

Business Meeting
Southern Association of Marine Laboratories
2009 Annual Meeting
28 March 2009

Estuarine Research Center
Morgan State University
10545 MacKall Road
St. Leonard, MD. 20685
(Local Host: Kelly Clark)

Minutes of the Spring 2008 Meeting

Galloway

Nancy moved to approve and Matt seconded, approved by acclamation.

President's Report

Tunnell

Summarized how well SAML has supported his career as a Director and encouraged everyone to continue participating in SAML; encouraged other Directors to volunteer for one of the positions on the Board at some time in the future.

President-Elect's Report

Pomponi

See writeup – summarize

(Tunnell)

Matt questioned NAML planning grant – who is taking the lead – Jim indicated he will discuss tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report

Mahadevan

See one-pager

(Tunnell)

42 members (35 non-Federal) and NAML has not reimbursed SAML so the balance should be higher (~8k\$) should also get ~22k\$ that NAML borrowed; USC paid...duly noted.

Suggestion was to rebill members and regional president should contact each member.

Motion by Jim Sanders seconded by Bob Van Dolah; approved by acclamation.

Financial Committee Audit Report

Committee (non-board members)

Roger Zimmerman and Bill Hawkins reviewed the Audit Report – no changes required.

Education Committee

Matt Gilligan

Developed a report on the committee's activities; accumulated report of recipients \$ and name of the home institution – Matt will send it via email to those who would like to edit the report.

ASLO has become too cumbersome to deal with in terms of student awards – so none were given in 2009 even though SAML approved the expenditure at the 2008 meeting; ERF awards were given; SAML has funded student awards at AFS – Steve will help Matt gather the AFS awardee information.

Nominating Committee

Orbach

President-Elect-

(Tunnell)

Nancy Rabalais agreed to serve

Member at Large –

(replacement for Bob Van Dolah 2010-2012 and Nancy Rabalais 2008-2010)

Jim Morris agreed to serve in Bob's place

Matt moved and Bob seconded nominations; approved by acclamation
Need to replace Nancy (2008-2010); Bob nominated Eric and Matt seconded – approved by acclamation.

Vote on New Member Labs

1. Florida Gulf Coast University
2. East Carolina University (provisional acceptance based upon ability to pay dues next fall)

Jim moved and Dennis seconded to approve the new members; approved by acclamation.
Eric raised idea that we solicit Aquaria for membership? We also pointed out that there are departments that utilize marine labs... Jim pointed out criteria for membership—have a seawater system and a boat. By-laws state shore-based using marine resources. Another group to be considered would be NERRs. Consensus is that we consider membership on an individual basis and not be constrained by the by-laws... but the group should fit with our goals and interests.

Meeting Updates

NAML winter and fall 2009 meetings Sanders, et al.
Fall NAML 2009 Oct 5-6 in Savannah (Mon-Tues). Jim Sanders issued special invitation for topics to be discussed at the meeting; what speakers are desired; Bob suggested more time devoted on External Issues – e.g., Lubchenco might be invited to discuss new initiatives; Nancy suggested Scott Collins be invited to discuss NSF funding, stimulus funding; Ocean Leadership thoughts on hurricane preparations; diversity issues HER.
Winter meeting review – NOAA education Louisa Cook, updates from Science Committee; Spinrad and ? discussion on larger ocean research;

SAML spring 2010 meeting

EPA Gulf Breeze Lab
Pensacola, FL

Steve Jordan, Pensacola Beach, 17 acre Federally owned island... set up in motels on beach; have good meeting rooms and break-out rooms.

Future SAML meetings:

2011: maybe David Johnson, NOAA Beaufort Laboratory; David Eggleston offered to co-host;

2012: Coastal and Marine Lab, Florida State University – Felecia Coleman; Roger Zimmerman, Pascagoula and Bill Hawkins, Biloxi also offered

2013: no discussion

New Business

Discussion on whether we need to have a designated amount in the Disaster Fund or leave it open. The opinion of the group was sought on whether we should disperse funds as we did in the past... provide funds to Director X for dissemination to needy staff with \$ based on the event impact: Jim Sanders moved and Jim Morris seconded to continue as in the past... at discretion of the Executive Committee.

Question as to whether we should continue to support hotel costs for those in need of support; also fund the meals. Matt Gilligan moved that we continue for 3 years to cover food, no registration fee and travel on a case by case basis Jim Morris seconded.