

Meeting Summary

NAML Board of Directors Meeting - March 4, 2024

Board Members

1. Terry Donaldson, President
2. Dave Eggleston, President-Elect
3. Dave Carlon, Past President
4. Amber Whittle, NAML Treasurer (*ex officio*, non-voting)
5. Steve Evert, NEAMGLL President-Elect
6. Mike DeLuca, NEAMGLL Past President
7. Clark Alexander, SAML President
8. Sue Ebanks, SAML Past President
9. Jeff Bowman, WAML Member-at-Large
10. Katrina Hoffman, WAML Member-at-Large

Board Members Not Present

11. Bob Sterner, NEAMGLL President
12. Jeanette Schnars, NEAMGLL Member-at-Large
13. Loretta Battaglia, SAML President-Elect
14. Eric Milbrandt, SAML Treasurer
15. John Heidelberg, WAML President-Elect

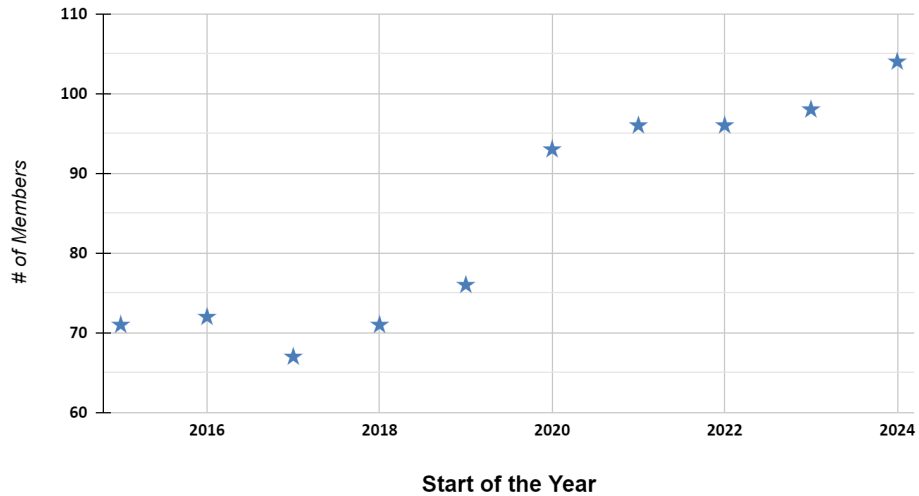
Others present:

- Lou Burnett, NAML Executive Director
- Itchung Cheung, Chair, Education Committee
- Billie Swalla, Chair, DEI Committee
- Melinda Simmons, Vice Chair, Education Committee

Actions

- **Approval of Minutes of previous meeting**
- **Future Meeting Dates and Election Schedules for NAML and regional officers were reviewed.**
- **Membership Report**
 - A membership report was presented.
 - NAML Membership is strong and growing with 104 regular members.
 - The Board approved a revised dues collection schedule to begin in November instead of December. Dues invoices for 2025 will be sent in November 2024.

NAML Members by Year (from NAML Financials spreadsheet)



- **Budget Review**
 - The FY 2023 revenues and expenditures were reviewed.
 - The current budget FY 2024 was reviewed.
- **Committees**
 - **Audit Committee**
 - The process to be used by the 2024 Audit Committee was reviewed.
 - Committee for 2024
 - Nancy Smith - Chair, Eckerd College, Florida
 - Michael Jacob, NEAMGLL Treasurer, University of Minnesota Duluth, Large Lakes Laboratory
 - Renee Angwin, San Diego State University, Coastal and Marine Institute Laboratory
 - **Public Policy Committee**
 - The committee has been working on a number of statements including the following.
 - FY 2024 Conference Letter
 - Refining the agenda for the 2024 NAML Winter Meeting
 - Public Policy Priorities
 - Marine aquaculture position paper.
 - **Education Committee**
 - The next webinar is scheduled for 15 Mar 2024 and will feature some aspects of NOAA's education program.
 - **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee**
 - The committee has been working on producing a document for NAML members on "best practices" associated with field work safety.

- **New Business**

- The Board discussed and approved a revision to the **NAML Member Size Classifications**. These classifications appear on the NAML website under the Members tab > Join NAML.
- **Best Practices in Field Safety and Accessibility** is a document produced by the NAML DEI Committee and the NAML Education Committee. This document was approved by the Board and is published on the NAML website under the Resources tab > Reports.