

New England Estuarine Research Society

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Minutes of the business meeting, MBL, 28 October 1978

President Barbara Welsh called the meeting to order at 1200. The reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were read and accepted, despite some unseemly guffaws from a few late party-goers. Bob Radulski reported on the status of Estuaries and made his usual plea for more subscribers. Barbara Welsh noted that AERS and NEERS had large memberships, should support Estuaries, and that more subscribers to that journal would be a help.

President Welsh then reported on recent deliberations by the ERF Governing Board. The autumn ERF meeting in 1979 will be held at Jekyll Island, Georgia. ERF is lending its name, but no money, as a co-sponsor of a MESA symposium on ecological stress in the New York Bight.

Linda Deegan asked that the Executive Committee investigate the possibility of a charter ferry trip for the spring meeting. This may have been moved, seconded, and voted, but the record is not clear on this point.

A proposed amendment to the NEERS Constitution, relating to the duties of officers, was called. The existing wording was:

Duties of Officers:

The President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and of the Executive Committee.

The amendment would add this sentence: If the President is unable to preside, the Executive Committee may choose a President pro-tem to conduct the meeting.

The amendment was moved, seconded, and voted.

The Executive Committee put forward a slate of nominees for candidacy to ERF offices, as follows:

For President: Ted Loder
For Vice-President: Barbara Welsh
For Secretary: Rich Lutz
For Treasurer: Dave Franz

There being no nominations from the floor, nominations were closed and adoption of this slate was moved, seconded, and voted.

For NEERS offices, the Executive Committee had nominated Bernie McAlice and Ed Rhodes for President, Chris Myles and Doug Tolderlund for Secretary-Treasurer. The presence in this list of three residents of the State of Connecticut was an oversight which one hopes will not recur. There were no nominations from the floor. By secret ballot Bernie McAlice was elected President, Chris Myles Secretary-Treasurer.

President Welsh now lauded Jay Moore and others for their efforts in putting this meeting together. Jay Moore, decrying yet another Holocene transgression, presented to a member who has requested anonymity what will probably be the Society's last award for failure to display.

Barbara Welsh was commended for her excellent performance as President during a very difficult period.

Bernie McAlice appointed Weldon Bosworth and Sandy Libby to the Executive Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 1340, sine die and sine deo.

Respectfully submitted,



Bernard J. McAlice
Secretary