou.edu
Michael Ashburner	Europe & FlyBase		ma11@gen.cam.ac.uk
Hugo Bellen	B'ton S.C. Adv. Comm. & P element project		hbellen@bcm.tmc.edu
Allan Spradling	P-element project		spradling@ciwemb.edu
Amanda Simcox	Sandler Comm.		simcox.1@osu.edu
Scott Hawley	Nomenclature Comm		rsh@stowers-institute.org
Larry Goldstein	At-large		lgoldstein@ucsd.edu
Chuck Langley	At large		chlangley@ucdavis.edu
Past-Presidents serve as Members at large with terms ending:			
Gary Karpen		2004	karpen@salk.edu
Steve Wasserman		2005	
Trudi Schüpbach		2006	
2003 Meeting Organizers:			
Dennis McKearin			dennis.mckearin@utsouthwestern.edu
Helmut Kramer			helmut.kramer@utsouthwestern.edu
John Abrams			John.Abrams@utsouthwestern.edu
2004 Meeting Organizers:			
Paul Lasko			Paul_Lasko@maclan.mcgill.ca
Howard Lipshitz			lipshitz@sickkids.on.ca
GSA Representatives:			
Elaine Strass	Executive Director		estrass@genetics.faseb.org
Marsha Ryan	Sr. Mtg. Coord.		mryan@genetics.faseb.org

Teri Markow, Director of the Tucson Species Stock Center, joins the Board this year as an *ex officio* member. This provides a formal way for her to keep us informed of the status and goals of the Tucson Stock Center and increases the center's visibility among researchers working primarily with *D. melanogaster*. Teri will also contribute expertise in evolutionary genetics to Board discussions.

Michael Ashburner raised the following issue by email: "I think that we need to formalize representation from outwith N America...The three communities which need to be represented are Europe, Japan and Australia. Clearly the representative should be one who regularly attends the Fly meetings. For Europe, at least, I guess it would be possible to elect a person at the 2-yearly European Drosophila Research Conferences - I would suggest for a 5 yr stint. I do not know whether or not Japan and Australia could do similarly. Less cumbersome may be to write into the constitution of the Board that they co-opt reps from these 3 areas."

Of the seven Board members who responded to the call for comments on Michael's proposal, all were generally in favor. At the Board meeting, we will address the following procedural issues:

- 1) Is the majority of Board members in favor of inviting international representatives? A vote is required.
- 2) If yes, then are Europe, Japan and Australian the only regions to consider at this point?
- 3) How should these representatives be determined? What should the length of their terms be?
- 4) What do we expect to ask of these representatives?
- 5) Should they be voting or *ex officio* members?

7. REPORT OF THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE (Scott Hawley and Kevin Cook)

The Nomenclature Committee was formed by the Drosophila Board at its last meeting for the purpose of assessing the current state of Drosophila genetic nomenclature and making recommendations for changes if needed. The Committee was charged specifically with evaluating whether systematically eliminating upper-case gene names would be appropriate. The Committee presented a proposal to the Board (provided separately as Report 7B) for evaluation and discussion.

8. REPORT OF THE BLOOMINGTON STOCK CENTER (Kathy Matthews and Kevin Cook)

1. Holdings

Total stocks on 12/31/02 12,132

Added during 2002

2,721 stocks were added to the collection in 2002, including replacements for 2 previously held stocks. The majority of these lines (2,290) were new P insertions from the Berkeley Drosophila Genome Project (see below). 19 were new deficiencies generated at Bloomington by Kevin Cook's NIH-funded deficiency project. The remainder (410) of these were stocks were added from a variety of community sources. The 2,721 new stocks can be categorized by their primary characteristics as follows:

Lethal, sterile or visible alleles	1,055 (914 are sequence-mapped P-insertion alleles)
Other sequenced-mapped P's	1,416
Deficiencies	88
Duplications	1
Balancers	10
GAL4/UAS	155 (includes 25 stocks also included in another category)
FRT/FLP	1
Others for clonal analysis	3
GFP	41(24 of these are also included in Alleles above)
P mutagenesis	3 (all 3 are also included in another category)

2. Use

	US Acad	US Gov	US Com	US Teach	Non-US	Total
Registered	817 55%	26 1.8%	24 1.6%	44 3%	569 38%	1,480
Stocks	63,613 59%	2,173 2%	3,213 3%	123 0.1%	38,087 36%	107,212

TABLE 1. Numbers of registered user groups in each institutional category (U.S. Academic, U.S. Government, U.S. Commercial, U.S. Teaching, and Foreign (Non-US)) and percent of total, and the percent of registered groups in each category that received stocks in 2002.

	US Acad	US Gov	US Com	US Teach	Non-US	Total
Registered	2,854 55%	65 1%	63 1%	59 1%	2,151 41%	5,192

TABLE 2. The total number of registered user-group members in each institutional category for 2002.

	US Acad	US Gov	US Com	US Teach	Foreign Acad	Foreign Com	Foreign Teach	Total
Ships	5,889 63%	222 2%	123 1%	33 0.3%	3,119 33%	16 0.2%	7 0.07%	9,411
Subs	63,613 59%	2,173 2%	3,213 3%	123 0.1%	37,865 35%	208 0.2%	14 0%	107,212

TABLE 3. Degree of institutional use of the center during 2002. The number of shipments (Ships) and number of subcultures (Subs) received by each institutional category (U.S. Academic, U.S. Government, U.S. Commercial, U.S. Teaching, Foreign Academic, Foreign Commercial and Foreign Teaching) are shown, followed by the percent of the total each category represents.

3. Fees

	1-5	6-20	21-50	51-100	101-500	501-1000	>1000	Total
Groups	199 (19%)	249 (24%)	189 (18%)	143 (14%)	229 (22%)	29 (3%)	10 (1%)	1,048
Stocks	520 (0.5%)	2,934 (3%)	6,355 (6%)	10,691 (10%)	47,458 (45%)	20,412 (19%)	16,922 (16%)	105,292*
Assessed Fees	\$10,175 (4%)	\$27,120 (10%)	\$36,651 (13%)	\$43,866 (15%)	\$117,404 (41%)	\$32,641 (11%)	\$16,673 (6%)	\$284,530
Invoiced Fees	\$9,273 (3%)	\$24,902 (9%)	\$33,794 (12%)	\$42,142 (16%)	\$113,333 (42%)	\$31,048 (11%)	\$16,673 (6%)	\$271,164

TABLE 5. Assessed and Invoiced Fees in Selected Use Ranges for 2002. The number of groups in each use range (and the percent of total active groups), the total number of subcultures received by those groups (and the percent of total chargeable subcultures), the assessed fees (and percent of total) for all groups in that range, and the invoiced fees (and percent total) are shown. Invoiced fees are assessed fees minus waived fees.

*The remaining 1,920 subcultures shipped in 2002 were unchargeable, because they were replacements for stocks lost or killed in transit.

4. Funding

Funding for FY 01/02

NSF \$339,383
NIH \$235,219
IU \$40,518
Fees \$223,950 (estimated as \$233,281 - 4%)

Total \$839,070 (includes 49% indirect costs on federal funds)

We are currently in year 4 of a 5-year funding period. The collection is funded to expand to 15,000 lines by the end of the current grant period.

5. Endowment

The market value of our endowment as of 1/31/03 is \$512,420.

6. Advisory Committee

Hugo Bellen (Chair)
Michael Ashburner
Ulrike Heberlein
Norbert Perrimon
Amanda Simcox

9. REPORT OF THE TUCSON STOCK CENTER (Teri Markow) 2/28/03

Tucson *Drosophila* Species Stock Center
University of Arizona
Tucson, AZ 85721

<http://stockcenter.arl.arizona.edu/>

In 2001, the National Species Stock Center moved from Bowling Green State University to its new home in the Center for Insect Science at the University of Arizona.

The new facilities consists of about 2000 square feet of space, divided into temperature controlled rooms, offices for the collections manager and curator, a stock changing room, a visiting scientist/library room, and a media preparation room. The space was renovated specifically for the stock center. Other improvements over the Bowling Green site include an on-line catalogue and ordering system.

Approximately 1300 stocks, representing about 250 species, are housed in the collection. At any given time, some of these stocks may be unavailable for purchase due to low numbers or reduced health. All stocks are \$20/culture, except for the Hawaiian species, which are \$75/culture. Most of our species are somewhat more labor-intensive to maintain and our costs reflect this aspect of their care.

In the last year we began to offer collections of isofemale lines of *D. melanogaster*, *D. simulans*, *D. malerkotliana*, and *D. willistoni*. This spring we plan offerings of *D. pseudoobscura*. Isofemale lines are offered for a limited time for each collection and are discounted to \$10/culture for orders of 50 or more cultures.

We have offered two *Drosophila* Species Identification Workshops, in October of 2001 and 2002. Both were oversubscribed and because of high interest, we plan to make them an annual event.

Stock Center Staff:

Lisa Andrus Laing, Manager (lgandrus@u.arizona.edu)
Sergio Castrezana, Curator

3 stock keepers
Kitchen manager
6 student workers for food making and bottle washing.

Stock Center Advisory Board:

Dr. Kathy Matthews, Indiana University
Dr. Bryant McAllister, University of Iowa
Dr. Patrick O'Grady, American Museum of Natural History

Tucson Stock Center 20 Most Ordered Stocks (Inception – 2/27/03)

Species	Total Ordered
<i>D. sechellia</i>	68
<i>D. virilis</i>	68
<i>D. simulans</i>	65
<i>D. pseudoobscura</i>	59
<i>D. mauritiana</i>	47
<i>D. Montana</i>	31
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	27
<i>D. willistoni</i>	21
<i>D. ananassae</i>	20
<i>D. hydei</i>	19
<i>D. novamexicana</i>	18
<i>D. orena</i>	17
<i>D. serrata</i>	17
<i>D. funebris</i>	16
<i>D. mojavensis</i>	16
<i>D. teissieri</i>	16
<i>D. yakuba</i>	16
<i>D. erecta</i>	15
<i>D. immigrans</i>	15
<i>D. lebanonensis</i>	15
<i>D. Americana</i>	14
<i>D. busckii</i>	14

10. REPORT OF DIS, DROSOPHILA INFORMATION SERVICE (James N. Thompson, jr)
Zoology Department, University of Oklahoma

Volume 85 of *Drosophila* Information Service was printed in February 2003 and contained over 50 technique, research, and teaching reports plus a number of book reviews and announcements. A major article describes the Insect Habitat being developed for research involving *Drosophila* on the International Space Station. The other ISS habitats are also discussed. As a community service, Professor Emeritus Marshall R. Wheeler (University of Texas) has arranged for DIS to distribute the remaining copies of the University of Texas Publications dealing with *Drosophila*. This series of monographs was published between 1940 and 1972, and ten volumes dating from 1952 are represented by from 12 to 60 remaining copies each. An important step was taken this year with the launching of a *Drosophila* Information Service website (www.ou.edu/journals/dis) containing the full contents of volume 84 (2002) and some earlier technique and teaching articles. Full contents listings will be added soon. The goal is to archive prior issues as time permits and to provide on-line access to current articles soon after the publication of each annual issue. The cost of the annual issue remains unchanged at \$15.00 per copy (\$18.00 abroad; shipping and handling included).

11. REPORT OF FLYBASE (Bill Gelbart) Report will be provided at the Board Meeting.

SPECIAL GUEST – LAURIE TOMPKINS, NIH

Laurie Tompkins, Program Director of the Division of Genetics and Developmental Biology, at NIGMS accepted our invitation to attend the Board meeting to discuss NIH issues relevant to *Drosophila* research and community needs. Specifically, we asked her to address: the activities of the Trans-NIH Genomics Resource Committee, how NIH might view the new White Paper, suggestions for how the Board could play a useful role to the NIH, the recent reorganization of NIH study sections, and funding prospects for *Drosophila* research.

WHITE PAPER 2003 DISCUSSION (Barbara Wakimoto)

A draft for discussion of the White Paper 2003 was distributed before the meeting (provided separately as Report 12). This document listed all comments received thus far from Board Members and other community leaders to questions about community research priorities. The Board discussed the most pressing community needs. The main conclusions from our discussion will be incorporated into a first draft of the White Paper. This draft document will be prepared by the officers of the Board, then presented to the Board and the community-at-large for the next round of revisions.