

Southeastern Estuarine Research Society (SEERS)
Fall 2016 Members Meeting
10 November 2015, 5:30 – 6:30 pm
Oregon Convention Center, Room B116, Portland, OR (at CERF 2015)

Minutes

Call to order, welcome and introductions (Geno Olmi, SEERS President)

Treasurer's Report (Geno for Amanda Dickens)

- Bank of America Account
 - Balance Before Spring 2015 meeting: \$4, 875
 - After Spring 2015 Meeting: \$9, 744
 - June 2015, deposit of \$2,595 for the SEERS memberships collected through CERF
 - Current balance November 2015: \$12, 174
 - Fall 2015 expenditures: \$500 for CERF Mentor Breakfast; \$1500 for SEERS travel awards to CERF
- Capitol One 360 Account
 - Current Balance \$25, 944
 - Total Interest earned over the last 12 months: \$103
 - Average \$8.61/month
- Treasurer's Report was accepted by the membership in attendance

Spring 2015 Meeting – brief report (Nikki Dix, Member at Large)

- SEERS met at the Jacksonville University Marine Science Research Institute, Jacksonville, FL. Thanks to Quinton White for hosting.
- We had 118 meeting attendees, 65 of whom presented
- In addition to the usual excellent oral and poster presentations, we responded to students' comments by changing up the format a bit and also held a breakfast mentoring session that was very well attended.

Spring 2016 Meeting – preview (Geno)

- Using new format again (poster session on Friday instead of Thursday evening)
- Including student mentoring session
- Let us know what you want out of meetings
- About half attendees at SEERS meetings are first-time attendees
- Joe Statton, University of South Carolina – Beaufort, is local host
- Starting to work on program
- Likely special session on SLR effects in estuaries - anyone interested contact Geno
- Look for call for abstracts

- Joan asked about keynote for special session - Geno says maybe Thurs evening and we are open to suggestions; someone suggested Orrin Pilkey
- Rob Young - western Carolina – could add geology perspective

SEERS Website (Joan Sheldon)

- Developing archive of prior meeting information. Check out the archive section of the SEERS website (seers.org). If you have trying to archive old meetings info, please send info and pics to Joan (jsheldon@uga.edu)

SEERS Governing Board positions – call for nominations (Bob Virnstein, Past-president)

- SEERS will induct new Program Chair and President-elect at the Spring 2016 meeting in Beaufort, SC. Elections will be conducted via email in advance of meeting.
- Call for nominations is now open. Bob will email request for nominations to SEERS membership.
- Please send nominations to Bob Virnstein (Seagrass3@gmail.com)
- Self-nominations and nominations of others are welcome.

Student and new member conversation

- Suggestion from student for informal mentorship at next CERF meeting by SEERS members – something regionally specific – as part of overall mentorship program.
- Block seating for SEERS members at plenary?
- SEERS identity on nametags?
- Look for ways to better welcome/mentor undergraduate students – such as special events for undergraduates or by also having grad students as mentors for undergraduate students.

Other business and announcements (all)

- National Conference on Ecosystem Restoration. April 2016. Coral Springs, FL.
- Mangroves and Macrobenthos Meeting. 18-22 July 2016. St. Augustine, FL.
- Restore America Estuaries and The Coastal Society. 10-15 Dec 2016. New Orleans, LA.

CERF 2015 Student Travel Awards (Erik Smith, President-elect)

- Congratulations to the following winners of \$500 travel awards from SEERS
 - Jamie Alfieri, Georgia Southern University
 - Kathleen Onorevole, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
 - Michelle Shaffer, University of Central Florida

Door prize drawings

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