

New England Estuarine Research Society

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Minutes of Business Meeting
16 October 1981, Kittery, Maine

President Gaudette called the meeting to order at 2055 hrs. The local committee was introduced and thanked for the fine job they did. "Stubby" Rankin, recently elected as an Honorary Member, was asked to take a bow.

The minutes of the Spring meeting were read and accepted as was the Treasurer's report.

Old Business (done to disco music from "above")

It was announced that the 1983 ERF meeting would be held in Virginia Beach, but the 1985 meeting would be in New England if a suitable site could be located. Luana Read suggested Mt. Airy Lodge. President Gaudette introduced a site selection committee consisting of Sandy Libby, Bernie McAlice and Gib Chase. Attributes of Portland, Maine as a potential site was discussed.

Changes in *Estuaries* management and policies were noted. A short discussion followed expressing dissatisfaction with the decision to publish ERF meeting abstracts rather than papers in the most recent issue. Ernie Ruber moved that NEERS take the position that *Estuaries* not publish abstracts in place of papers. McAlice seconded and a hostile discussion followed. The motion was reworded to ask why abstracts were published in place of papers and this was passed by a stirring from those in attendance. The Executive Committee will attempt to get the needed information.

The results of the membership questionnaire (attached) were briefly discussed.

New Business

Potential locations of the spring meeting were discussed with the idea that it should be someplace in the south with the fall meeting, an election, in the middle, perhaps in the Boston area. Ed Rhodes volunteered to help organize a Connecticut meeting. Kathy Smith and John Bonin expressed interest in helping with a fall meeting. The Nahant Lab was discussed as a potential host laboratory.

Mention was made of mutual interest to hold a joint meeting with the Fundy Environmental Studies Committee, possibly in the spring of 1983.

In other new business, Kathy Smith proposed a NEERS T-shirt design contest to be held at the spring meeting. This was seconded by Berry Lyons and Bob Radulski's comments will not be repeated. Fred Dobbs volunteered to have the winning design silk-screened.

The meeting was adjourned at 2205 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Peter F. Larsen". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Peter F. Larsen, Ph.D.
Secretary