

Board Meeting of the 32nd Annual Sea Turtle Symposium
Date: 14 March 2012
Huatulco, Mexico

President's Overview

Ana Barragan presented an overview of the Symposium. Estimated attendance number was 600 people with a large component of Mexicans, Latin Americans, and locals.

Nominations Committee

Frank Paladino presented the report (on behalf of Nominations Committee Chair, Pam Plotkin) and recommendations for improving the process, which will be discussed at the Board's annual meeting in August.

Travel Committee

Ingrid Yanez presented allocations of cash and room grants for the different regions and were subsequently presented to the membership at the Plenary.

Awards Committee

Stephen Dunbar (on behalf of the Awards Committee Chair Karen Arthur) presented their report and explained the process to the Board. The Board was impressed by the work of the Awards Committee.

Student Awards

The Co-Chair of the Committee, Matthew Godfrey, explained that the awards process had explained that they reverted back to the original Conservation and Biology awards system.

Student Committee

Itzel Sifuentes and Annelisse Ibarra presented the activities of this committee at the Symposium: student mixer, feedback to students about their talks, and a workshop about how to create an NGO.

Treasurer's Report

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

2013 Symposium

Ray Carthy presented the details of the 2013 Symposium to the Board. A similar presentation was done at the Plenary.

By-Laws and Constitution

Jack Frazier presented an update on the revisions to the By-Laws and Constitution team (Roldan Valverde, Aliko Panagopoulou, Paolo Casale, and Jack Frazier)—this is a work in progress, but certain modifications were presented and voted on at Plenary.

Members in attendance: Ana Barragán, Michael Coyne, Cynthia Lagueux, Colin Limpus, Terry Meyer, Jeff Seminoff, Kartik Shanker, Manjula Tiwari, Jack Frazier, Paola Casale, Aiki Panagopoulou, and Roldán Valverde.

Observers: Ingrid Yanez, Itzel Sifuentes, Annelisse Ibarra, Matthew Godfrey, Stephen Dunbar, Frank Paladino, and Elena Finkbeiner