

Minutes
SAML 2007 Business Meeting
Savannah, GA

Minutes of the Spring 2006 Meeting

Galloway

Corrections offered, motion, 2nd, vote approved.

Treasurer's Report

Mahadevan

2006 see attached sheet. Cash balance in April ~\$80,000, so approx \$9k dispersed in 2007; SAML dues ASLO student awards; FL state tax etc.

Motion to accept report; 2nd, vote unanimous for approval.

Mike O. discussed the information relating to the corporate status of SAML; suggestion made that we abolish corp and reincorp at non-profit; have one of SAML instit to pick of SAML under their 501C; have SAML go under NAML's 501C. Mike recommends that a small committee (Mike, Kumar, Tony, ?) gather information on each of the options and make a recommendation to the full SAML; related issue where should the Treasury reside? Right now we are a for-profit corporation. Original intent was to incorporate as a non-profit...never went to IRS to get 501C status. Originally no returns were filed when income was under \$5K/yr. Taken all meeting costs as business expenses to balance income; IRS may disallow these expenses; so CPA recommendations were forwarded.

Financial Committee Audit Report

Committee (non-board members)

Lou Burnett, Dennis Allen, Ron Sizemore reviewed the Financial Report and approved; see signatures on the Financial Report.

Education Committee Report

Committee (Matt Gilligan,

Don Hockaday, Iris Anderson)

Propose that membership spend \$ for student awards; continue to allocate \$1K at ASLO meeting – student awards. Vote: approved unanimously.

? Should we consider another society award – student section of the Estuary Section of AFS; potential support one of student awards: Mike suggested that a proposal be drafted; other organizations are ecological society or ERF; need a champion and provide a proposal; Society for Adv of Chicanos and Amer ?. Matt will assist in outlining process. What is the extent that the membership is willing to support...eg Cap at \$5K – 5 societies. Suggest we hear the treasurer's report before deciding. There are many orgs that are worthy; the proposal approach requires one SAML member championing the contacts, selection process etc. including attendance. Suggestion that we consider up to three proposals per yr; advantage wouldn't have to meet again. Jim noted that we have not moved forward, so we should encourage those who are willing to prepare proposals and champion the awards...the board has the authority to approve these small amounts. Discussion that ERF used to receive awards.

Motion: approve up to additional \$2K for student awards at scientific meetings based on proposals submitted to the Board for decision. 2nd Approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee

Sanders

Member at Large—2007-2009;

(replacement for M. Fletcher, took new job)

Bob VanDolah nominated by committee

Member at Large—2008-2010 (replace Bill Hawkins who is rotating off)

Nancy Rabalais nominated by committee

President-Elect—2008-2010

Shirley Pomponi nom by committee

Other nominations: none, motion to close, 2nd

Vote for slate unanimous.

Meeting Updates

Orbach, all

NAML winter meeting

Michaels

Tony: Wendy and Joel put together good agenda with Agencies that NAML Directors are involved with; had education committee developed; Shirley chair of nominating committee (not for Board...set in by-laws) in NAML...issue of positions that come up on Advisory Boards etc...good idea to have a committee that purposefully makes decisions of who should serve...want persons nominated (self or colleague). NGOs get-together tremendous. Got rid of winter-board meeting; made open meeting to all interested; part of purpose to get ready to work with those invited to address the NAML meeting. Scripting questions made the exchange focused...both what information is needed and what is of importance to NAML.

NAML fall 2007 meeting

Michaels

Preliminary email out; Oct 3-5 Catalina Island, staying in new housing; timed it to butt up against the SeaGrant Assn meeting...joint session on Tuesday afternoon in SanDiego. Go to Catalina on Wed...carefully placed so adjacent to biggest party on the Island on Saturday 'Buchaneer's Day'...he will save rooms for folks to stay over. Saturday will have interior island trips; will have some Public Policy presentations; agenda topics are solicited.

SAML spring 2008 meeting

Demski

(New College of FL)

Leo: interested in preferences in timing – problem usually relationship to academic schedule; NC has extended term, so goes to late May. Can accommodate any time prior to his finals – graduation. Asking which side of week is good? Arv Wed-Fri or Arv Mon-Wed; haven't worked out details. Email Leo:

Host usually consults with the three presidents (past, present, elect) and set three options.

Future meetings:

2009: Morgan State U

2010: EPA, Gulf Breeze

2011: maybe David Johnson

President's Report

Orbach

The health of organization is good. Much happening at the laboratories, great energy. Thanks to Wes and Jim for their great support. Pleasure in the increasing relationship with NAML, especially under Tony's leadership. NAML, SAML and individual institutions are getting on the radar screen.

President-Elect's Report

Tunnell

Platform: 'Beer in the water fountains and go home at noon on Friday.' Keep up on the membership; will update the handbook and put up on the web. Will work with Alan Kuzurian to keep accurate roles in NAML. Old version on the NAML webpage. Passing around the book to update membership information.

Education Committee Report

Gilligan

To be given in the afternoon session.

New Business

George found the SAML display board...does anyone want it?

? on the hurricane relief money? Shirley, we need to deal with distribution of funds. Jim accepted in 04 and brought the donation info to the membership at the 05 meeting...Jim accepted money with the thought that we would set protocols for distribution; really need to get on this. The conclusion of the ad hoc comm., don't know what to do with the \$. Some feel that the humanitarian issue; Comm suggests that you give \$ to Director and trust his/her judgement. Mike O. still thinks we should have process to distribute funds.