

NEERS Business Meeting
October 12, 2012
Block Island, RI

Secretary's Report – Sara Grady

- Reading of minutes from Spring 2012 meeting
- Overview of Spring 2012 meeting evaluations
 - Generally very positive
 - Compliments: Fantastic student talks, great meeting/venue, met/socialized with great people
 - Complaints/Suggestions: more discussion time, more topic variety, more coffee/tea, healthier snacks, poster density too high
- Attendance facts
 - Geography - Top 3 attendance states: RI (55), MA (22), and CT (13)
 - Food - Fish- 48%, Chicken- 22%, Vegetarian- 14%, Beef- 12%, Vegan- 4%
- Entertainment options – dance in the lounge or play/sing/hang out at the acoustic coffeehouse

Treasurer's Report – Cindy Delpapa

- Finances (as of 9/30/12)
 - NEERS Checking: \$17,245.94 (Before paying for mtg)
 - NEERS general funds CD: \$18,239.53
 - Student Endowment: \$36,741.99
 - Savings Account-\$ 7,550.14
 - Certificate of Deposit- \$29,191.85
- Thanks to Meeting Supporters
 - Platinum Supporter - URI Coastal Institute
 - Gold Supporters - The Nature Conservancy & Woods Hole SEA Grant
 - Silver Supporter - Woods Hole Group
- Registration stats

- Registrants- 101 (60 Reg members, 30 student, 11 nonmembers)
- 80% pre-registered (30% on last day)
- 82% pre-registered and fully paid
- Presenters not getting in under the pre-reg deadline:
 - 30% Students
 - 24% Regular members
- Walks (ferry) in registrations- 1
- Symposium attendees- 64

Both reports accepted unanimously

CERF Meeting Update – John Brawley

- Walter Boynton noted membership decline, down to 850 from 1100 in 2003 (was increasing until 2003)
- Journal is doing great
 - Revenue almost = to membership dues
 - Looking for better access to Springer journals
 - Journal wants more review articles
- Sending a student to Argentina for CERF Intl with \$1500 from NEERS and \$500 from CERF-Marianne McNamara
- Looking for ways to help affiliates with websites and member management – RFP for Association Management Company
- CERF office moving to WA from MD (where Exec. Director is located)
- CERF San Diego
 - 4 plenary sessions on nitrogen, sea level rise, ocean acidification, and invasive species
 - Potential effort to make meeting attendance more affordable – professors register 3 students and get the rest for \$10
 - Cruise around San Diego harbor (needs 400 people)
 - Change bylaws – add student member at large (Leanna Heffner ex officio), nominations through February, elections in the spring
 - Students needed for committees – form student committee?

Website redesign is fantastic, thank you Jamie Vaudrey

Spring 2013 Meeting

- Bev Johnson is primary organizer with Sue Adamowicz helping
- April 11-13, Portland, ME

Elections

- New president John Brawley given “magic wand” by Steve Hale
- Thanks from Steve to Exec. Committee and wine for Ed Dettmann (help with IRS non-profit status), Cindy Delpapa, Sara Grady, and Jamie Vaudrey
- Appointed positions
 - Hilary Neckles – Program Chair
 - Alan Young – Historian
 - Wally Fulweiler, Sue Adamowicz – Members-at-large
 - Anyone interested in these positions should make themselves known
- Treasurer, Secretary, and President
 - Sara Grady and Cindy Delpapa will stay for another term as Secretary and Treasurer
 - Jamie Vaudrey President-Elect, will continue to help with website

Stickleback Award – Ingratiate yourself to Marshall Pregnall (*post-meeting addendum, nobody won*)

Post-Meeting Addendum – Student Awards

- **Rankin Prize for Best Undergraduate Paper** - (R) Rogener*, Mary Katherine¹, E. M. Heiss¹, and R. W. Fulweiler^{1,2} Departments of ¹Earth and Environment and ²Biology, Boston University, Boston, MA METALS, MUD, AND THE NITROGEN CYCLE – THE IMPACT OF MN AND FE ON SEDIMENT N₂ FLUXES IN A TEMPERATE MARINE ECOSYSTEM
- **Ketchum Prize for Best Graduate Paper** - (K) Carey*, Joanna C. ¹ and R. W. Fulweiler^{1,2} Departments of ¹Earth and Environment and ²Biology, Boston University, Boston, MA WATERSHED LAND USE - A MAJOR CONTROL ON SILICA EXPORT TO MARINE WATERS
- **Scott Warren Prize for Best Undergrad Poster**- (W) Rossi*, Ryann¹, B. J. Jessen², and D. S. Johnson³ ¹College of Environmental and Life Sciences, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI ²Graduate School of Oceanography, University of Rhode Island, Narragansett, RI ³The Ecosystems Center, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA LEAF LITTER DECOMPOSITION AND PROCESSING IN A CARIBBEAN MANGROVE FOREST AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR CARBON SEQUESTRATION

- **Dean Prize for Best Graduate Poster** - (D) Corman*, Sarah S.1, A. Angermeyer1, J. M. Adler1, M. D. Bertness1, L. A. Deegan2, and H. M. Leslie1 1Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Brown University, Providence, RI 2Ecosystems Center, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA SPARTINA ALTERNIFLORA IN A CHANGING CLIMATE: IMPACTS OF RISING TEMPERATURES ON SALT MARSH ELEVATION
- **NEERS Niering winners:** Elise Heiss, Janis Hall and Andraya Ehrlich
- **WHOI SEA Grant winners:** Melissa Palmisciano and Mary Kate Rogener