

# SOUTHEASTERN ESTUARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

## *SEERS Business Meeting, Fall 2011- Minutes 7 November 2011 Daytona Beach, FL*

1. CALL TO ORDER – Denise Sanger, President
  
2. READING OF MINUTES – Geno Olmi, Secretary
  - Geno Olmi read the minutes from Athens meeting (copies passed out)
  - Motion to approve was seconded and unanimously approved
  
3. TREASURER’S REPORT – Joan Sheldon
  - Presently have cushion of three meetings worth of funds – about \$22,000
  - Athens meeting net gain of \$330
  - Joan read detailed financials of Athens meeting
  - Student fund had gain of \$375 from sale of tee-shirts and water bottles
  - SAML donation of \$900 for student travel to CERF
  - With SAML donation SEERS supporting travel total of five students to CERF
  - Eric moved to accept treasurer report
  - Treasurer report approved
  - Note – a detailed treasurer’s report was submitted to the SEERS Board and is available for review by members, if desired
  
4. SPECIAL BUSINESS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS
  - Website Committee – Eric Koepfler
    - i) Geno and Eric to meet in December to peruse SEERS history documents, categorize them, and develop plan for capturing
    - ii) Request board to consider providing funds for a student to scan and save historical documents
    - iii) Cassandra Thomas noted that SEERS is now in Wikipedia and also has a “Linkedin” site
  
  - Student Promotions Committee – Bob Virnstein
    - i) Winners of the Travel Awards
      - (1) Five student awards of \$300 each. Special thanks to SAML for additional funds for student travel (\$900 funded three student travel awards). SEERS money for travel comes from t-shirt and water bottle sales.
      - (2) Ashley Smith, UNC-Chapel Hill
      - (3) Christine Hladik, University of Georgia
      - (4) Kristen Kaufman, University of South Florida
      - (5) Katherine Sutton, GA Southern University
      - (6) Theresa Strazisar, Florida Atlantic University

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- Nominations Committee – Denise Sanger/Eric Koepfler
  - i) President-Elect and Program Chair are up for election in the spring
  - ii) Eric Koepfler will send out notice to all membership requesting nominations
  - iii) Bob Virnstein suggested that David Eggleston be nominated for president-elect
  - iv) Denise and others provided brief descriptions of the roles of president and program chair
- SEERS Meetings
  - i) Spring 2012 meeting – 12-14 April 2012; Beaufort/Morehead City/Atlantic Beach, NC; Dave Eggleston is local host
  - ii) Fall 2012 Meeting – there has been a suggestion for Jacksonville, FL ; other suggestions being accepted
- CERF 2011 Student Judging
  - a) SEERS coordinating student judging for CERF 2011 conference
  - b) Still need volunteers to help judge student presentations
  - c) Denise Sanger, Amanda Kahn, Cassondra Thomas, and Debby Scerno were primary organizers with support from the entire Board

### 5. OLD BUSINESS

- 33 Award – Bob Virnstein.
  - i) 3-squared award – winner was a student. Bob had students judge for 3-3 award. We will be looking for volunteers for this at Spring 2012 meeting

### 6. NEW BUSINESS

- CERF meeting in Fall 2012 in Argentina.
  - i) Will be smaller than usual meeting
  - ii) CERF thinking about asking affiliate societies to send a person (at their cost)
- Bob Virnstein asked if anyone had any issues for him to bring forward to the CERF Board Meeting on Friday. None were suggested.

### 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- none

### 8. MEETING ADJOURNED

- Debby Scerno moved to adjourn meeting; seconded; approved.