

Business Meeting Minutes
Southern Association of Marine Laboratories
2008 Annual Meeting
27 March 2008

Pritzker Marine Biology Research Center
New College of Florida
5800 Bay Shore Road
Sarasota, Florida 34243
(Local Hosts: Sandra Gilchrist and Leo Demski)

Minutes of the Spring 2007 Meeting

Galloway

Corrections offered, motion, 2nd, vote approved.
Discussion: Nancy 2nd, Shirley motion

President's Report

Tunnell

Pleased to serve the group for the 2nd time; NAML mtg report that Jim was providing Wes will present Jim's 5 slides and ask for input from others who attended the NAML meeting this winter. NOAA and Ocean Leadership have taken note of the efforts of NAML and the associated orgs. Need to get more paying members to be involved so that NAML can afford the services of Joel and Wendy. Asked that SAML members promote NAML to Labs that we know. SAML has about 60 members. Update of the SAML handbook has been drafted with updates...please check your lab information and the appropriate contact info. Has been circulated by Wes via email. May need to change some of the articles of by-laws.

President-Elect's Report

Pomponi

Platform, wine in the afternoon! Vice Chair of Ocean Leadership (formed as result of merger of CORE, JOI, etc) hopes to continue Tony Michaels effort to keep awareness level high within Ocean Leadership for marine lab needs...especially infrastructure and education; there is a study being conducted by the Ocean Studies Board, don't want conflict with Ocean Research Priorities Plan of the Ocean Leadership. Navy is concerned about ships and may foster a separate study that considers the research community's need for research vessels that will compliment their needs. Mentioned the JIOST(?) Studies are conducted to advise the NAS.

Education Committee Report

Gilligan

Report (45pp) was sent via email and will discuss tomorrow in general session. Student award portion of the report presented. Discussed awards given last year; indicated that the information is given at the end of the report. There was a request that we produce a certificate for Ocean Science winners that would contain SAML, ASLO and AFS acknowledgements...Matt would then sign and send the awards, also would give opportunity to include a SAML congratulatory letter on SAML letterhead and a sales pitch for consideration of SAML labs for future jobs. Matt G offered a motion including (Shirley P seconded) (Nancy R amendment that we consider SERF? in 2009, accepted by Matt G)

- Continue ASLO awards
- Continue AFS awards
- Produce Certificates for Ocean Science winners (cost of ~\$100.00)

Discussion by Bob VanDolah requesting if ERF was dropped as potential recipient for student awards; discussion indicated that ERF was not openly receptive, wanted the award to be given to general ERF fund; Bob VD will champion the interaction. Motion carried unanously.

Treasurer's Report

Mahadevan

2007 Financial Report, attached sheet.

Motion to accept report (Jim Morris); 2nd (Bob VD), vote unanimous for approval.

Discussion: Note that Kumar closed SAML bank account and shifted funds to NAML/SAML account in Dec 2007. Kumar discussed the history of SAML related to the treasurer's role; Kumar inherited paperwork from Harold ? in Mississippi; filing taxes first in MS then in FL...discovered that we were not established as a non-profit, but acting as a trade organization. Kumar was advised by financial advisor that SAML should be filing on earned income. Early days of SAML as org. discussion went back and forth on being a non-profit and it is assumed that the MS contingent decided to not file for non-profit. Since we are part of a national organization that has 501C status, NAML, we could just file under their umbrella. It was decided at the NAML meeting that SAML would come under the NAML umbrella, by moving our funds to them, while maintaining our functional autonomy. Does bring up the need to change the by-laws...might want to rename the operating procedures for SAML since come under the NAML by-laws. Essentially NAML by-laws were drafted from SAML by-laws, with addition of one paragraph referring to regional organizations. Decision we can incorporate in State of Florida and retain our by-laws and non-profit status; or just move under NAML. Wes, Kumar, Jim S and Alan K will form committee to make decision that will keep Federal Labs in the mix. NAML by-laws should be clear on the fact that the regional organizations have control over their own activities and funds. Wes explained the cost of the Skidaway meeting...to improve attendance and promote involvement we decided to support food/hotel for 3 years.

Financial Committee Audit Report

Committee (non-board members)

Roger Z and Bill Hawkins reviewed the Financial Report; see signatures on the Financial Report. Roger stated all seemed to be in order; suggested that typo—2005 to 2006 be fixed, dues payable.

Discussion: All dues paid to NAML and SAML portion returned to SAML. 42 labs out of 60 are paid. Interpretation of what a marine lab is has changed, especially since we need to increase our membership to support NAML efforts...departments and programs may be included.

Nominating Committee

Orbach

Member at Large—2009-20011;

(replacement for M. Gilligan)

Kelton (Kelly) Clark, Morgan State and James (Jim) Morris, Belle Baruch nominated by committee. Other nominations: none offered; motion to close (), 2nd ()

Vote for slate unanimous.
Vote Kelly (18); Jim (4)

Meeting Updates

NAML fall 2007 meeting Sanders, et al.
NAML winter 2008 meeting Sanders, et al.
Will cover during the afternoon discussion; Internal Issue I.

SAML spring 2009 meeting Estuarine Research Center (Day 1)
Morgan State University and
Smithsonian Environmental Res Ctr (SERC) Day 2

Future meetings:
2010: EPA, Gulf Breeze
2011: David Johnson, Beaufort Laboratory; David Eggleston NCSU in
Moorehead would be willing to co-host
2012: Gulf Lab; Roger Z offered potentially new Pascagoula Lab (Oc
Springs could co-host) or Galveston

New Business

Bob VanDolah

- NAML invitation to participate in Strategic Planning of NOAA;
SAML should avail opportunity
- NAML site, check Lab information [NAML/edits]

Attendees:

President – Wes Tunnell (2008-2009)
President-elect – Shirley Pomponi (2008-2009)
Past President – Mike Orbach (2006-2007)
Secretary – Sylvia Galloway Continuous
Treasurer – Kumar Mahadevan Continuous

Board Members at Large:

Matt Gilligan (2006-2008)
Bob Van Dolah (2007-2009)
Nancy Rabalais (2008-2010)

and general membership members attending General Meeting