

Southeastern Estuarine Research Society (SEERS)
Spring 2016 Members Meeting
12 March 2016, 12:00 – 12:30 pm
Hargray Hall, Room

Agenda

- Call to order and welcome at 12:14 p
- Approval of minutes from the SEERS business meeting Nov 2015
 - Motion to approve by Bob Virnstein second by Mike Mallon
 - approved
- Treasurer's Report
 - As of 3/12**
 - We are sound financially
 - Currently available: \$19, 934
 - Capital One Business Savings Account: \$25,978
 - Sponsorships: \$3,100
 - Chartwells: \$3,095
 - Bluffton Oyster Company: \$2,200
 - Student travel awards:
 - Five @ \$150 à \$750
 - Received about \$400 in t-shirts
 - Beginning conversations for how to invest
 - Treasurer's report approved by membership
- Committee Reports: the Meeting
 - We will have a survey after the meeting, please complete it.
 - 114 registered
 - 28 talks (10 grad, 2 undergrad)
 - 26 posters (10 grad, 8 undergrad)
 - Seven sponsors
 - Five additional contributors
 - Thank you Local Host Joe Staton!
 - Thank you Program Chair Loren Mathews!
 - Al Stokes needs a Thank you for hosting banquet
- Nominations
 - This meeting we are inducting new President-Elect and Program Chair
 - Spring 2017: Secretary, Treasurer, Student Representative
 - Member-at-large is appointed by new President to help maintain geographic balance on the Board
 - We are a volunteer organization therefore membership contribution is important

- Special Business: Bylaws Revision
 - Last revised 2005
 - Large number of minor changes and some not so minor
 - Mostly brought up to date regarding methods of voting, methods of paying dues, and the committee structure
 - Requires vote of full membership to accept revision
 - Votes: 30 aye, 0 nay in favor of accepting the new Bylaws
- Special Business: Honorary Member
 - Dennis Allen
 - Proclamation written and read by Geno Olmi President
- Special Business: Change of Officers
 - Out-going Program Chair Loren Mathews received certificate of service
 - Out-going Past-President Bob Virnstein received certificate of service
 - SEERS Gavel presented to Erik Smith the in-coming President
 - New Board Members
 - Program Chair: Jessica Reichmuth
 - President-Elect: Cassandra Thomas
 - Member-at-Large: Nikki Dix will stay on to represent FL
- New Business: Meeting Rotation
 - Georgia (Fall 2016)
 - North Carolina (Spring 2017)
 - CERF (Fall 2017)
 - Florida (Spring 2018)
 - South Carolina (Fall 2018)
- Special Business: Travel and presentation awards

Congratulations to travel award winners:

 - Brooke Campbell, Coastal Carolina University
 - Amanda Croteau, University of Florida
 - Michelle Franco, College of Charleston
 - Adrienne Kambouris, Augusta University
 - Madison Polera, University of North Carolina Wilmington

Congratulations to Presentation Winners

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- Kimberly Sitta, College of Charleston Graduate Student
- Top five finishers were students

Poster Undergrad (CERF Membership)

- Brooke Campbell, Coastal Carolina University

Poster Graduate (CERF Membership)

- Agnieszka Monczak, University of South Carolina Beaufort

Oral Presentations: Undergraduate

- Adrienne Kambouris, Augusta University

Oral Presentations: (CERF Membership)

Eilea Knotts, University of South Carolina

- Adjourn