

Southern Association of Marine Laboratories

Report

Past President (of 5 months)

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Lou, Nancy and Burk Associates Inc. are working hard on dues notices, and following up with members who should have joined, or are new and need encouragement.

#3 Challenge - SAML can provide more information to its members. (See <http://http://saml.naml.org>) (in progress)

Lou Burnett worked hard as NAML web site chair to get the NAML web site up and running, and has patterned the SAML web site, now up and running, to be similar and complementary.

If you haven't seen it enough already:

<http://saml.naml.org>

OR, through

<http://www.naml.org>

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UPDATE

NAML Structure

Regional Affiliates:

WAML, Association of Marine Laboratories, Steve Palumbi, Stanford, President

SAML, Southern Association of Marine Laboratories, Lou Burnett, Grice Marine Lab, President

NEAGMLL, Northeast Association of Marine & Great Lakes Laboratories. Graham Shimmield, Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences

Multiple readings of the NAML Bylaws.

National Association of Marine Laboratories How the SAML president became the NAML President

Rabalais nominated by SAML in 2011 for 2012; rotates among regional associations:
NEAGMLL will nominate in 2013 for President Elect in 2014;
WAML will nominate in 2015 for President Elect in 2016; and
SAML will nominate again in 2017 for President Elect and President in 2018

National Association of Marine Laboratories President (of 5 months) Nancy N. Rabalais Past President and Chair PPC (2 years + 5 mos)

1 Challenge – Logo (has one!)
2 Challenge – more members
3 Challenge – NAML can provide more services (See <http://www.naml.org>)
4 Challenge – NAML can be a force among advocacy and education efforts to regional and national constituents

1 Challenge: NAML has a cool logo and many renditions



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NAML in transition (re membership)

2 Challenge - more members for NAML

Intense effort to find old members, new members and potential members. Personal communications.

Building a NAML list serve that is accurate and inclusive, with BAI.

Maintain an accurate membership list, with BAI.

Provide dues statements in a timely fashion, with BAI.

NAML in transition (re services)

3 Challenge: NAML can provide more services (See <http://www.naml.org>)

The NAML web site committee chaired by Lou Burnett of SAML worked hard to develop a new design and content, and continued the discussion with the web developer for BAI, as engaged by NAML.

The site you see now (URL above) is new, under development, BUT full of information now and for the future for NAML members.

NAML in transition (re services)

4 Challenge: Maintain strong education and advocacy with federal programs and the importance of marine laboratories in funding and success of agency goals.

NAML decided in summer 2013, after an RFP and review of submissions and prior to their biennial meeting in Honolulu in October 2013, to contract to have its business activities with the Oldaker Group.

Transfer of Joel Widder and Meg Thompson from Oldaker Group to Federal Science Partners in May.

Missed a one-month Public Policy Committee conference call, but otherwise seamless.

The Future

Nancy read the minutes of the Honolulu Fall 2013 NAML Biennial meeting and found:

"-- there is about a 1.5 year [financial] cushion to handle BAI and Oldaker expenses, [at the same time] but NAML will need to address this deficit for the long-term continuation of the practice. And further that**Nancy Rabalais will have to address the finance issue** during her term of office."

Addressing this shortfall, Nancy and others need to:

Create, manage and support the new NAML web site (<http://www.naml.org>) as a benefit to NAML members

Continued efforts by Nancy to make NAML "work."

Communications of NAML benefits, following up membership dues collection, stronger NAML communications

Make NAML better, and "they will come."

**OBFS/NAML Joint Meeting 2014
Windows to the World:
Networking FSMLs to Address Environmental Change
September 20-24, 2014
Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA**



**Visioning the Field Stations and
Marine Laboratories of the Future
[follow up to NSF-funded workshop
and report]**



**NAML Public Policy Meeting
March 1-2, 2015
Washington, DC**