

Plenary Session of the 35th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

April 23, 2015
Time: 4.20 pm

Meeting called by:
Yakup Kaska

Type of meeting: ~ 120 - 200 people
Plenary Session

Note taker:
Manjula Tiwari

Agenda

President's Overview	Yakup Kaska
Treasurer's Report	Terry Meyer
Travel Committee Report	Alex Gaos
Student Committee Report	Itzel Sifuentes
Nomination Committee—Election results	Manjula Tiwari (for Nancy FitzSimmons)
Other business	
2016 Symposium Overview	Joanna Alfaro

Additional Information

Special notes:

Agenda

President's overview**Yakup Kaska****4.20 pm**

Kaska welcomes everyone and highlights the following:

- Close to 530 people registered online and 100 people registered on site.
- This afternoon applied satellite transmitters to turtles – this was a unique event within the ISTS-it has never been done before
- Poster presentations were given time for discussions.
- Limited oral presentations this time, but of a higher scientific level – in total 135 orals and 230 posters.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Treasurer's report**Terry Meyer****4.20 pm**

Meyer went through the income statement, balance sheet, and 5-yr overview in her report.

Income statement

2014

Revenues

Registration Fees Current Year	212,925.95	51.23
Donations and Grants - Current	169,133.29	40.69
Auction Income	\$16,905.17	4.07
T-Shirt sales	7,745.00	1.86
Dividends & Interest	4,437.50	1.07
Other Income	4,505.11	1.08

Total Revenues

415,652.02	100.00
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Direct Symposium Expenses

Accommodations & Facility Exp	35,556.72	8.55
Food and Beverage	93,792.21	22.57
Audio Visual Expense	36,008.83	8.66
Poster Displays	3,964.50	0.95
Registration Fees	7,200.00	1.73
Credit Card Fees	6,308.32	1.52
Symposium Coordination	4,995.82	1.20
Entertainment	3,277.50	0.79
Student Awards	2,874.42	0.69

Participant Gifts	7,205.74	1.73
Insurance	525.00	0.13
T Shirts	2,042.70	0.49
Speaker Fees	692.37	0.17
Conferences Expense	300.82	0.07
Meetings Expense	642.56	0.15
Supplies	705.94	0.17
Subtotal Meeting Expenses	206,093.45	49.58
Operating Expenses		
Accounting Fees	8,500.00	2.04
Bank Fees	130.92	0.03
BOD Retreat	33,845.43	8.14
Investment Advisory Fee	1,834.00	0.44
Treasurer Support	1,000.00	0.24
Insurance	1,339.00	0.32
Subtotal Operating Expenses	46,649.35	11.22
Total Expenses	252,742.80	60.81
Net Income	\$162,909.22	39.19

Balance sheet

ASSETS

Current Assets

Money Market	\$25,000.65
Operating Funds Checking Account	165,335.42
Accounts Receivable	<u>37,302.04</u>

Total Current Assets 227,638.11

Other Assets

Investment Portfolio	100,799.69
Deferred Expense	<u>3,613.10</u>

Total Other Assets 104,412.79

Total Assets \$332,050.90

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Liabilities

Deferred Income - Next Year Registration \$71,295.00

Total Liabilities 71,295.00

Capital

Retained Earnings 97,846.68

Net Income 162,909.22

Total Capital 260,755.90

Total Liabilities & Capital \$332,050.90

5-year overview

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	
Revenues						
Donations and Grants	212,239	217,273	212,006	132,120	169,133	
Registration Income	66,393	181,113	76,079	156,596	212,926	
Other	9,472	29,420	27,217	33,034	33,591	
Total Revenue	288,104	427,806	315,302	321,750	415,650	
Cost of Symposium						
Facility, F&B, Translation & Travel	207,118	271,955	213,180	340,519	174,292	
Symposium Coordination, Registration Fees	35,502	22,958	31,297	17,107	18,504	
Awards, Bands, Gifts and T's, & Misc	25,812	37,510	34,186	36,122	14,295	
Total Cost of Symposium	268,433	332,423	278,663	393,748	207,092	
Gross Revenue	19,671	95,383	36,639	-71,998	208,559	
Operating Expenses	38,413	47,413	53,624	61,768	45,649	
Net Revenue	(18,742)	47,970	(16,985)	(133,766)	162,909	41,386

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Jen Homcy
 Second: Aliko Panagopoulou
 Motion passes unanimously

Conclusions:

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Travel Committee Report

Alex Gaos

4.29 pm

Gaos goes through the Travel Committee allocations below and thanks the Travel Chairs as well as Yakup Kaska for funding support.

Regional Travel Grant Allocations					
Chairs	Region	ISTS35 Applicants	Receive Room&Board	Receive Room Only	Cost
Angela Formia	Africa	23	18	1	11070
Kelly Stewart	US/Canada	29	23	0	14355
Karen Eckert	Caribbean	0	0	0	0
Andrea Phillot	South Asia	8	7	0	2160
Maggie Murmans	Asia/Pacific	13	3	1	4725
ALan Rees	Middle East	7	2	0	1890
Alejandro Fallabrino	So. America	36	31	2	18315
Aliki Panagopolou	Europe	57	39	12	25920
Emma Harrison	MX/CA America	28	19	3	11025
		201	142	19	89460

of Rooms provided
59

Motion to accept Travel Chair's report: Frank Paladino

Second: Jen Homcy

Motion passes unanimously

Conclusions:

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Student Committee Report

Itzel Sifuentes

4.34 pm

Fuentes thanks the ISTS, and the evaluators and speakers, as well as her team and volunteers, and Yakup Kaska. This is the 5th year of the Student Committee. She highlights the following:

- Last year an email account was created: iststudentcommitte@gmail.com
- This year there were: 23 orals, 27 posters, 50 students receiving feedback, and 23 evaluators

- There was a Student Mixed this year as well as a workshop on, " Working in the field: Achievements, challenges, and improvements"
- The Student Committee's manual

Conclusions:

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ISTS Elections

Manjula Tiwari

4.37 pm

Manjula Tiwari presents the results on behalf of the Nominating Committee, none of whom were able to attend the Symposium.

- The 2015 Nominating Committee consisted of:

Chair: Nancy FitzSimmons (Australia)
Edward Aruna (Sierra Leone)
Alberto Abreu Grobois (Mexico)
Milagros Lopez-Mendilaharsu (Brazil)
Shaleyla Kelez (Peru)

- The Nominations Process was:

Nominations open: 28 Nov 2014-10 Jan 2015
Slate of nominees presented to the Board: 10 Feb 2015
Names of candidates and bios posted online: 19 Mar 2015
Online voting: 19 Mar – 22 Apr 2015

- There was a slate of 10 nominees:

President-Elect: Yoshimasa Matsuzawa (Japan) and Frank Paladino (USA)

Board of Directors (2 positions): Laura Prosdocimi (Argentina), Andrea Phillott (Bangladesh and Australia), Andrew DiMatteo (USA) & Mario Mota (USA)

Awards Committee (3 positions): Thushan Kapurusinghe (Sri Lanka), Michael Jensen (USA), Stephen Dunbar (USA), & Andy Estrades (Uruguay)

- Results

174 votes

Awards Committee: Michael Jensen, Thushan Kapurusinghe, Andy Estrades

Board of Directors: Andrea Phillott, Laura Prosdocimi

President-Elect: Frank Paladino

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Other business

**4.43 pm & later after the
2016 Symposium
presentation**

- Jack Frazier asks for clarification regarding the 174 votes. Why there were so few voters?
- Jen Homcy thanks everyone for the auction, which raised \$19,000.
- Lily Venizelos asks about membership
 Yakup Kaska: The Board is working on membership issues. All who paid dues are members.
 Lily Venizelos: By getting people to be members every year instead of around the Symposium, ISTS will make more money.
 Yakup Kaska: Will discuss at Board retreat.
- Zoe Meletis: Thanks to all those participated in the speed chatting. We were worried, but it all came together well. If anyone is interested in organizing it, please let us know – Emma Harrison and I cannot run it forever. Please volunteer as experts. We request a small budget for those who volunteers their time and to hold it between sessions.
- Zoe Meletis also pointed out that in the ISTS budget, there was more money for gifts than student awards. Better to have more money go to student awards.
 Yakup Kaska: Board approves the budget – the President spends accordingly. This year all those who applied for a travel grant received it. Your point is well taken.
- Question: is there a possibility of putting presentations, workshops on website?
 Yakup Kaska: Only abstracts are posted otherwise there are copyright issues. Unless of course people volunteer their presentations.
- Frank Paladino thanks Yoshi Matsuzawa for also running for the President-Elect position
- Other suggestions: try to avoid the use of plastic and paper at the Symposium
- Abdulmaula Hamza: Thank you for the opportunity to post children’s artwork from Libya. 2 paintings were auctioned off and raised some money for the ISTS.

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2016 Symposium overview**Joanna Alfaro****4.50 pm**

Joanna Alfaro gives an introduction to the Symposium planned in Peru in 2016.

Location: Lima, Peru

Dates: 29 February – 4 March 2016

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Additional Information

Chuck Schaffer: Motion to adjourn

Wayne Fuller: Seconded

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6.00 pm