

**Southern Association of Marine Laboratories Meeting 2023  
AGENDA**

**Dauphin Island Sea Laboratory, Dauphin Island, AL**

**April 16-18, 2023**

[www.disl.edu](http://www.disl.edu)

Primary Meeting Location: Shelby Auditorium

All times Central Time

*SAML Board and Audit Committee Meetings (virtually, prior to meeting)*

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

**5:00 PM Opening Remarks & Welcome Reception**

- John Valentine, Director, DISL
- Welcome Reception (*oysters and grazing table*) at **TBA**

**Monday, April 17, 2023**

**08:00 AM Continental Breakfast/Cafeteria Line options on-site at DISL**

09:00 AM

**Welcome & Instructions**

- SAML President Sue Ebanks

**Overview of Host Laboratory**

- John Valentine (30-45 min)

**SAML Laboratory Updates**

With Prompt on Recent Actions in Inclusive issue (3 minutes per lab.  
Ebanks to instruct on timing. This will be a lead-in for Tuesday)

**Lunch (Sandwich Platters & Gumbo)**

- Lunch and Learn style with NAML Public Policy Update
- Meg Thompson, Federal Science Partners

**NAML Updates**

- Lou Burnett, NAML Executive Director

**SAML Business Meeting**

- A. Old Business – Approval of [Draft Minutes](#)

- B. New Business-Several items for voting, Quorum needed!
  - Articles of Organization & Bylaws Revisions-with hybrid vote - Sue Ebanks
  - Nominating Committee-with hybrid vote - Dave Eggleston, Past President and Chair of Nominating Committee
  - Dues Increase-Sue Ebanks/Lou Burnett
  - Education Committee Brief – Melinda Simmons
  - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Committee Brief – Mike Wetz?
  - 2022 Treasurer Report & Audit Feedback, 2023 Budget Overview (Eric Milbrandt)
    - membership comment period for recommendations to the Board for 2024 Budget
  - Student Awards – Clark Alexander
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- C. Other Business
  - Growing Membership
  - Future Meetings - Sue Ebanks

Approx 3:00 PM **Walking Tour of Dauphin Island Sea Laboratory campus followed by 2-hour boat trip**

**Dinner**

- Approx 6p Low Country Boil-Location **TBD**

**Tuesday, April 18, 2023**

08:00 AM **Continental Breakfast/Cafeteria Line options on-site at DISL**

09:00 AM **Roundtable- Field Safety & Inclusion II**

- How are we welcoming and supporting all involved in studies at marine laboratories?-Updates
- Difficult Conversations and Field Safety as an important
- Led by Ruth Carmichael

**BREAK**

- Partnership Feature: FDA Seafood Safety Lab
  - Only Seafood Safety Research Lab in U.S.A
  - Oyster Aquaculture
  - [https://fda.report/media/132808/FY\\_2020\\_CJ\\_Buildings\\_and\\_Facilities.pdf](https://fda.report/media/132808/FY_2020_CJ_Buildings_and_Facilities.pdf)
  - Federal-Academia Co-location issues Discussion-[DISL Foundation](#) including DISL and FDP Cooperative Program

**Closing Remarks**

- SAML President Sue Ebanks

12:30 PM **ADJOURN**

- In-person participants are welcome to spend the remaining time enjoying the island. *OPTIONS for Activities: **Visit to FDA Seafood Safety Laboratory (tentative and pending interest)***; Birding, Hiking and Jogging, Fishing (recreation, chartered)

Notes:

- Box lunches will be provided, but we need a headcount. Let's be prudent with the resource.
- It takes approximately 90 min. to get to the airport from DISL

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## **Committees of SAML**

### **Board of Directors**

Sue Ebanks, President 2022-2023  
Clark Alexander, President-Elect 2022-2023  
Dave Eggleston, Past President 2022-2023  
Eric Milbrandt, Treasurer 2022-2023 (non-voting)  
Jayne Gardiner, Secretary 2022-2023 (non-voting)  
Loretta Battaglia, Member-at-Large 2022-2023  
Antonietta Quigg, Member-at-Large 2022-2024  
Mike Allen, Member-at-Large 2023-2025

### ***Standing Committees***

#### **Nominating Committee 2023**

Dave Eggleston (as Past President), Chair  
Mike Wetz  
Mike Allen

#### **Finance Committee 2023**

Eric Milbrandt, Chair (as Treasurer), Chair  
Sue Ebanks, President  
Clark Alexander, President-Elect  
Antonietta Quigg, longest-serving Member-at-Large

#### **Audit Committee 2023**

Scott Knoche, Chair  
Fred Dobbs  
Ken Halanych

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***Other Committee(s)***

**Student Awards Committee**

Clark Alexander, Chair (as President-Elect)

Mike Allen

Loretta Battaglia