

**Southern Association of Marine Laboratories
Annual Meeting Notes
21-23 May 2014**

Hosts: Keys Marine Lab, Mote Tropical Research Lab

Wednesday, 21 May 2014

Location: Mote Tropical Research Laboratory
Summerland Key, Florida

Welcome reception and facilities tours.

Welcome Remarks – Lou Burnett and local hosts

Committee Meetings:

Executive Committee
Audit Committee
Nominating Committee

Thursday, 22 May 2014

Morning:

Introductions and welcome

Lou Burnett

Host labs overview (PowerPoint presentations on SAML website)

Nancy Thompson, Keys Marine Laboratory

Michael Crosby & David Vaughn, Mote Tropical Research Laboratory

SAML Laboratory Updates (3 min per lab) Each member presented a short update on facilities, faculty/staff and programs, highlighting changes during the past year.

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Public Policy Update (Joel Widder) (PowerPoint presentation on SAML website)

Business Meeting (see SAML website)

Afternoon:

External Issue

Focus on Acidification Issues in Coastal Waters of the SAML Region (PowerPoint presentations on SAML website)

- Ocean Acidification, Robert H. Byrne
- Organismal Responses, Lou Burnett
- Coral Communities in the Florida Keys, Emily Hall
- NOAA Ocean Acidification Program, Paula Keener-Chavis

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Internal Issue

SAML Academic Diving Programs, Mike Dardeau, Dauphin Island SeaLab (John Valentine introduction) (PowerPoint presentation on SAML website)

Mike serves on the Board of Directors of American Academy of Underwater Sciences

Public Policy Update, Budget Process (Joel Widder) (PowerPoint presentations on SAML website)

Additional business: Lou Burnett asked for discussion on Matt Gilligan's proposal: Please forward comments to Matt; Lou suggested that Matt go ahead and solicit NSF on behalf of SAML. Institutes for Broadening Participation, suggested as a link to Matt's proposal; Merryl has funding for 2 students positions, but unable to fill the position; there is a program at Western Washington that Matt might be aware of; Linda Schaffner indicated that after 20 years of trying to solicit minority applications, the situation is worse than ever with positions left unfilled. Trying to introduce marine science at the high school level in TX, they send marine educators into public school system (Bob Dickey).

Internal Issue

Gulf of Mexico Research Vessel Needs (PowerPoint Presentation on SAML website)
Nancy Rabalais led a discussion on the needs of Gulf of Mexico researchers for ships of different sizes. (Tony Knap participated via phone.)

Adjourned Annual Meeting at 11:00 a.m.