

## **ISTS Annual Board Meeting**

**August 18-20, 2010**

**National Conservation and Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV, US**

### **Finances**

The Board is working on improving the ISTS accounting process. The audit for 2008 is complete and we will now proceed with the 2009 audit. The Board is planning to appoint an Assistant Treasurer to assist with finances of the Society and also to provide a back-up for the Treasurer if needed and Terms of Reference were developed for this position.

### **Travel Committee**

Two new regions were created by splitting Mexico and Central America from South America; and a Middle East section was split out from the Southeast Asia region and two new regional chairs were appointed.

The Board is investigating establishing a Corporate frequent flyer miles account to maximize travel funds for the ISTS.

### **Managing Director**

The Board is developing a Board-appointed ISTS Managing Director position. This person will oversee the long-term strategy of the Society. The Terms of Reference and details of the position are being drafted and will be reviewed by the Board prior to implementation next year.

### **ISTS Liabilities**

The Board discussed the need for liability insurance for the ISTS and will be investigating the best available option.

### **Ed Drane Award**

Ed Drane was the Treasurer of the ISTS for more than 20 years. His passion for sea turtles and his commitment to the ISTS and its international mission were both energizing and inspiring.

The Ed Drane Award for Volunteerism was created to honor him. In 2011 he will posthumously receive the Champions award. Henceforth, individuals will receive the Ed Drane Champions Award for Volunteerism.

### **Changes to the By-Laws**

New text was added to address vacancies in the position of the Board of Directors and will be adopted only after approval from the membership.

### **Student Committee**

The Board approved a proposal from the Student Committee, which is a President appointed Committee. This Committee will be active at the 2011 Symposium in San Diego.

### **ISTS Logo**

Discussions are underway on the best strategy for the development of a new ISTS logo.

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