

Business Meeting Minutes
Southern Association of Marine Laboratories
2010 Annual Meeting
13 April 2010

US EPA
Gulf Ecology Division
1 Sabine Island Drive
Gulf Breeze FL 32561
(Local Host: Steve Jordan)

Approval of Minutes of the Spring 2009 Meeting

Galloway

Motion to approve the 2009 Minutes was made by Jim Sanders.
Sandra Vargo seconded the motion.
Discussion – none; Minutes were approved by acclamation.

Past-President's Report

Tunnell

Wes indicated that he enjoys the communication of activities and discussion topics via SAML; Wes has updated the SAML handbook – check the front for contact information for the SAML organizations. An updated version of the handbook will be put up on the SAML website and will be sent to the membership. Wes found a box of older SAML brochures, brought them to the meeting for those who would like a copy or two. Our membership is back up to 60 labs, making us twice as large as the combined other groups; 23 labs from the Gulf of Mexico will be included in a special issue of Gulf Science. Wes will be doing an overview of SAML for this issue. Dimension's in biodiversity – Wes invited to workshop as president of NAML – new NSF initiative, not just marine.

President's Report

Pomponi

Shirley thanked Wes for his leadership in SAML. Since she just took the reins over from Wes there is not much to report on SAML; but she indicated that she wears several hats when participating in the Ocean Leadership program: Ocean Research Advisory Panel (ORAP); pushes the interests of SAML & NAML; Shirley feels that she has been effective at pushing marine lab agendas through this participation. Shirley will be glad to endorse a nomination to ORAP or the Ocean Studies Board.

Treasurer's Report

Mahadevan

Kumar reported that SAML has \$62.8K in bank; NAML payed back borrowed funds. SAML has about the same amount of funds at the end of the year as last year (\$59.7K). Jim Sanders thinks that NAML owes SAML 2009 dues (based on the graduated fee schedule); Alan K indicated that most of the dues are rolling in for 2009. JS – at the NAML spring and fall meetings there was a simplified version of the dues structure developed consisting of three different tiers. There was a concern with the 'fall off' of State funding that mid-size labs might have problems paying dues. \$200 of NAML dues goes to the regional labs no matter what the NAML level dues are. Nancy R made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Bill Hawkins seconded the motion. No discussion; the motion was accepted by acclamation.

Financial Committee Audit Report

Committee (Chair - Bill Hogarth, Ray Highsmith, Jim Sanders)

The Ad Hoc Audit Committee found the Treasurer's Report to be in order.

Nancy R. made a motion to accept the findings of the Financial Committee.

Sandra V. seconded the motion.

No further discussion; the motion was approved by acclamation.

Finance Committee (Chair - Jim Morris, Kumar Mahadevan, Nancy Rabalais)

Considers financial requests and makes recommendations to the board.

Nominating Committee Committee (Chair - Wes Tunnell, Bill Hawkins, Steve Jordan)

Nominees for Member at Large – 2011-2013

(replacement for Eric Lacy) Nominee: Ray Highsmith (2011-2013)

Nominations from floor: none

Vote for acceptance of the nomination of Ray Highsmith to serve as a Member at Large (2011-2013) was approved by acclamation.

Vote on New Members

- Marine Sciences Research Institute, Jacksonville University, Jacksonville, FL
(representative: Quinton White, Executive Director)

Refer to letter of request. MS in Marine Science offered in fall 2010.

Terry Parker HS will have joint program with Educational Center.

Riverfront location for estuarine access; completion of facility July 2010.

Gil MacRae made a motion to accept the MSRI of Jacksonville University as a member of SAML.

Jim Morris seconded the motion for approval.

Board approved this membership request by acclamation, and will put the request to membership in the General Membership Meeting.

SAML Future Meeting Plans

Spring 2011 meeting

NOAA Beaufort Lab & NCSU

Shirley will check on this with David Johnson & Dave Eggleston; VIMS would be interested if the NC Labs cannot host at this time; it was also suggested that Quinton White might be interested in hosting a SAML meeting.

Spring 2012

Florida State University, Felicia Coleman

Discussion: There was a question as to whether SAML has met in Keys...it was pointed out that the Keys Marine Laboratory can accommodate a group of this size by Gil MacRae. Shirley will check on the options for this meeting.

Spring 2013

Jacksonville University – Quinton White

Other Meeting Updates

NAML fall 2009 and winter 2010 meetings

Sanders et al.

Fruitful productive meetings;

CERF fall 2011 meeting (Daytonna)—any interest in organizing a round-table

(potential topic: role of marine labs in increasing student and staff diversity)

Revisit after the internal III issue discussion. The question arose as to what is the timeline for submitting a session?

New Business – none

Action Items:

- Contact Quinton White to indicate acceptance.
- Contact Labs for next spring date – Dave Johnson & Dave Eggleston;
- Contact Felicia or St Pete about the 2012 SAML meeting location.
- Nancy R to let Shirley P know about a CERF session

Motion to adjourn the Business Meeting was made by Jim S

Ray H. seconded the motion.

Motion was approved by acclamation.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10p

Approved with changes April 13, 2010; minutes finalized September 14, 2011