

# MINUTES OF THE SEERS SPRING BUSINESS MEETING

APRIL 11, 1992

## NORTH TOPSAIL BEACH, NORTH CAROLINA

President Dennis Allen opened the meeting at 5:15. There were approximately 40 members in attendance of the 93 registered SEERS participants. He commented on the success of the meeting and thanked everyone for their participation. The membership was requested to vote for the new President Elect and Program Chair during the meeting. Candidates for these positions were Edsel Caine and Bob Johnson for President Elect, and Liz Noble and Lynn Barker for Program Chair.

Bob Van Dolah read the minutes of the last meeting, which were approved by the membership. Bob also gave the treasurer's report, and noted that the balance had decreased since he became the Secretary/Treasurer from an initial balance of \$4,504.82 to \$2,324.52. This was largely due to major expenditures for printing, travel costs for the President, postage, and SEERS contribution to ERF and the Student Endowment Fund, which was established in 1991. Bob also noted that the Endowment Fund currently had a balance of \$707 dollars and that the Society had received contributions of \$400 from Hydrolab Corporation and \$300 from NOAA to help defray the meeting costs for the SEERS/AERS meeting. Finally, Bob noted that the current level of funds in the SEERS treasury was low enough that it was making it difficult to cover the costs of meetings. He indicated that this problem was discussed at the board meeting the previous evening and that the Board unanimously agreed to strongly recommend an increase in the dues to \$10.00 beginning in 1993. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report and the motion passed.

President Allen then distributed three certificates of appreciation to David Mense, the outgoing Student Representative; Ginger Ogburn-Mathews, the outgoing Program Chair; and Kieth Walters, the outgoing Member at Large. He thanked all three of those individuals for their efforts during the past two years.

Dennis then turned the Meeting over to the new President, Clay Montague. Clay complimented Dennis on his outstanding efforts as President of SEERS for the past two years and reviewed some of Dennis's accomplishments, such as establishing the Student Endowment Fund and his efforts to expand the membership. Clay also indicated that he felt honored to have been elected as President of this fine organization, which he considers one of the best scientific organizations in the region.

Clay mentioned that the next meeting would probably be held somewhere in northern Florida followed by a meeting somewhere near Charleston. He asked for volunteers from the membership to host the meetings in those areas.

Clay then brought up the recommendation made by the board that dues be increased in 1993 to \$10.00. A motion was made and seconded to do so, and was passed following a

discussion by the membership.

Clay announced the winners of the election, who were Edsel Caine for President Elect, and Liz Noble for Program Chair.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50.