

**National Association of Marine Laboratories  
2019 Winter Meeting  
Business Meeting Minutes**

The business meeting was opened at 10:17 a.m. by President Bob Cowen.

**TREASURER**

*Summary*

- Presented by Jill Drupa on behalf of the committee (Billie Swalla on the phone)
- Credit card payments for the membership and registration incur fees. Mike De Luca suggested that credit card fees be paid in with membership
- Payment by check is preferred
- Some entries for the membership roster were updated on the spot (Nantucket Field Station changed to Yvonne Vaillencourt new director) UMass Boston, U of New England (now changed- in attendance), MBL is changed, WHOI needs to be changed to Peter Hill or Mark Abbott, and for Chincoteague may need to contact Andrea Oakley

*Action Items*

-Members can send an email to [secretariat@naml.org](mailto:secretariat@naml.org) for all of the additional points of contact that are desired for your member institution.

**MEMBERSHIP led by Cowen**

*Summary*

- several member institutions are in arrears (emails have been sent out to institutions that are behind).
- **Winslow:** Letter sent out may supplement member efforts in recruiting the other members so that they see the value of NAML membership.

*New Members*

- NEAMGLL has new University of Maine - Machias member submission and R. Dickey asked that they send materials to President & Secretary for distribution to membership. **Action: Email vote at later date**
- Univ. of North FL newest member voted into SAML. UNF present at the meeting. Need to receive notifications of meetings.

*Action Items*

-May need to remove non-paid members from being able to receive benefits (e.g., FSP updates)  
-May need to raise the cost of fees  
-Should post the NAML letter on the website so that there is a tangible resource  
-Consider mailing a letter to the former representative and it would get internally re-routed to the appropriate person at the institution.

**Motion:** Quint White, SAML President moved (seconded) to request that the 3 past presidents of NAML make the nomination for Lou Burnett and James Sanders for Member Emeritus Status.  
The motion passed by acclamation.

- Mike DeLuca, Past President will reach out to Past Presidents Rabalais and Leong.

## **EDUCATION COMMITTEE (S. Ebanks)**

### *Summary*

- Committee has had quarterly calls with varying degree of participation from the different member institutions. Education leadership meets 2-3 times between these.

### Topics have included

- Integration of Arts with the marine sciences and STEM, in general
- community partner engagement and special programs: B-WET and IOOS, especially in the classroom.
- Updates on Undergraduate Field Experiences Research Network (UFERN)-Jan Hodder. NSF funded project out of Oregon State Univ. (O'Connell PI). Website (<http://ufern.net/>) and LISTSERV established.

### 20 Feb 2019 Call:

- \*Update on educational opportunities in the Ocean Observing Initiative - Janice McDonnell, Science Agent, Department of Youth Development, Rutgers University
- \*NOAA's B-WET program – Jessie Kastler, Coordinator of Program Development, Marine Education Center, Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, University of Southern Mississippi
- NAML Educators Highlights – Liz Sutton has been hosting but we want it to be on the NAML page (Jill Drupa?) <https://uwm.edu/freshwater/naml-educator-highlights/>

Next meeting - May 15 at 12 noon Pacific – Topic: Citizen science in the marine environment

### *Issues*

- Need to be able to have items posted to the web. e.g., need to get the link to the educators highlights that Liz prepared onto the NAML web site. Jan Hodder has sent two emails asking for it to be put there but it does not seem to be happening.

### *Action Items*

- If there are newly appointed education personnel on your staff, please connect them with this committee.
- Would like to get Joel/Meg on one of our calls soon to provide information on the Federal education related information.
- Dickey: How to put forth question of dual-degree type programs (ones mentioned Jacksonville U, RSMAS, others). There are some that are doing it. Bowdoin has done Environmental Studies and their students were here (e.g., Deerin Babb-Brott graduate). UNCW small numbers but MS Marine Science and Policy or Environmental Studies. Oregon State has an initiative to do cross-disciplinary programs between Marine Science and others.

## **DATA INTEGRATION –no updates**

## **SCIENCE COMMUNICATION –no updates**

### **FEDERAL SCIENCE PARTNERS RETAINER led by Cowen**

-requested increase in rates. Original \$5K/mo when with Louis Burke now about \$5800/mo. Comparable \$8-10K/mo. Discussion: Can they continue to support NAML's needs? Can there be phasing in over 2 years instead of immediately? Do we have verification of the going rate? What would it take for increase of dues to cover the increase? FSP thought to have 2-3 large organizations and a couple of small ones. If everyone were paid up and brought in 3-4 new members. What is the longer term strategy to generate revenue beyond just membership? Could we do a phased plus cost-cutting? Billie Swalla indicated that the budget is quite slim already.

**Motion:** Quint White moved, seconded by Mike Roman, to authorize the board to negotiate a phased rate increase from \$5700 to \$8000.

- Discussion: develop a 1-pager to help the existing and arears members see the value and recruits see the value for the dues increase.
- When was the last time that dues were raised? More than 4 years. No disagreement on principal
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The motion was approved by acclamation.

#### **OBFS/NAML – BROCHURE led by Cowen**

Stacy McKnowlty wants to redo the brochure (2-page flyer, color trifold). De Luca indicated that he uses it and would use it again with his upper admin but what about the cost? Discussion was of why not have digital production? This is a high quality production. They are going to reprint the old one but it is quite dated. *Consensus was a 'no' because it's dated and printing would not be the best way to spend the money at the same rate or less.*

Winslow has distributed an idea via email for what his SeaGrant Communications team has created.

#### **MARS/WAMS led by Cowen with input from Francisco Chavez (MBARI)**

World Association of Marine Stations (WAMS) has interest in NAML becoming a part of the WAMS. Also, there is interest in having a World Association Genome Network (Neil Davies has reached out to Cowen) ExcelNET proposal to NSF. This would be a network of networks proposal. The request is to have NAML president write a letter of support/collaboration.

Question: Would this be a duplication of Marine GEO? No, WAML has partnered and have agreement to have Smithsonian process any samples for the next 3 yrs. Marine GEO (Neil Duffy) is primarily equipment. Proposal has no data collection but focuses on getting everyone on the same page so that there can be synergy across the partners, using WAMS services as the basis. Most of the budget is in travel and workshops. Frost is interested in expanding the relationship and Moscow University to host conference in 2020 for Marine Lab Directors to attend and discuss global opportunities.

**Motion:** Bob Dickey moved, seconded by David Smith, that a letter to be written in support.  
The motion was approved by acclamation.

*Question (Dickey, Chavez):* Why is NAML not putting forth a proposal to support the meetings?

#### **BIENNIAL NAML MEETING – Hatfield Marine Science Center**

23-26 September 2019 vs 30 September-3 October 2019. Doodle poll forthcoming. Anticipated agenda: business meeting and variety of nationally relevant and regionally important (Oregon & WAML-wide).

#### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

None

*Cowen* gave thanks to all of the contributors to the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.