other than Board members into the running of the IBS. See the website\textsuperscript{5} for the current list of committees, which are populated in part by people volunteering in the membership survey.

Other matters considered by the Board in 2011 included the possibility of holding the main biennial conference at a different time of year. However, from the membership survey and other deliberations, we could find no better timing. We have thought hard about possible locations of the 2015 conference, and recently invited bids for it (Gavin 2011); this is still being considered. The website has been developed and we are considering moving to a different server to increase integration across IBS activities. \textit{Frontiers} has received strong support from the Board and the IBS membership and is moving to eScholarship\textsuperscript{6} from volume 4. The Board now has indemnity insurance, a small but important step for the long-term functioning of the society. Finally, we are developing archives for the society, trying to ensure that our history does not get lost.

On a personal note, it is a pleasure to work with such talented, enthusiastic and constructive people. In 2011 the IBS has continued to grow and develop, and this is in large part due to the enthusiastic participation by members. Long may that continue!

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