

Board Meeting of the 33rd Annual Sea Turtle Symposium
Date: 5 February 2013
Baltimore, USA

President's Overview

Ray Carthy presented an overview of the Symposium. On Saturday morning there were 1002 people attending, and there have been 75 more registrants since then; this includes the Freshwater turtle meeting attendees.

Nominations Committee

Andres Estrades presented the 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 and were subsequently presented to the membership at the Plenary.

Awards Committee

Sally Murphy presented their report and explained the process to the Board. Awards were given out at the Symposium banquet with great fanfare.

Student Awards

The Co-Chairs of the Committee, Matthew Godfrey and Andrea Phillott, presented their report from the 32nd Symposium in Huatulco, Mexico.

Student Committee

Itzel Sifuentes and Annelisse Ibarra presented the activities of this committee, which included feedback to students about their presentations and a grants workshop with the following speakers: Earl Possardt, Karen Bjorndal, Brad Nahill.

Treasurer's Report

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

2014 Symposium

Roldan Valverde presented the details of the 2014 Symposium to the Board. A similar presentation was done at the Plenary.

By-Laws and Constitution

Revisions are still in progress, and the documents will be posted online for comments from the membership.

Other business

Raz Barnea who is undertaking an evaluation of the ISTS sat in on the Board meeting to understand the culture and functioning of the ISTS.

Members in attendance: Ray Carthy, Ana Barragán, Cynthia Lagueux, Terry Meyer, Manjula Tiwari, Paola Casale, Aliko Panagopoulou, George Balazs, Jesus Tomas, Alejandro Fallabrino, Didier Chacon, and Roldán Valverde.

Observers: Ingrid Yanez, Itzel Sifuentes, Annelisse Ibarra, Matthew Godfrey, Andrea Phillott, Andres Estrades, Sally Murphy, Teri Shores, Raz Barnea, and Elena Finkbeiner