BLATTEIS AND SCHNEIDER JOIN THE STEERING COMMITTEE

As a result of the 1998 elections, Clark M. Blatteis, Ph.D. and Suzanne F. Schneider, Ph.D. are the newest EEP Councillors representing the disciplines of thermal and environmental physiology, respectively. Clark is a Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Tennessee in Memphis whereas Suzanne is a Research Physiologist at the NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston, TX. Both are well known and established investigators whose expertise will enhance the new functions and responsibilities of the EEP Steering Committee.

NADEL SELECTED TO PRESENT 1999 ADOLPH LECTURE

Ethan R. Nadel, Ph.D., who is currently Director of the John B. Pierce Foundation Laboratory in New Haven, CT was selected by the Steering Committee to be the 1999 Adolph Lecturer at the Experimental Biology 99 Meeting. Ethan is a nationally and internationally known investigator in environmental physiology who was recently elected by the membership to be an APS Councillor. Previously, Nadel had been an effective Chair of the APS Program Advisory Committee as well as serving as Chair of our Section. Two years ago, he participated in the highly successful EEP Point-Counterpoint Program in which he debated with Dr. Michael Sawka the merits of plasma volume changes in thermal regulation. The title of his prestigious lecture will be “Blood Volume Regulation: Hierarchical Solutions to Environmental Challenges.”
The Activity of the EEP Steering Committee and its Action Items

Since the April meetings, the EEP Steering Committee has been active in planning the program and awards for 1999 and re-writing the Section Bylaws to be in compliance with the organizational and operational changes recommended by the APS Council as well as with the unwritten practices of the past (see pages 4-6). Details on the awards and the generic activities of the Section are located on page 3.

In San Francisco, it was decided that future EEP banquets should not be held in convention hotels because the conveniences were offset by the costs associated with the services received. The wisdom of this decision was confirmed in June when the actual costs to the Section were known. For example, we paid $330 for a screen and a 2 by 2 projector that we operated ourselves! Consequently, in July, Tipton visited several restaurants near the Convention Center to identify one that would meet our needs. Since he has to be in Bethesda in December for an APS meeting, the off-convention site will be selected at that time.

Enclosed for your perusal and approval are the revised Bylaws for the Section. They have been forwarded to the Council for their inspection and acceptance. They indicate that the EEP Section has 6 Councillors from the areas of environmental, exercise and thermal physiology; a Steering Committee that also serves as the Section Program Committee; a provision that identifies a Chair-Elect for the Section as well as for the Section Program Committee; a Nominations Committee that identifies future Adolph Lecturers, Councillors for EEP and APS responsibilities plus deserving candidates for the Honor Award; and the responsibilities of the representative to the Committee on Committee being handled by a designated EEP Councillor. On page 4 is a form concerning the Bylaws that should be signed and returned by October 1, 1998.

This past year was an important one for APS Sections because the Council has delegated the responsibility (and the money) to the Sections for planning, organizing and monitoring the programs being presented at Experimental Biology meetings. Moreover, Sections are encouraged to take a more active role in promoting “grass roots” activities, recommending editors, nominating “favorite sons and daughters” for APS roles, and suggesting individuals deserving of membership on relevant study sections and panels. Your Steering Committee welcomes the opportunity to “chart” its future and plans to be aggressive in promoting the goals and objectives of the Section.

Hence, the time is now to identify future leaders that will effectively represent EEP interests while “working” in behalf of the Section. We don’t want “name physiologists” if they are too busy or important to devote time to the purposes of the Section. Therefore, reflect on the attributes of your colleagues and recommend those who can lead rather than follow a parade. These recommendations should be completed on or before October 1, 1998.
SYNOPSIS OF EEP SECTION SPECIAL FUNCTIONS & AWARDS

STEERING COMMITTEE:

Chair-Section Advisory Committee, Past Chair for 1 year after election, Chair-Section Program Committee who also serves as Secretary-Treasurer, Past Section Program Chair for 1 year after election, two Chair-Elects for 1 year, two Councillors from Environmental Physiology, two Councillors from Exercise Physiology, and two Councillors from Thermal Physiology. One representative from the Hypoxia Sub Group will serve on the Section Program Committee. The normal term of office will be for 3 years in the areas represented by the Section.

EEP AWARDS:

Honor Award: Recognition is given to a senior investigator who is, or has been, a primary member of the Section whose physiological research have made significant national and international contributions to the advancement of either environmental, exercise and/or thermal physiology. The recipient will be selected by the Steering Committee and will receive a plaque, honorarium, coverage of the registration fee, and will become the featured speaker at the Section Banquet on salient features of his/her research. **Gatorade Beginning Investigator Award:** Recognition is given to a post-doctoral fellow or equivalent who is first author on a submitted abstract that has been selected by the Steering Committee to be the best example of experimental physiological research in one of the areas represented by the Section. The recipient will receive a plaque, honorarium, and reimbursement of the registration fee. **Gatorade Young Investigator Award:** Recognition is given to a pre-doctoral graduate student who is first author on a submitted abstract that has been selected by the Steering Committee as the best example of experimental physiological research in one of the areas represented by the Section. The recipient will receive a plaque, honorarium, and reimbursement of the registration fee.

It is expected that all award recipients will be present at the annual banquet to be recognized.

ADOLPH LECTURE ACTIVITIES:

Interested graduate students and post-doctoral fellows are invited to attend a luncheon with the Adolph Lecturer that provides the opportunity for informal discussions on professional and research topics.

SECTION BUSINESS MEETING:

Each year a Section Business Meeting is scheduled before the Section Banquet is held. Issues related to representation, governance, elections, the Adolph Lecture, awards, and meeting and banquet activities are discussed.

SECTION BANQUET:

Each year at the spring meeting a Section Banquet is scheduled during the evening hours. Tickets are required. Activities include a cash bar, buffet dinner, recognition of the Steering Committee, identification of awardees, and an after dinner speech by the Honor Award recipient.
APS BYLAWS FOR THE
ENVIRONMENTAL AND EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY SECTION

(Approved by Council in April 1977, Amended July 1989, April 1995, August 1998)*

ARTICLE I: The name of this organization is the
ENVIRONMENTAL AND EXERCISE PHYSIOLOGY SECTION
(EEP) OF THE AMERICAN PHYSIOLOGICAL SOCIETY.

ARTICLE II: The purposes of this Section are to:

1. Advise the Society on matters of interest to members of the Section.
2. Assist the Society, through representation on the Joint Program Committee, in the organization of the scientific meeting of the Society.
3. Nominate individuals for membership on Society Committees.
4. Be receptive to all members of the Society expressing an interest in Section membership.
5. Provide the President-Elect of the Society with recommendations of and supporting materials for individuals to be nominated by the Society for awards and recognition.
6. To recognize members who have made significant contributions to environmental, exercise, and thermal physiology, the affairs of the Section, and to the functions of the Society.

ARTICLE III: Membership is open to any member of the Society (student, affiliate, regular, emeritus, corresponding, or honorary) who wishes to become a member. Section membership is conferred upon application to the Executive Director of the Society.

ARTICLE IV:

SECTION 1: The composition of the Steering Committee and its representatives on APS governance committees.

The Steering Committee is responsible for the management and supervision of the affairs of the Section. The elected Chair of the Steering Committee will be the representative from the Section to the Section Advisory Committee (SAC). The Steering Committee will consist of the Section Chair, the elected Chair of the Section Program Committee (SPC), the Chair-Elects, Immediate Past Chairs, and six elected Councillors representing the areas of environmental, exercise, and thermal physiology. It will be the responsibility of the Chair and the Nominations Committee to insure that these three areas of physiology are represented on the Steering Committee and that the number of Councillors/area reflect the interests of the membership.

The Chair of the Program Committee will be the representative from the Section to the Joint Program Committee (JPC) and will also serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Section. Three Councillors and a Chair attending either a Section Steering Committee or a Section Program Committee will constitute a quorum. It will be the responsibility of the respective Chairs to schedule one or more meetings a year to address these functions of the Section.

The Immediate Past Chairs will serve on either the Steering and Program Committees for one year to help facilitate the transition process.
SECTION 2: The Duties of the Steering Committee.

The Steering Committee is responsible for the governance of the Section and members will normally serve a three year term.

The terms are to be staggered so that two Councillors are elected each year and no area of physiology represented by the Section will have more than one Councillor being elected in a given year. In the event the term of a Councillor is not completed, the Chair will appoint a replacement from the same area of physiology after consultation with the Nominations Committee.

Members of the Steering Committee will also function as the Section Program Committee. It will be the responsibility of this committee to develop the scientific program of the Section that will be presented at the annual spring meeting of the Society. The Chair will interact with the Society’s Joint Program Committee to implement a comprehensive and inclusive scientific program for Section members. One individual designated by the Hypoxia Sub-Group will serve on the Program Committee and be accorded full voting privileges on programmatic issues. Membership on the Program Committee should include an editor or associate editor from the JOURNAL OF APPLIED PHYSIOLOGY and one or more representatives from emerging fields. It will be the responsibility of the Program Chair to make such appointments for one to three years. One year before the expiration of the term of the Program Chair, the election of the Chair-Elect will occur. The Nominations Committee will have the responsibility of recommending to the membership qualified candidates with previous or current service on the Section Program Committee.

The Steering Committee will be responsible for the selection of individuals to receive Section awards or to be candidates for office. One Councillor will be appointed by the Chair to serve as Section representative to the Committee on Committees.

The Section Chair will establish a three person Nominations Committee that consists of current and former chairs. It will be their responsibility to recommend to the Steering Committee the names of eligible candidates for the Adolph Lecture, Honor Award, Chair-Elect of the Steering Committee, Chair-Elect of the Program Committee, the Councillor’s positions, and the positions with unfulfilled terms. The Nominations Committee will receive nominations from the membership and the members of the Steering Committee before submitting their recommendations. To be eligible for chair positions, candidates must have previous or current service on the Steering and Program Committees.

The Section Chair shall call and conduct meetings of the Steering Committee and supervise the election process in coordination with the Secretary-Treasurer. The Chair is authorized to appoint additional Committees that are necessary for the proper functioning of the Section.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep minutes of Steering Committee meetings and those of the Section Business Meeting. It will be his/her responsibility to maintain a current membership list, prepare and distribute a Section newsletter, and maintain fiscal records.
SECTION 3: Election of Officers and Terms of Office

The terms of office shall be for three years. In unusual circumstances these terms can be extended by one year for the Chairs of the Steering Committee and the Section Program Committee provided they are currently serving on the Steering Committee and have received majority endorsement by the Steering Committee before the expiration of their respective terms.

The terms of office for all members of the Steering Committee shall begin or end at the annual spring meeting of the Society.

SECTION 4: Nominations for a) membership on the Steering Committee, b) Adolph Lecturer, c) EEP Honor Award, and d) for APS leadership positions will be made annually in the Newsletter and in the electronic mail distributed by the Section. It will be the responsibility of the Nominations Committee and the Secretary-Treasurer to coordinate these activities.

Elections will be by ballots that are distributed and counted by the Membership Service Department of the Society. All elections will occur prior to annual spring meeting of the Society with the results being announced at the Business Meeting of the Section.

ARTICLE V: Dues will not be assessed

ARTICLE VI: Amendments and Quorums

SECTION 1: Amendments

Amendments to these procedures must be proposed in writing to the Steering Committee and signed by five primary members of the Section at least two months prior to the annual spring meeting of the Society. The proposal must be distributed to members prior to the annual meeting of the membership. To be enacted, two-third of the quorum must approve.

SECTION 2: Quorum

The quorum for business meetings will be no less than 25 members of the Section.

ARTICLE VII: Awards

Awards will be made as financial and other circumstances permit in order to recognize members who have made significant contributions to the Section, the American Physiological Society, and to the disciplines of environmental, exercise, and thermal physiology. When appropriate, recognition will be given to graduate students, post-doctoral fellows, and to distinguished researchers. Nominations will be announced in the newsletter and within the electronic media while the responses will be coordinated by the Nominations Committee of the Section.
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