

1. This year's meeting, Evolution 2023

- a. 1354 in-person registrants. All attendance stats up from Cleveland, more similar to Providence.
- b. Forecasting excess of ~\$100,000 due to higher attendance than forecasted - plus there may be a bit extra from last year accounting corrections.
- c. We can use this to reduce registration next year if we want to follow established patterns - or we can return it to the societies. Probably not ideal to leave it in the account. This is to be discussed.
- d. Raised \$8000 for student scholarships (Diné college)
- e. Virtual evolution viewed by JMC as a success. > 200 attendance, same career stages as in person, but from radically different locations. Most in-person are from US or Canada but around half of virtual registrants are from other places. Virtual attendance was high, with 40-150 people in each section (and these are probably undercounts due to lab groups watching, etc.). Higher attendance on Friday than Saturday. Lots of in-person registrants also attended the virtual meeting. Virtual meeting cost \$500 even with pessimistic accounting. Holding "big events" virtually (e.g. Mayr talks) helped a lot. Talks are now posted on youtube. There was a proposal to have competitions all online but allowing students to give a talk in person as well (if we want this for Mayr we should say so now).

2. 2024 Montreal - July 26-30

- a. Call for symposia is open through August. There have been no submissions yet. We should get this on people's radar, especially given that there are no "traditional" society symposia. Mayr will continue as usual (unless we want to alter the online/in person part).
- b. Half of the meeting talks are open (not symposia).
- c. ESEB putting in \$ to support a virtual format - details TBD.

3. Future meetings

- a. 2025 Athens - now on travel ban list, but policy is only for when contract is set
- b. 2026 Cleveland - concerns with laws, as well as whether people will want to go back to Cleveland so soon. Cancellation fees >\$250,000 - maybe could be negotiated, but we don't have any leverage. There is also probably not time to find an alternative location. Another option would be to return and feature programming and outreach in areas of concern. In short - Cleveland is going to go as planned - unless there is a major objection. Communicate: if you were going to use \$250K for DEI, writing a check to Cleveland might not be the best use.
- c. 2027 - options. Focused on west coast locations. Denver, Sacramento, San Jose, San Juan PR, (Vancouver, Spokane)

4. Input needed

- a. Recommendation from SSB on what to do with surplus this year
- b. How do our societies want to deal with the issue of travel and meetings in the future? Are we going to eliminate half of the states following the California list? Or some other list? Or no lists at all?

- c. What is our desire for a virtual component for Montreal 2024?
- d. There are some questions from ESEB about our joint meetings. What is the SSB view on joint meetings with ESEB going forwards?