

NAML Biennial Business Meeting Minutes – 25 October 2017

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The NAML Business Meeting was called to order by **President De Luca** at 4:05 pm.

Presentations were made to the staff of the president for their service to NAML.

NAML Finances and Membership. Jill Drupa from Burk Associates joined on the phone to give an update on finances and membership. Drupa noted that we are in good shape. She asked lab coordinators to send checks rather than use credit cards to reduce cost of collecting funds. **Drupa** thanked everyone for sending information with memberships. Noted that if lab is not up to date, it is likely because of contact data. **Drupa** noted that labs should send information to regional groups to get memberships paid. If someone needs to get off the list, can send information to regional president and to Burk Associates. There was a brief discussion of changes in small, medium and large institution dues. **B. Swalla** said that we have been looking at this issue for a while. Urged talk in regional groups whether we can reduce categories to get some initial feedback. This is an issue that is tied to keeping us active in public policy. However, it should not result in loss of members. Latest financial information will be sent via email.

Education Committee. Jan Hodder reported for the Education Committee. **Hodder** noted that a committee member from NEAMGLL is needed. Folks from NEAMGLL noted that they would discuss issue at their regional meeting tomorrow. Hodder discussed information on educational outreach, noting that there are quarterly calls that last about an hour. Goal is to make and keep a strong network. NSF funding for outreach is important. U-FERN (Undergraduate Field Experiences in Research Network (PI Kari O’Connell)). The network will look at models and practices, develop assessment tools, broaden participation and retention as well as examine how marine labs are interdisciplinary think tanks. Forms have been sent out for marine labs to fill out and return.

Public Policy Committee. R Cowen gave public policy report, first thanking **President De Luca** for his service. President De Luca indicated that it had been a pleasure because public policy is one of the key activities for the organization. Cowen noted that it is important for people to participate in the monthly phone meetings. Public policy committee is used to screen ideas for getting messages to Washington operative. Cowen noted that we should send support letter for **Myers**. There was a discussion of the white paper draft. Some noted that it might be useful to move the investment in science piece concerning global comparisons at the beginning of the paper. Others noted that the networking aspects of the organization might be something to feature. **S. Weinberg** asked if public policy committee could develop some talking points. **R Dickey** noted that there is a lot we could do if we were a little more coordinated. Several indicated that STEM education should be an important part of the paper. **President De Luca** indicated that there is a link in making STEM great again with national priorities. Value of place-based science education can be highlighted up front in the report. **R Cowen** challenged the NAML group to think about how we can link data together from different labs. It was suggested

that there be a survey about who is doing what at the different lab so that information can be knitted together into a coordinated piece.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10