



Business Meeting  
3/10/18  
Flagler College  
St. Augustine, FL

**Minutes from fall 2017 meeting**

Led by Secretary, Nikki Dix

- No additions or corrections

Approved

**Treasurer Report**

Led by Erik Smith with input from Treasurer, Susannah Shelton

- Currently in coffers: \$49,039.17
  - \$18,078.86 checking
  - \$10,807.58 PayPal
  - \$20,152.73 CapitalOne 360 CD
- Student Travel Awards: \$900
  - Six, inc. student rep
- Estimated meeting costs: \$9,921.90
  - Total meeting revenue: \$13,140
  - Registration revenue: \$ 9,540
  - Sponsorship revenue: \$ 3,600

Xylem, UNF, NC Sea Grant, SC Sea Grant Consortium, OTT/Hydromet , Whitney  
Laboratory for Marine Bioscience at UF, GA Sea Grant

In-Kind Sponsors: Flagler, GTM Research Reserve, Friends of the GTM

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**Wild Apricot Update**

Led by Erik Smith and Nikki Dix

- Thanks for your patience as we test out this pilot program. There are many benefits to this new system, including membership tracking and meeting registrations.
- We are testing this for two years then the members and Board must decide whether they will keep paying for the service.
- The cost was \$70/mo, now \$90/mo.
- One problem encountered was tracking memberships renewed through CERF.

\*Nikki will inquire about being added to cc list for confirmation emails.

### **Special Business: Honorary Member**

- The Board voted unanimously to induct Dr. Clay Montague as an honorary member in recognition of his service to SEERS, estuarine science, management, and education over the years.
- Dr. Montague expressed his surprise and gratitude. He noted that SEERS is the most important conference for him every year because it gives him a broad perspective of estuarine science in terms of topics (everything from nutrients to fish) and applications (agency, academia, non-profit, etc.).

### **Special Business: CERF**

Led by Dr. Hilary Neckles, CERF President

- Journal submissions increasing; going to 8 issues instead of 7 next year
- Next CERF conference will be in Mobile, AL in fall 2019
- Webinar library for CERF members, next webinar May 8
- Rising TIDES - seeking SEERS rep for Broadening Participation Council - contact Hilary if interested

### **Board Changes**

Led by Erik Smith with input from Nominations Chair, Geno Olmi

- Outgoing Past-president: Geno Olmi
- Outgoing President: Erik Smith
- Incoming President: Cassandra Thomas
- Incoming President-elect: Enrique Reyes
- Outgoing/Incoming Program Chair: Jessica Reichmuth
- Incoming Member-at-Large: TBD (from GA or NC)

### **Student Travel Awards**

Led by Student Promotions Committee Chair, Cassandra Thomas

- Bailey Harding – Coastal Carolina University
- Ashlyn Henning – Georgia Southern University
- Ashley Holmes – Augusta University
- Logan Masterson – Coastal Carolina University
- Emeline Ward – Coastal Carolina University

### **Student Presentation Awards**

Led by Student Promotions Committee Chair, Cassondra Thomas

- Best Undergraduate Student Poster Presentation -
  - Logan Masterson, Coastal Carolina University
  - Emeline Ward, Coastal Carolina University
- Best Undergraduate Student Oral Presentation
  - Bailey Harding, Coastal Carolina University
- Best Graduate Student Poster Presentation
  - Eilea Knotts, University of South Carolina
- Best Graduate Student Oral Presentation
  - Mariko Polk, University of North Carolina Wilmington

### **New Business**

- Field trip this afternoon at GTMNERR - see Nikki for directions
- Fall 2018 meeting to be hosted by Devon Eulie, UNC Wilmington
- Enrique Reyes: goals for SEERS in the next year - 1) increase membership, 2) increase member participation, 3) increase diversity

### **Adjourned**