

# Meeting Summary

## NAML Board of Directors Meeting - June 10, 2024

### Board Members Present

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

### Board Members Not Present

12. Dave Eggleston, President-Elect
13. Dave Carlon, Past President
14. Loretta Battaglia, SAML President-Elect
15. Eric Milbrandt, SAML Treasurer

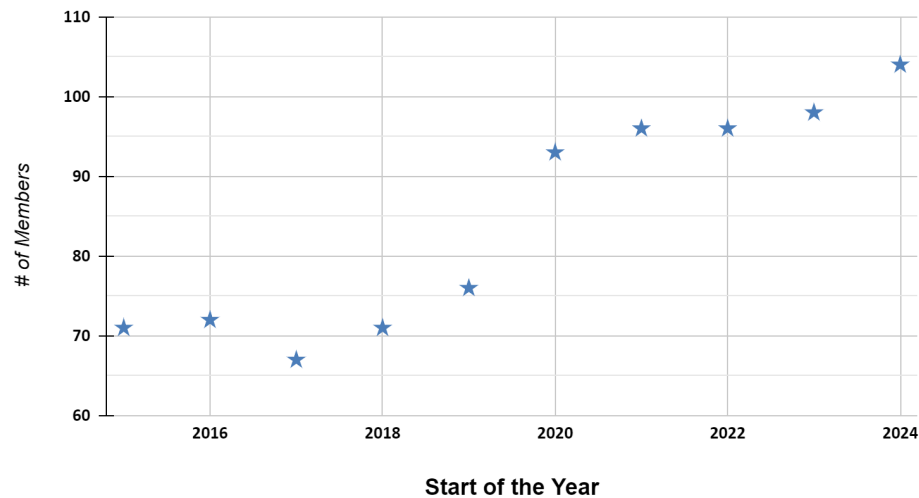
### Others Present:

- Lou Burnett, NAML Executive Director

### Actions

- **Approval of minutes of previous meeting**
- **Future Meeting Dates and Election Schedules for NAML and regional officers were reviewed.**
  - **NAML 2025 Biennial Meeting** - host: [Moss Landing Marine Laboratories](#)
    - dates to be determined
- **Membership Report**
  - A membership report was presented.
  - NAML Membership is strong and growing with 104 regular members.

NAML Members by Year (from NAML Financials spreadsheet)



- **Budget Review**
  - The current budget FY 2024 was reviewed.
- **Committees**
  - **Audit Committee.** The committee is currently reviewing information on FY 2023. Its report will be available later in the summer.
  - **Education Committee.** Report from Itchung Cheung, Chair.
    - The webinars continue to be popular.
    - The committee had an active spring with several webinars. Committee members and those on the NAML Marine Educators email group have been approached about possible future webinars.
- **Student Awards Programs**
  - NEAMGLL and SAML provide support for students to do research and attend conferences. Significant effort has gone into assisting the regional organizations with the administration of the programs. NEAMGLL made 13 awards in 2024. SAML made 21 awards in 2024.
  - NEAMGLL has moved its award application process to the fall for 2025 awards following the pattern used by SAML.

- **Reports**
  - Regional Presidents reported on activities within each organization.
- **New Business**
  - **Promoting NAML within NAML.**
    - There was continued discussion of making faculty, staff, and students at member institutions aware of NAML. All officers are encouraged to engage with delegates, alternate delegates, and others in providing updates on NAML actions and activities.
    - Some specific ideas include the following.
      - Encourage members to place the NAML logo on their institutional website.
      - Encourage delegates and alternate delegates to selectively forward NAML Member Updates and other announcements to appropriate parties at the home institution. This may include students.
        - This kind of outreach of forwarding materials to students is the basis of communicating about the student awards programs.
  - **Marine laboratory vulnerabilities.**
    - The vulnerabilities of NAML members to things like sea level rise, hurricanes, earthquakes, wildfires, etc. is a topic of recent discussion. NAML will take an active role in identifying these vulnerabilities and setting forth a plan of action. The NAML President will appoint a small committee to consider an action plan that will ultimately include a survey of the NAML membership on their own vulnerabilities.

## NAML Membership Summary by Year

		NAML Regular Members				Associate Members		
Year	#	NAML Added	NAML Removed	Size	Region	#	Added	Removed
<b>Prior to 2015</b>								
			Shedd Aquarium, Chicago		NEAMGLL			
			Univ. of Puerto Rico, Dept. of Marine Sciences		SAML			
			NOVA Southeastern University, Oceanographic Center		SAML			
			Aquarium of the Pacific		WAML			
			Hampton University, Dept. of Marine and Environmental Science	S	SAML			
			Lamar University, Center for Coastal and Marine Studies	S	SAML			
			South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Marine Resources Research Institute	L	SAML			
<b>2015</b>								
			Florida Gulf Coast University, Vester Field Station	S	SAML			
			Florida International University, Southeast Environmental Research Center	M	SAML			
			Hawai'i Pacific University	S	WAML			
			Chincoteague Bay Field Station	S	SAML			
			Alaska SeaLife Center	S	WAML			
					SAML			NOAA Beaufort
					SAML			NOAA Galveston
					SAML			NOAA Oxford

					WAML			NOAA, Kasitsna Bay Marine Lab
					WAML			NOAA Northwest Fisheries Science Center
<b>2016</b>								
			Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory	M	NEAMGLL			
			Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama	S	SAML			
			Coastal Carolina University	M	SAML			
					NEAMGLL			EPA Atlantic Ecology Division
					SAML			Grand Isle Marine Lab
<b>2017</b>								
					SAML			NOAA, Office of Coastal Management
<b>2018</b>								
<b>In 2019 efforts were made to reach out to members in arrears going back several years. Members were contacted and given the opportunity to catch up with dues. Some members chose not to renew. Others were nonresponsive and ultimately removed from membership. There are no good data for the number of members before 2019.</b>								
<b>2019</b>	<b>89</b>						<b>13</b>	
			University of California, Berkeley, Richard B. Gump South Pacific Research Station	S	WAML			
					NEAMGLL			Great Lakes Observing System
<b>2020</b>	<b>93</b>						<b>11</b>	
			Downeast Institute	S	NEAMGLL			
			IOOS Association	S	NEAMGLL			
			Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant	S	SAML			
			Regional Science Consortium	S	NEAMGLL			
					NEAMGLL			NOAA OAR, Great Lakes Environmental Research Lab

					WAML			Aquarium of the Pacific
<b>2021</b>	<b>96</b>						<b>11</b>	
		University of Minnesota, Duluth, Large Lakes Observatory		M	NEAMGLL			
		Texas A&M, Center for Coastal Studies		S	SAML			
		San Diego State University, Coastal and Marine Institute Laboratory		S	WAML			
<b>2022</b>	<b>98</b>						<b>9</b>	
		Northland College, Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation		S	NEAMGLL			
		Univ. of Vermont, Rubenstein Ecosystem Science Laboratory		M	NEAMGLL			
		Univ. of Wisconsin, Green Bay		S	NEAMGLL			
			Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Conrad Blucher Institute	S	SAML			
<b>2023</b>	<b>103</b>						<b>7</b>	
		Smithsonian Environmental Research Center		S	SAML			Smithsonian Environmental Research Center
		Water Resources Research Institute of UNC, NC Sea Grant		S	SAML			NC Sea Grant
		University of Guam Center for Island Sustainability & Sea Grant		S	WAML			
		University of Wisconsin, Superior, Lake Superior Research Institute		M	NEAMGLL			
		AltaSea		M	WAML			
<b>2024</b>	<b>104</b>						<b>7</b>	
		Kerckhoff Marine Laboratory, California Institute of Technology		S	WAML			