

## **Board Meeting of the 37th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium**

**Date: 18 April 2017**

**Las Vegas, USA**

### **President's Overview**

Hotel was overbooked so we met our room block. 700+ participants had registered.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Kate Mansfield, provided an overview of the process. 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 presentations at the 2017 Symposium.

### **Grassroots Awards**

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

### **Awards Committee**

Number of Lifetime Achievement 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.

### **Ethics code**

Andrea Phillott shared an update draft of the code, which was subsequently presented and discussed at Plenary.

### **2018 Symposium**

Yoshi Matsuzawa presented an update on the plans for the 2018 Symposium. A similar presentation was done at Plenary.

*Members in attendance: Joanna Alfaro, Andy Agyekumhene, Yoshi Matsuzawa, Laura Prosdocimi, Manjula Tiwari, Terry Meyer, George Balazs, Andrea Phillott, Alejandro Fallabrino, Frank Paladino, Roldan Valverde, Alan Rees, Jeanette Wyneken, Pam Plotkin, and*

*Mariana Fuentes.*

*Observers: Ingrid Yanez, Alex Gaos, Matthew Godfrey, Brad Nahill, Kate Mansfield, and Itzel Sifuentes.*