On Tue, Dec 22, 2009 at 12:01 AM, David Roemer
<dkroemer@optonline.net> wrote:

Dear Mr Bonner and Mr Levine,

I got your swiny-talk email asking me to join SWINY. I did join and SWINY took my $20.

Why haven’t you allowed me to join the SWINY group at LinkedIn? Also, why hasn’t the post about the New York Academy of Science I submitted to swiny-talk been given to the SWINY membership? I’ve sent a number of emails about this but have never gotten a response or an explanation.

I want to tell the SWINY membership about my study of evolutionary biology. My analysis is on my YouTube video titled “The Truth About Evolution and Religion” (*http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKaF8vX6HXQ* )

Very truly yours,

David Roemer
347-365-4583

On 12/22/09 10:22 AM, "Joe Bonner" <bonnerj@nasw.org> wrote:

Dear David,

First, the SWINY board needs to apologize for the delay in approving your membership in the SWINY LinkedIn group. The bottom line is that you are a dues paying member of SWINY, and as such you are free to join any social networks associated with SWINY.

The reason we hesitated so long on your swiny-talk posting is that we needed to discuss it. We decided that we cannot publish the letter that you submitted to swiny-talk, and we want to explain our reasoning.

SWINY established swiny-talk to further discussions between members. We allow a wide amount of latitude in what members can post. The policy we have adopted to guide discussions on all SWINY-related forums is simple: keep discussions civil and avoid excessive self-promotion.

In the past, we have rejected several emails that we thought were self-serving because they pushed products, services, or ideologies. On the other hand, we have been very liberal in allowing some of your submissions to swiny-talk to be distributed to the list, in particular your complaint about not gaining access to the LinkedIn group.

We believe your recent post crosses that line into self-promotion. You had a position, reproduced your entire letter to NYAS, then finished with a pitch to watch
the video. The letter did not feel like an attempt to start a discussion. Instead, we felt we were being used as a conduit for your self-promotion.

We hope you understand why we rejected your last letter, and hope that you will continue to remain active on our boards.

Sincerely,
Joe Bonner
Co-president, Science Writers in New York

*From: *David Roemer dkroemer@optonline.net  Date: *Tue, 22 Dec 2009 13:51:21 -0500  To: *bonnerj@nasw.org  Conversation: *Question *Subject: *Re: Question

Dear Joe,

The only way I can make any sense out of your letter is by assuming you think I am an advocate of intelligent design (ID). ID is irrational and unscientific and I suppose ID advocates are unwilling to discuss their viewpoint and are engaging in self-promotion. Did you watch my YouTube video? Did you know you can stop YouTube videos so that you can read the slides? The title of it is “The Truth About Evolution and Religion” and the URL is http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qKaF8vX6HXQ.

As I understand your email, you will not let me publicly repeat on swiny-talk and the SWINY LinkedIn group my accusations of dishonesty against Gerald M. Edelman (The Neurosciences Institute and The Scripps Research Institute), Paul Ekman (University of California, San Francisco and Paul Ekman Group LLC), and Terrence Deacon (University of California, Berkeley). More sinned against than sinning is Christine Kenneally, who just was repeating in her book on the evolution of language the mistakes layman usually make about evolutionary biology.

By the way, Terrence Deacon responded to my accusation privately, but appears not to be willing to discuss the matter or make a public apology for his remarks.

Very truly yours,
David
347-365-4583

On Thu, Dec 24, 2009 at 11:40 AM, David Roemer <dkroemer@optonline.net> wrote:

Dear David,

I have not yet heard from Joe about what I can and cannot say in my posts on swiny-talk and the SWINY group on LinkedIn.
Darwinism is the pseudo-scientific foundation of humanism, which is a kind of religion. Humanism has all the emotional baggage of my own religion, Roman Catholicism. Ignatius Loyola once had a long conversation with a Muslim travelling companion about the Virgin Mary. He was impressed with the Muslim’s erudition and intelligence. After they parted, Ignatius reflected on the Muslim’s observation that Mary’s birth canal had some male traffic during the birth of Jesus. He became enraged and tried to find the Muslim in order to kill him.

Joe is like Ignatius, but the people he is harming most is the membership of SWINY. Science writers should understand evolutionary biology even if it makes St. Darwin look bad.

Very truly yours,
David

347-365-4583

From: Joe Bonner <bonnerj@nasw.org> Date: Thursday, December 31, 2009 3:04 pm Subject: Re: FW: Question> To: David Roemer <dkroemer@optonline.net> Cc: David Levine <davidlevine51@gmail.com>

David,

I believe that the response I sent to you earlier was very clear on the board’s position on this matter: SWINY will not be a conduit for your self-promotion or a venue for you to publicize your dispute with the New York Academy of Sciences.

If you disagree with this, you are free to dissociate yourself from SWINY. Just let me know, and I will be happy to refund your dues.

Sincerely,
Joe Bonner

From: dkroemer@optonline.net> Date: Thu, 31 Dec 2009 22:27:21 > To: <bonnerj@nasw.org>> Cc: <davidlevine51@gmail.com>> Subject: Re: FW: Question>

Joe,

There are 19 SWINY board members. Do all of them know what you are doing? My dispute is not with the New York Academy of Sciences. My allegation of dishonesty is against the panel of experts on evolution for the remarks one of the panel members (Terrance Deacon) made to a large audience that included impressionable children.

Very truly yours,
On 12/31/09 5:33 PM, "David Levine" <davidlevine51@gmail.com> wrote:
Yes they do. Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T.

From: David Roemer <dkroemer@optonline.net> Date: Tue, 05 Jan 2010 13:06:10 -0500 To: David Levine <davidlevine51@gmail.com>, Joe Bonner <bonnerj@nasw.org> Conversation: New attempt to post on google swiny-talk Subject: New attempt to post on google swiny-talk

Dear Joe and David,

Why hasn't my recent post about evolution and religion been distributed to the SWINY membership? Attempting to appease your complaints about me, I dropped my criticism of the three experts on evolution that spoke at a NYAS event. All my post does is give my fellow dues-paying members of SWINY the URL of my YouTube video with a short summary of the main points of the video. I am also offering to answer any questions they might have about my analysis and conclusions.
Dear Joe and David,

In a feverish desire to squelch the Creationist mistake that evolution violates the second law of thermodynamics, the American Journal of Physics published an absurd article in 2008. To put pressure on the AJP to retract the article, I invited SWINY members to a lecture about the article and started discussions on SWINY’s LinkedIn discussion board. No SWINY member took an interest in my allegations against the AJP.

In the meantime, I filed a complaint with my congresswoman, Yvette Clarke. The staff member I am communicating with was initially unwilling to be my advocate, but the matter is now being investigated. I explained to Congressman Clarke that the article undermines the integrity of science and promotes atheism.

On June 22, 2013, BIO-Complexity, a peer-reviewed journal, published an article refuting the AJP article. This is a science story because one of the articles is wrong. I started another discussion on LinkedIn, and Julie Meade and Michael Balter made irrational responses. I got the last word.

To my amazement the discussion has been deleted. Michael Balter indicated that it was not deleted. What is happening? My correspondence and essays about this matter is at http://www.newevangelist.me. My correspondence with the House of Representatives is under my correspondence with the National Science Foundation.

Very truly yours,
David Roemer
347-417-4703
http://www.newevangelization.info
I submitted the following newsworthy information on SWINY’s Facebook page:

I filed a First Amendment Lawsuit against Columbia U. and oral arguments before the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit are scheduled for January 18, 2018. The case has been fully pleaded, but I requested an oral argument to explain the connection between my case (Roemer v Attorney Grievance Committee, docket no. 17-818) and the famous Scopes Monkey Trial.