

Board Meeting of the 36th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

Date: 2 March 2016

Lima, Peru

President's Overview

On the web 500 participants had registered 3 months ago, but there were more registrations on site.

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Nancy FitzSimmons, provided an overview of the process, which was also shared with members at the Plenary. The Board will review recommendations by the Committee at their August retreat.

Student Committee

The Chair of the Student Committee, Itzel Sifuentes, described the activities planned for the Symposium. This presentation was subsequently shared with the membership at Plenary.

Travel Committee

The Travel Committee Chair, Alex Gaos, presented allocations of travel grants this year, which were subsequently shared with the membership at Plenary.

Student Awards

The Chairs of the Student Awards, Matthew Godfrey and Andrea Phillott, provided details on the number of judges and student posters and oral presentations at the 2015 and 2016 Symposia.

Grassroots Awards

The Chair of the Grassroots Awards Committee, Ingrid Yanez, gave an update on the procedures implemented this year.

Awards Committee

Criteria for the selection of awardees will be reviewed and discussed at the Board retreat in August.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, Terry Meyer, provided an update on the financial status of the ISTS, which was subsequently presented at Plenary.

ISTS Business Plan

This discussion was postponed to the Board retreat in August.

Proceedings

The Board reviewed the status of pending Proceedings.

2017 Symposium

Frank Paladino presented an update on the plans for the 2017 Symposium. A similar presentation was done at Plenary.

Members in attendance: Joanna Alfaro, Manjula Tiwari, Terry Meyer, George Balazs, Andrea Phillott, Paolo Casale, Aliko Panagopoulou, Ray Carthy, Alejandro Fallabrino, Yakup Kaska Emma Harrison, Frank Paladino, Roldan Valverde, Alan Rees, and Mariana Fuentes.

Observers: Ingrid Yanez, Alex Gaos, Matthew Godfrey, Brad Nahill, Nancy FitzSimmons, and Itzel Sifuentes.