Report of the Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research for the Year ending June 30, 2009

The Committee on Grants-in-Aid of Research held two meetings during fiscal year 2009. During the meetings, the Committee reviewed a total of 1,702 applications, of which 354 (21%) received full or partial funding. A total of \$260,863.00 was awarded. The accompanying table shows the distribution of applications, awards, and funds among the science and engineering disciplines. The names of the recipients, their institutions, and project titles are listed on the Sigma Xi web site.

A \$4 dues allocation from regular members and interest income from the Society's research endowment continues to be an essential source of support for the program along with individual donations. Designated funds from the National Academy of Sciences, which are administered by Sigma Xi, provide valuable additional resources for the program.

The Committee wishes to remark on the continued importance of holding in person grant review sessions. It is vital to the GIAR Program, now in its eighty-seventh year, to ensure the integrity and consistency of grant review through a collaboration that can only take place in a face to face meeting.

The following Sigma Xi members served on the Grants-In-Aid of Research Committee during fiscal year 2009:

- Dr. Emma Samantha Creaser Unity College
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- Dr. Anthony Elbie Glenn USDA, ARS Russell Research Center
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