

2016 NAML Winter Meeting

Business Meeting

Washington, D.C.

NAML Business meeting began at 3:10. President DeLuca called the meeting to order.

Melzian remained on phone and Ivar Bab joined the business meeting by phone at 3:45.

Public Policy: Public Policy issues had already been discussed earlier in the afternoon.

Treasurer: Past Treasurer Jim Sanders presented a treasurer's report in place of Treasurer Billie Swalla who could not attend the winter meeting. Sanders reviewed the budget and made some recommendations for improvement going forward. Sanders indicated that the organization is currently taking in sufficient funds to pay bills, but that the margin was thin between income and outflow of funds. He expressed concern about the amount the organization spends on food for various events. President DeLuca noted that this concern was being addressed with the fee for the current meeting covering the cost for the meeting breakfasts and lunches. DeLuca also noted that he will continue the tradition of the President not taking travel funds for NAML business.

Sanders suggested that NAML members review the fee structure again. Lou Burnett indicated that SAML members had been actively recruiting new members and that increasing membership would improve financial standing. There was a lively exchange about budget with many ideas about how to make improvements.

Finances and Membership: Financial Manager Brett Burk (Burk Associates) began discussion to indicate how Burk Associates was streamlining operations for the organization. He asked Burnett to explain about the NAML Google account use and advantages. Burnett indicated that this type of account gives the organization more flexibility in using its contact lists. The Google account is NAML.org. The NAML president can be contacted via NAML.President@NAML.org and the NAML Board can be contacted at NAML.Board@NAML.org. Presidents of the regional organizations will now be able to contact their members more easily. There was a brief discussion of some problems occurring with SPAM filters at member institutions when large email blasts are sent. Adjustments will continue to be made to simplify the operation.

Education: Chair Hodder could not attend on Sunday, so a report in her stead was given by President DeLuca. There was an update about member emeritus Matt Gilligan and his outreach efforts at LSAMP to encourage broader participation from underrepresented groups in the ocean sciences. NAML partially funded Gilligan to attend a national LSAMP meeting to distribute information about NAML members. President DeLuca also noted for members that the education section of the NAML website is operational and that members can make additions/edits. Briefly, information on continuing work with OBFS was updated and a discussion of the importance of networking ensued.

There was an update on several initiatives including the following:

COSEE (Consortium for Ocean Science Exploration and Engagement): The program is sun-setting and is morphing into a dues supported group. There are both individual and institutional memberships. Information can be found at COSEE.net.

Network Integration: Weisberg and Dickie gave an update. Weisberg noted that monitoring requires good training and quality control in addition to data management. The EPA and NOAA have issued a national nutrient sensor challenge to develop better, cost effective sensors. Melzian indicated that he would provide the URL for the Holgen Report. Pennock opined that regional training would be useful

Science Communication: Karina Nielsen updated the group on efforts to include science communications as a part of NAML. Nielson indicated that Bill Nuttle was holding a Twitter discussion based on the topic of communicating coastal change. Nuttle is proposing a Coastal Change Network which would include the Integration and Application Network (IAN) and NAML laboratories to link people working to solve problems of coastal change at the local level. IAN is currently building the network.

NCCOS (National Centers for Coastal Ocean Sciences): Rabalais made a brief report to update members on issues of workforce development. Rabalais noted that there are webinars available to members interested in NCCOS.

International Networking: Babb gave an update on his work as a liaison with international organizations on behalf of NAML. He reported on the interest in reviving the Directory of World Marine Labs. After a short discussion, Babb suggested that NAML form an International Committee to strengthen NAML's relations with laboratories worldwide.

Members present thought that this was a good idea. Terry Donaldson volunteered to join Babb on this committee.

Ratification of New Member Institutions and emeritus member: President DeLuca called on members to make nominations for new members. *First nomination for a new member institution was from Graham Shimmield on behalf of NEAMGLL to support James J. Carlton Marine Science Center at Williams College to join NAML. Shimmield made the motion which was seconded by Sanders. After a short rationale and discussion, there was a unanimous vote to admit the Carlton Center. A second nomination was made by Burnett on behalf of SAML to support admitting the Nature Coast Biological Station to NAML. Motion was seconded by Volety. A brief rationale was made. There was a unanimous vote to admit the Nature Coast Station. A third nomination was made for the Mendocino College Coastal Field Station put forward by Steve Weisberg on behalf of WAML. It was seconded by Burnett. After discussion, a unanimous vote was made to admit Medocino College Coastal Field Station to NAML.*

President DeLuca recognized *Burnett to make a proposal for appointing Dr. Paul Sandifer and an emeritus member of NAML. Shirley Pomponi seconded the motion.* Burnett discussed some of the contributions made by Sandifer to the organization. Burnett noted that after Sandifer retired, the nomination for emeritus was made to the Board of Directors. The Board approved. Others discussed contributions of Sandifer to NAML as well as to ocean science. *There was a unanimous vote to appoint Sandifer as an emeritus member of NAML.*

Regional Meetings: At 4:45, regional groups met to discuss issues of importance and concern to their respective members. The business meeting reconvened around 5:15 with the following reports:

NEAMGLL: President Shimmield noted that WAML members were moving their regional meeting to take advantage of networking with other organizations. He suggested that it would be useful for the secretary and president to be from the same institution to facilitate communication. He noted that NEAMGL was planning to hold their regional meeting around May. NEAMGLL continued to discuss how to implement their website and will likely call on Burnett who did a wonderful job on both the NAML and SAML websites.

Finally, Schmmield indicated that NEAMGLL was planning its election for President.

SAML: President Volety reported for SAML. He noted appreciation from SAML members for the work done by Burnett as president. SAML initiated a student support scholarship open to undergraduate and graduate students. Volety reported about the success of the inaugural year of the program and some small changes that would be made for the second year. The regional SAML meeting will be 11-

13 May at Port Aransas. SAML members generally choose both internal and external topics to consider at the regional meeting. SAML members are still discussing topics, but safety and waste disposal will be on the agenda as internal topics. Several ideas were discussed for external topics but a final decision was not made for this part of the agenda.

WAML: President Weisberg reported for WAML. Members discussed several topics including how to interact more effectively with NOAA. Weisberg indicated that WAML had decided to hold a joint meeting with the Packard and Moore Foundation to facilitate discussions of funding and collaborative opportunities. He reported that the website committee was working on getting the WAML website in order, following the template developed by Burnett for SAML.

ACP Conservation Action Agenda, International Plastics: Albert George introduced information to the group about the 1st International Plastics Conference in 2017 which will be held in Charleston, SC. The topic is broadly about marine debris, but will focus on plastics. George indicated that the conference would be held jointly with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). George queried the group about how to engage the public. Mark McGuire indicated that he would talk with George about some ideas.

Meeting was adjourned about 5:20 to allow those interested in gathering for dinner to make local reservations for the group.