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BUSINESS MEETING
1 November 1975

President Mike Mazurkiewicz called the business meeting to order at 1205 and expressed his gratitude to Marie Abbott and Eva Montiero for their work in making arrangements for the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was also read.

All who had applied for membership since the last meeting were voted into membership. Suggested changes in the constitution, as mailed to the membership, were all approved except for the reference to discouraging press coverage. The membership voted to make dues for all members \$3.00 per year.

Paul Chanley raised the question of whether or not NEERS should become involved in social issues, especially a campaign to provide increased funding for research designed to produce food for future needs. Bivalve cultivation was suggested as the most efficient means of converting sunlight to animal protein. Presently major food production through terrestrial farming is heavily dependant on dwindling oil reserves. Considerable discussion followed and it was decided that the President should contact ERF and make arrangements necessary to work through ERF on such a campaign.

The president reported there was some feeling that the award for best student paper should be discontinued. Considerable discussion followed. Eventually Robert Radulski moved that the award be discontinued. His motion was modified by Steve Macko to include recognition of outstanding papers in the minutes of each meeting.

Donna Turgeon moved that abstracts of papers, so noted, be included in the next general mailing. Bernie McAlice seconded. After a brief discussion the motion was defeated.

The President announced we had accepted an invitation to hold the spring meeting in Milford, CT in April.

Jay Moore moved to present the host facility, MBL, reasonable remuneration for use of their excellent facilities. Motion seconded by Dave Dean and readily passed.

Dave Dean suggested a rising ovation for Marie Abbott and the local committee for their hard work and excellent planning for the meeting. The membership readily responded.

A 4-member panel had considerable difficulty determining who should receive the final award for best student paper. Finally the field was narrowed to three and Linda Plunkett, Mike DiSpezio and Mike Roman were awarded the prize jointly.

Meeting was adjourned at 1315.

Paul Chanley

At the banquet, 31 Oct, Robert Radulski was given the award for his scallops out in seawater. The award was given at the beer party at the spring meeting.