



New England Estuarine Research Society

NEERS Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, 5:30pm October 29th 2010, Provincetown, MA

President Pam Morgan opened the Business meeting and gave a brief report of the minutes from the Executive Committee meeting (see Exec. Comm. Meeting Minutes).

Robert Buchsbaum, chair of the election committee, introduced the candidates for election to NEERS offices.

Candidate for Treasurer, Cindy Del Papa, and candidate for President, John Brawley introduced themselves to the membership and gave their campaign slogans/ speeches. Sara Grady, running for Secretary, was not present because she is on maternity leave.

As all races were uncontested and there were no nominations from the floor, there was a motion to elect the slate of candidates. The motion was accepted.

(The newly elected treasurer will assume all duties of the NEERS treasurer. These include managing all financial accounts, assuming signatory over financial accounts, all bookkeeping requirements for meetings, tax filings and other matters and reporting on the status of NEERS accounts during all NEERS business meetings).

The membership extended a warm thank you to outgoing treasurer Ed Dettmann for his service to NEERS. (Ed Dettmann relinquished all treasury duties, responsibilities and signatory powers after four years of dedicated duty in this volunteer role upon the election of Cindy Delpapa as NEERS treasurer).

President, Pam Morgan put out the call for spring meeting locations and hosts

Ed Dettman gave a brief treasurers report (See Exec. Comm. Meeting Minutes) and Tay Evans announced that in the interest of time the Secretary's report will be available online along with the minutes of the Business meeting and Exec. Comm meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm.

Addendum:

Student Presentation Awards:

Alyssa Novak, UNH - Ketchum Award (Graduate Oral Presentation):
Presentation Title: *Why are Thalassia testudinum leaves turning red in some areas of the lower Florida Keys*

Diana Barrett, UMass Dartmouth – Dean Award (Graduate Poster): *Effect of environmental factors on the germination of several species of coastal dune plants.*

Amanda Vielard, BU – Rankin Award (Undergraduate Oral Presentation): *Effects of fertilization on benthic and pelagic silica fluxes in a New England salt marsh*

Warren Award (Undergraduate Poster): Not awarded. No undergraduate posters.

Submitted By:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tay Evans". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

Tay Evans,
NEERS Secretary