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MEETING NOTICE

Annual Business Meeting Followed by the Memorial Lecture

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by

Dr. William J. L. Sladen

The Johns Hopkins University

8:00 p. m., Tuesday

May 3, 1977

Room 628, The National Science Foundation

1800 G Street, N.W., Washington, D. G.

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This year it has been necessary to combine the annual business meeting and the meeting at which we have the memorial lecture. The agenda for the business meeting, which should be short, is on the next page. Dr. William J. L. Sladen, distinguished ornithologist from the Johns Hopkins University, Antarctic veteran, and past president of the Antarctic Society, returned earlier this past winter from a fourth visit to the U.S.S.R. He will speak about his experiences in cooperative efforts with the Soviets, especially in Siberia. His talk will be illustrated by slides and a short film. Those who have heard previous talks by Bill Sladen or who have seen his film on penguins on television will be looking forward to a very interesting evening.

In 1963 the Board of Directors of the Antarctic Society decided that it would be most fitting for the society to sponsor, on occasion, a memorial lecture commemorating all former members of the society and anyone else who had contributed to our knowledge of the Antarctic. At the time, they were particularly motivated by the sudden death on November 11, 1962, of Dr. Carl R. Eklund who had been instrumental in founding the society. As it turned out, "on occasion" has been annually, and this will be the 14th lecture. Carl Eklund was also an ornithologist, and it is noteworthy that Bill Sladen gave the first memorial lecture, entitled, "Penguins and Skuas."

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of the last annual meeting, April 28, 1976
Report of the Secretary-Historian
Report of the Treasurer-Membership Secretary
Report of the Audit Committee
Report of the President
Election of officers and members of the board of directors
Other business

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee, consisting of A. P. Crary, Chairman, Gerald K. Pagano, Walter R. Seelig, and George E. Watson, III, has proposed the following slate of candidates:

President	Ruth J. Siple
Vice President	Meredith F. Burrill
Secretary/Historian	Charles E. Morrison

Treasurer/Membership Secretary Sophie R. Dales

Four members of the Board of Directors (3-year terms)

Peter Barretta	Paul C. Dalrymple
Fred S. Brownworth	Jerry W. Huffman

The committee has also proposed that the Board of Directors consider presenting to the society at a meeting in the near future an amendment to the By-laws, combining the offices of Secretary/Historian and Treasurer/Membership Secretary into one office, called Secretary-Treasurer. It was impossible to act on this proposal before the election because - Article X, Section 1, Amendments, states, "These By-laws may be altered or repealed at any regular meeting of the members. A copy of any proposed amendment shall be served upon or mailed, postage prepaid, to each member of the Society not less than thirty (30) days prior to the meeting at which the proposed amendments shall be discussed."

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Notes on Antarctic Society Meetings

We are happy to report that the largest crowd of the year turned out to hear Guy Guthridge's talk, "Palmer Station: What it Does and Why It's There," on March 29. As announced, an attempt was made to hold a live voice communication, via satellite, between the meeting room and the personnel at Palmer Station. This, too, was very successful. Only once did the reception fade slightly; otherwise, it was strong and clear. Personnel at the station reported on their work and answered questions from persons at the meeting. The audience had been well prepared for the occasion by Guy's talk which was illustrated with slides taken during his stay at Palmer Station during the past summer season.

We are hoping to schedule a meeting in May in which Charles Neider, author of *Edge of the World*; Ross Island, Antarctica, will also speak on his experiences at Palmer Station.

The annual garden party is scheduled for Sunday, June 19, at Stronghold, on Sugarloaf Mountain in Frederick County, Maryland.