

Notice to All Members!!! Conference Chair Johnna Garber is looking for ideas for conference themes, see page for his address.

1998 A contact from the Coastal Research Center, Zululand, South Africa, was discussed. Fred will encourage continued discussion.

ERF 1999 The Pacific Northwest has been proposed as the site for this meeting. PERS President Paul Fishman is investigating potential meeting organizers.

ERE et al., 2000 Paul Fishman reported on possibility of a "Cruise" meeting, a "Big Theme" or "Issues" meeting. Pa Jim Sanders, and Linda Deegan will summarize their excellent ideas in a short report to Fred and Candace that will be presented to ERF members this fall.

Shallow Water Meeting-April 3 to 7, 1995, in Atlantic City. See story on page 12.

AGU-Spring 1996 The American Geophysical Union Ocean Sciences Section has approached ERF about cosponsoring their spring meeting in 1996. The Board approved the concept, reserving final approval until the receipt of a written proposal form AGU.

VII. Other Business

Directory We will publish a Membership Directory this fall before the conference. The Directory will only include current active members, (who will receive free copies). Copies will be available for sale to others.

Code of Ethics The Board approved the clarified code of ethics in this Newsletter on page 17.

Members at Large Because the Governing Board members elected by the Federation membership is small, and there is much work to be done, the Board approved adding another member at large to the board. Members at large will serve 3-year terms which will be staggered.

VI. Committees

Advocacy/Public Information - Reacting to the increasingly gloomy reports about declining funding for science, environmental and education programs at the Federal level, the Board discussed the possibility of creating a committee to address those issues. It was recognized that special talents were needed for that activity. Some previous Federation Board members have these talents, and the current Board resolved to seek their help and input in addressing this.

Education Committee Committee Chair Gary Gaston sent a report that discussed plans for his committee's involvement with ERF '95. Volunteers are needed for help judging student presentations. The Committee has created criteria and forms to make the judging objective and consistent. The Board expressed its appreciation for this contribution.

Nominations Committee The report listed prospective candidates, see the slate on page 6.

Finance Committee The Treasurer's position was discussed. The Board decided to leave the Treasurer as an appointed position.

Development Committee Reported through Joy on receipt of \$10,000 from the NOAA grant for the IAGLR meeting. Publications Committee Fred is considering the need to re-institute this committee which was previously one of our most active.

Awards committee Not much progress.

VII. Future Meetings

ERF-ECSA 1996 meeting planning has started. Contacts are Chris D'Elia and Ken Tenore. Topics related to Land Ocean Interactions in the Coastal Zone were reported as tentative tentative themes. (See notice on page 13 for

Sustaining, full and student members will receive ballots late June, to be returned by early August. The ballots will be accompanied by biographical information about the candidates. You can see that an outstanding group of members has been recruited to run for office. Please honor them with your attention and vote.

Thanks to Nominations Committee chair **Chris D'Elia** members **Kevin Sellner**, **Geno Olmi** and **Linda Schaffner**.

- President Elect **John Hobbie**
The Ecosystems Center
Woods Hole, MA 0
- Members at Large **Dennis Allen**
Baruch Marine Lab
Georgetown, SC
- Denise Breitberg**
Estuarine Research Center
St. Leonard, MD

- Secretary **Paul Fishman**
Fishman Environmental Services
Portland, OR
- Denise Reed**
Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium
Chauvin, LA

- Robert R. Christina**
East Carolina University
Greenville, NC

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agic, Patrick left SEERS in fine financial shape and his accounting acumen will be missed!

ERF's 13th Biennial International Conference in Corpus Christi, TX means that SEERS will next meet in the spring of 1996. All SEERS members are encouraged to attend ERF in November! For further information on the SEERS Spring Meeting please contact the Program Chair, Keith Walters, Marine Institute, University of Georgia, Apelo Island, GA 31327 (912/485-2289) or Email KWALT@UGA.CC.UGA.EDU.

NEERS News

Reported by Wendy Leo
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NEERS held its Spring 1995 meeting at Yoken's comfort Inn in Portsmouth, NH and the Jackson Estuarine Laboratory in Durham, NH from April 27-29, 1995. The Jackson Lab was also celebrating its silver anniversary, and this meeting marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the first NEERS meeting held at the newly opened lab in 1970. The meeting was kicked off by a special symposium on estuarine management, which included a lunchtime field trip to diorine Point park.

Thursday evening's social provided the usual chance for NEERSians to get caught up with their colleagues,

Reports from the AFFILIATE SOCIETIES

including Ed and Kathy Rhodes who made the trip from Chile especially to attend NEERS (conveniently, a family wedding had also been scheduled for later that weekend).

The regular scientific sessions were held on Friday, followed by the business meeting. The banquet Friday night was a gala occasion, attended by nearly every NEERS past president. Each of these illustrious folk gave a few words of wisdom about what makes NEERS so special: independence, informality, diversity of membership, and balance between scientific disciplines and between seriousness and fun.

The Ketchum Prize for best graduate student paper was awarded to Norm Farris of URI for his paper on "Seasonality in oxygen exchange rates of two subtidal marsh basin habitats."

On Saturday, the meeting venue moved to the Jackson Lab, where we held a poster session and field trips to the Great Bay estuary. We also learned about the history and present interests of the Jackson Laboratory and enjoyed a lobster cook-out. Due to the hard work of Fred Short and the local organizing committee, this was a terrific NEERS meeting.

The next NEERS meeting will be held at Vassar College in New York, tentatively in May 1996.

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ListServer, send the message "subscribe neerslist" to neerslistrequest@umbsky.cc.umb.edu.

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The Presidents of NEERS, taken at Spring NEERS Meeting, April 28, 1995 at Portsmouth, NH. This meeting was the 25th Anniversary of the first scientific meeting of NEERS (which also occurred in NH and was also hosted by UNH). Photo taken by NEERS Program Chair, Marshall Peggall. (l to r) President Pro Tem, Michael Mazurkiewicz (#3), Barbara Welsh (#4), Bernard McAlice (#5), Henri Gaudette (#6), Peter Larsen (#7), Back to Jeffries (#2), Sandra Macfarlane (#8), Theodore Loder (#9), Annie Gibl (#10), Veronica Berounsky (#12), Frederick Short (President-elect) Missing; David Townsend (#11) present at the meeting but couldn't stay for it (photo), David Dean (#1), deceased.