

NAML Membership Business Meeting Agenda

October 9, 2025

Moss Landing Marine Laboratories

4:00 PM Pacific Daylight Saving Time in-person and via Zoom.

Participation in the meeting. Only Delegates (or approved Alternates) are allowed to **vote** in this meeting. All members, regardless of Delegate status are allowed to participate in discussions.

NAML Board of Directors - [Appendix 1](#)

- **Approval of minutes of previous meeting ([Draft Minutes of 6 March 2025 NAML Membership Business meeting](#))**
- **Summary of NAML Actions since the last meeting on 6 Mar 2025.**
 - 1 Aug 2025: approved and ratified new NAML/NEAMGLL member - Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute; large-size; 42 Delegates ratified; 63 Delegates not voting.
- **Membership Report and Member Issues**
Dues for FY 2025 - as of 29 Aug 2025

Regular members paid/waived (arrears) • 36.9% paid by check • 39.0% paid by check in 2024 • 40.2% paid by check in 2023	103 (1)
Associate members paid/waived (arrears)	5(0)
Total NAML from dues	\$165,329
Total Regional from dues	\$22,256

Membership Actions

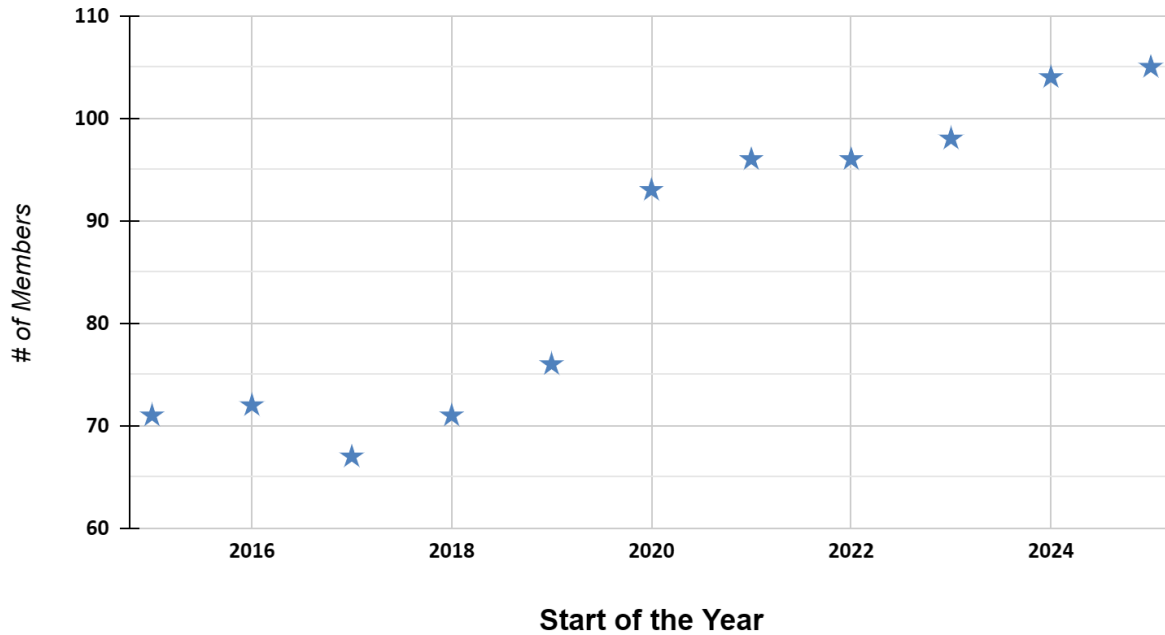
Member	Action
Marine Resources Research Institute, SC Dept. of Natural Resources - large	approved and ratified 18 Oct 2024 <i>New Member in 2025</i>
Williams-Mystic, the Coastal & Ocean Studies Program of Williams College - small	2025 Dues waiver approved by NAML Board of Directors, 9 Dec 2024

Northland College, Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation	removed from membership; program extinct
University of Minnesota, Duluth, Large Lakes Observatory - medium	2025 Dues waiver approved by NAML Board of Directors, 18 Jul 2025
Gloucester Marine Genomics Institute - large	approved and ratified 1 Aug 2025 <i>New Member to begin 2026</i>
Seattle Pacific University	2025 Dues Waiver petition; reviewed at 11 Sep 2025 Board meeting
SUMMARY	1 New Member in 2025 1 New Member in 2026 2 dues waivers 1 dues waiver petition 1 member resigned

NAML Membership Over Time

The graph below shows the dues-paying NAML membership beginning in 2015. The data are derived from the financial records and reflect membership at the “Start of the Year.”

NAML Members by Year (from NAML Financials spreadsheet)



NAML Membership as of January 1, 2025

		Size Class of NAML Members				
		Associate Members	NAML Members	Small	Medium	Large
NEAMGLL	31	0	31	12	13	6
SAML	48	2	46	17	17	12
WAML	31	3	28	10	11	7
TOTAL	110	5	105	39	41	25

- **NAML Finances** - Reported by Lou Burnett, NAML Executive Director
 - NAML Budget Review FY 2024 (as of 31 Dec 2024; this is the final version)**
 - **2024 Revenues**
 - dues received for 2024 = \$166,712
 - Winter meeting registration fees = \$3,900
 - Biennial meeting registration fees: NA
 - 3 regional organizations contribution for website operation = \$3,000.

- Interest Income (**NEW - money market account at Main Street Bank**) = \$5,777.24
 - **TOTAL Revenue = \$179,389.24**
 - **2024 Expenses**
 - Contracts with Burk & Associates, Inc. for management services and Federal Science Partners for public policy services = \$142,404.00
 - Accounting & Audit; fee for Bill.com = \$587.36
 - Bank Fees, Credit Card fees = \$5,176.46
 - **Good news**, Credit Card Expense is down by \$4,056.64 this year and Interest Income is \$5,777.24 (noted above) so we offset the CC Debt to the good.
 - Legal Fees (Annual fees for corporate filing, non-profit status, etc.) = \$598.65
 - Web Hosting & Database = \$672.97 (includes conversion to PayPal)
 - Insurance = \$1,318.00
 - NAML Winter Meeting = \$4,906.11
 - Biennial Meeting = NA
 - Briefings in Washington, D.C. = 0
 - **TOTAL Expenses = \$155,663.55**
 - **2024 Revenues - Expenses = \$23,725.69**
 - **Cash Reserves as of 31 Dec 2024 = \$94,092**
- **Reports from Committees**
 - **Audit Committee**
 - The 2025 Audit Committee (Nancy Smith - Chair, Luke Miller, Ed Hale) is reviewing FY2024 budget information for NAML and has reported to the Board of Directors. This report will be reviewed at the 11 Dec 2025 Board meeting.
 - **Education Committee**, Itchung Cheung, Chair
 - **DEI Committee**, Billie Swalla, Chair
 - **Public Policy Committee**, Dave Eggleston, Chair
 - FY 2026-2027 Public Policy Priorities
- **Breakout Sessions for Regional Organizations**
- **New Business**
 - NAML Branding and Website Revisions - Amber Whittle
 - Friends of NOAA - [Appendix 2](#)
 - Other New Business
- **Adjournment**

Appendix 1 - NAML Board of Directors

Officers

Terry Donaldson, President 2024-2025

Dave Eggleston, Vice-President/President-Elect 2024-2025

Dave Carlon, Past President 2024-2025

Ex Officio

Vacant, Secretary/Treasurer (non-voting) 2024-2025

Members-at-Large

Northeastern Association of Marine and Great Lakes Laboratories (NEAMGLL)

Steve Evert, NEAMGLL President 2025-2026

Rebecca Klaper, NEAMGLL President-Elect 2025-2026

Bob Sterner, NEAMGLL Past President 2025-2026

Jeanette Schnars, NEAMGLL

Southern Association of Marine Laboratories (SAML)

Clark Alexander, SAML President 2024-2025

Loretta Battaglia, SAML President-Elect 2024-2025

Sue Ebanks, SAML Past President 2024-2025

Eric Milbrandt, SAML Treasurer 2024-2025

Western Association of Marine Laboratories (WAML)

John Heidelberg, WAML President 2024-2025

Katrina Hoffman, WAML Member-at-Large 2023-2025

Bob Richmond, WAML Treasurer

Lauren Bell, WAML Member-at-Large 2025-2026

NAML Executive Director

Lou Burnett

Appendix 2 - Friends of NOAA

Background

NAML has been a supporter of the **Friends of NOAA** for probably as long as FoNOAA has existed--Joel Widder (formerly of Federal Science Partners) was one of the creators of FoNOAA. FoNOAA has never had a formal membership process before, but this year, leadership of FoNOAA decided they'd like to try to do more with the organization and make sure it sticks around during hard times (FoNOAA periodically goes through periods of inactivity), so they created a more formal structure requiring a membership application.

FoNOAA provides NAML with an opportunity to weigh in on issues of importance and provides good visibility for NAML on the Hill. Additionally, it is a good source of information and sometimes advance notice/rumors of upcoming activities. Particularly given the recent discussion within NAML about finding like-minded organizations to align ourselves with, NAML's affiliation with FoNOAA seems even more important. FoNOAA is also looking to grow its role/ability to support the agency in the coming weeks/months/years.

Membership Application

There is no financial cost associated with this membership and NAML proposes to make an application. If NAML were to ever decide they didn't want to remain a member, they could withdraw.

[LINK to Membership Application](#)

[LINK to Friends of NOAA Bylaws](#)