ANNUAL REPORT FOR CSSA COMMITTEE

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Name of Society Activity: American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS)

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General Report: The 54th annual meeting of AIBS was held at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, Arlington, VA, March 21-23, 2003, with the AIBS Council meeting following in the same location on March 24, 2003. As a member of AIBS and the representative for the Tri-Societies, Charles W. Stuber attended the entire session. The scientific session on March 21-23 was entitled “Bioethics in a Changing World” and featured several outstanding scientists as plenary session speakers as well as numerous group discussion sessions, all of which were very stimulating and informative.

Some of the items presented and discussed in the council meeting included: (1) report on public policy activities by Adrienne Froelich, AIBS Director of Public Policy, (2) report on IBRCS NEON project by Jeffrey Goldman, IBRCS Project Manager, (3) a discussion of progress on AIBS’s Mathematics and Science Partnership Program, (4) report on BioScience by Editor Timothy Beardsley, (5) an update on the BioOne online journals project (which the Tri-Societies did not subscribe to), and (6) an update on NSF funding programs and initiatives. A lengthy period of discussion focused on the IBRCS White Paper entitled “Rationale, Blueprint, and Expectations for the National Ecological Observatory Network (NEON).

Unfinished Business: Ongoing.

Suggestions: None, as AIBS serves as the strong collective voice of more than 85 scientific societies in the biological sciences arena.

Recommendations: Continue working with the AIBS organization and initiatives. Dr. Jeffrey Goldman has agreed to make a presentation on NEON at the Annual Tri-Society Meetings in Denver, and this activity should be well publicized to insure good attendance.

Remarks: None at this time.

Committee Member Replacements: Ellen Bergfeld, EVP, will replace Charles Stuber as the Tri-Society representative as approved at the July 2003 ASA Executive Committee meeting.

Members of the Society Activity: Charles W. Stuber is an AIBS member and Tri-Society representative.

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