

Plenary Session of the 34th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

April 17, 2014
Time: 4.12 pm

Meeting called by:
Roldan Valverde

Type of meeting: ~ 200 people
Plenary Session

Note taker:
Manjula Tiwari

Agenda

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Agenda

President's overview**Roldan Valverde****4.12 pm**

Valverde welcomes the membership to the ISTS business meeting and designates Frank Paladino as the Parliamentarian.

A Lifetime Achievement Award is given to Anne Meylan.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

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

Meyer went through the details in the below report and highlighted the following points:

- Valverde stayed within the budget the Board agreed upon.
- The ISTS has made social and green investments.

INCOME STATEMENT 2013**Revenue**

Donations and Grants - Current	132,120.00
Registration Current Year	156,595.89
Auction	20,119.79
T-Shirt Sales	11,423.00
Other Income	<u>1,491.00</u>

Total Revenue**321,749.68****Expenses****Symposium Expenses**

Facility, Food and Beverage	229,859.27
Facility Audio Visual	39,580.45
Travel Grants - Cash	40,984.31
Entertainment	1,600.00
Translation Services	30,094.54
Student Awards	2,900.00
T Shirts	5,277.17
Participant Gifts	12,654.35
Advertising	381.34
Miscellaneous	6,629.77
Printing	5,629.45
Registration Expenses	17,107.08

Event Insurance	1,050.00
Sub total Symposium Expense	393,747.73
Operating Expenses	
Accounting Fees	8,000.00
Bank Fees	342.80
BOD Retreat	24,108.20
Investment Advisory Fee	1,163.00
Office Expense	414.22
Program Officer	300.00
Treasurer Support	1,000.00
Grants Issued	7,000.00
Insurance	1,286.00
gain/loss on Sale of Assets	995.00
Prior Years Expense - Audit	8,000.00
Prior Years Expense - Retreat	9,159.00
Sub total Operating Expense	61,768.22
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>455,515.95</u>
NET REVENUE (LOSS)	<u><u>-133,766.27</u></u>

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ASSETS

Current Assets	
Bank of America Checking Acct	46,160.84
Investment Account	<u>98,297.21</u>
Total Current Assets	144,458.05
Other Assets	
Prepaid Expenses - Next Meeting	4,121.80
Total Other Assets	<u>4,121.80</u>
Total Assets	\$148,579.85

LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

Current Liabilities	
Deferred Income - Next Year Grants	\$ 4,000.00
Deferred Income - Next Year Registration	<u>47,030.00</u>
Total Current Liabilities	51,030.00
Capital	
Retained Earnings	231,316.12
Net Income	<u>(133,766.27)</u>
Total Capital	<u>97,549.85</u>
Total Liabilities & Capital	<u><u>\$148,579.85</u></u>

Valverde: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report

Frank Paladino: Seconds

Discussion:

Membership: Last year the revenue registration was 159K, what is it this year and how many people have registered?

Meyer: The financials for this Symposium are still incomplete, but it exceeds what was planned on. 148K was the revenue in Registration. Total revenue so far is 333K and will increase. Symposium expenses may be around 270K and Operating Expenses about 37K. The Net Revenue is positive at 24K. This is still incomplete, but we will end up probably neutral or in the black.

Membership: Is the deficit from last year being overcome?

Meyer: The meeting this year is okay and we hope it will offset some of the loss from last year. Probably will end in the black.

Call the question: Jim Spotila

Panagopoulou: Seconds

1 opposed

Motion passes

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Travel Committee Report

Alex Gaos

4.40 pm

Gaos goes through the Travel Committee allocations below. Only accommodation was provided to grant recipients this year.

Rooms	Hotel nights	Applicants supported	Total cost
40	225	123	\$35,840

Valverde: Motion to accept the Travel Chair's report

Frank Paladino: Seconds

Motion passes unanimously

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Student Committee Report

Itzel Sifuentes

4.45 pm

Fuentes provides the below report on the 4th year of the Student Committee:

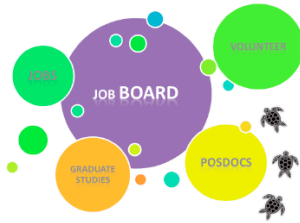
--Students requested feedback for 30 orals and 70 posters. There were 41 Evaluators.

--Below workshop was organized:



Student Committee document was drafted:

ISTS Student Committee



Compiler:
Patty Gómez Pizarro
Israel Sifuentes Romero

Document contents:

Volunteering & Internships - 28

Paying Participant Programs - 8

Paying Internship Opportunities - 2

Paid Internships - 4

Scholarships - 2

Courses- 2

Graduate and postdocs opportunities - 19

Job opportunities -12

Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

By-Laws and Constitution

Jack Frazier

3.35 pm

Frazier provides the background on how the revisions of the By-Laws and Constitution were undertaken:

- A few Board members (known as the Huatulco martyrs) went through detailed revisions of the two documents at the Symposium in Huatulco.
- Subsequently the Board was updated
- Past Board members and many people involved in the ISTS governance were invited to comment on the revisions.
- A new version was presented to the Board at the 2012 retreat – 2 days were spent on it.
- Another set of revisions was done and in June 2013 the documents were posted online for the membership to review.
- No comments were received by the deadline of December 2013.
- More announcements and requests for comments went out, but none was received.
- The documents now need to be approved here at the Plenary by the membership.

Frank Paladino: Move to accept the documents as presented on the internet and as posted.

Valverde: Seconds

Frank Paladino: Call to question

Valverde: Seconds

2 abstain

Motion passes

Conclusions:		
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Resolutions

Cynthia Lagueux

4.55 pm

Lagueux: Move to accept the Resolution,” Resolution Urging The Government Of Australia To Protect Sea Turtles From Industrial Development In The Great Barrier Reef World Heritage Area”

Sally Murphy: Seconds

Frank Paladino: Call the question

Valverde: Seconds

3 abstain

Resolution passes.

Lagueux: Move to accept the Resolution,” Resolution Urging The Republic Of Mexico To End High Bycatch Mortality And Strandings Of North Pacific Loggerhead Sea Turtles In Baja California Sur, Mexico”

Jim Spotila: Seconds

Jim Spotila: Call the question

Frank Paladino: Seconds

10 abstain

Resolution passes

Richard Reina thanks everyone involved in revising and commenting on the Resolutions.

Conclusions:		
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Nominations Committee—Election results **Marydele Donnelly** **5.00 pm**

Donnelly describes the process. There were 21 nominations for 7 positions and the officers elected are:

- President-Elect: Joanna Alfaro
- Board of Directors: Alan Rees, Mariana Fuentes
- Nominating Committee: Milagros Lopez-Mendilharsu and Alberto Abreu Grobois
- Award Committee: Brad Nahill and Blair Witherington

Conclusions:		
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2015 Symposium overview **Yakup Kaska** **5.10 pm**

Yakup Kaska gives an introduction to the Symposium planned in Turkey in 2015.
 Location: Dalaman, Turkey
 Dates: 19-24 April 2015

Jacques Fretey requests an emphasis be placed on Africa because of its proximity to the Symposium location.

Conclusions:		
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Other business **5.30 pm**

Frank Paladino receives the Lifetime Achievement Award

Marydele Donnelly: When we talked about bringing the Symposium here, we discussed that TEDs are not enforced here. My organization was the one that put forth a Resolution for the TED issue in Louisiana. Apparently, there are forces at work here that may overturn the law and the Board decided

not to put the Resolution forward. I understand, but no one came forward and sat down with us and explained why this opportunity was missed. I say respectfully this was not a democratic process.

Valverde: I wanted to promote this change as well when I brought the Symposium here and I am not privy to the details. Cynthia Lagueux can explain it.

Lagueux: There is a lengthy process for a Resolution—this one went out to 9 reviewers, and the results were presented to the ISTS Board of Directors. The Board decided to not put it forward. If no further actions are taken by the State of Louisiana, then we can reconsider it.

Todd Steiner: I thank the Board for the hard work. My issue is with the process. Revise the process. I have been a member for a long time. Previously people interested in an issue would meet up, write it, present it to the membership and the membership would vote. Now the Board votes. It was posted for a couple of days and there was no discussion. I recommend the old process.

Frank Paladino: The Board should make sure they have more voices to comment on the Resolutions. Should be like the election process so that comments are received from everyone.

Tony Nalovic: This Resolution was very politically charged in a State that is politically charged. This Resolution is not the best thing at the moment as it may have created conflicts.

Membership: The Board is the first hurdle to clear. We should vote as a body.

Cathy Campbell: Can there be feedback?

Board's feedback was that it did not meet the ISTS Mission and Vision. In the past, half-baked resolutions were put forward—new Resolution guidelines were introduced to clean up the process.

Jim Spotila: Officers of the ISTS could visit key people in Louisiana and request private meetings and tell them that they saved them from public embarrassment.

Valverde: Invited Governor Jindall to attend the Symposium. Better to have a Resolution that is less confrontational. Need to see how to move things.

Membership: Need feedback from the membership for a democratic process.

Frank Paladino: Board is elected to make strategic decisions so they can decide.

Other comments:

Kiki Jenkins: Need the high-income option in Registration.

Jim Spotila: Move we adjourn the Plenary

Frank Paladino: Seconds

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

Additional Information

Meeting adjourned at approximately 6.00 pm

