

Board Meeting of the 31st Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

Date: 13 April 2011

San Diego, CA, USA

President's Overview

Jeff Seminoff presented an overview of the Symposium. More than 980 people registered for the Symposium. He acknowledged the many people who assisted with the Symposium.

Student Committee

The Co-Chairs of the Student Committee, Lisa Komoroske and Alex Gaos, described the activities planned for the Symposium. The Board encouraged the Co-Chairs to continue this initiative at subsequent Symposia.

Nominations Committee

Pam Plotkin presented her report and recommendations for improving the process, which will be discussed at the Board's annual meeting in August.

Travel Committee

Alex Gaos presented Allocations of cash and room grants for the different regions were presented to the Board and were subsequently presented to the membership at the Plenary.

Awards Committee

Karen Arthur The Chair presented their report and explained the process to the Board. Recommendations will be discussed at the Board's annual meeting in August.

Student Awards

The Co-Chair of the Committee, Matthew Godfrey, explained the changes in the awards process at this Symposium.

Treasurer's Report

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

2012 Symposium

Ana Barragán presented the details of the 2012 Symposium to the Board. A similar presentation was done at the Plenary.

Director of Information Technology (DIT)

Michael Coyne's position as DIT for the ISTS was renewed for another 5-year term.

Other business

Betty Drane expressed her gratitude to the Board for acknowledging her husband Ed, and his contributions to the ISTS over many years.

Members in attendance: Ana Barragán, Jean Beasley, Didier Chacón, Michael Coyne, Marydele Donnelly, Scott Eckert, Mark Hamann, Cynthia Lagueux, Colin Limpus, Terry Meyer, J. Nichols, Jeff Seminoff, Kartik Shanker, Manjula Tiwari, and Roldán Valverde.

Observers: Karen Arthur, Elena Finkbeiner, Alex Gaos, Matthew Godfrey, Lisa Komoroske, and Pam Plotkin