

# New England Estuarine Research Society



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SECRETARY'S REPORT  
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The meeting was called to order at 1618 by President Gaudette. A show of gratitude was extended to T.J. Coffey, Ernie Ruber, and Kathy Smith for organizing the meeting.

President Gaudette extended apologies on behalf of the Executive Committee to anyone whose sensitivities were offended by the flyer announcing the T-shirt logo contest.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Deferred Business President Gaudette introduced Bernie McAlice who made two appropriate presentations to John "Stubby" Rankin who was elected an Honorary Member at the Spring 1981 meeting. A very long and enthusiastic round of applause ensued as Stubby accepted the presentations.

Other Business Leon Cammen suggest that student participation could be increased if a prize was offered for the best student paper at each meeting. After a short discussion, Larry Spencer moved that NEERS promote student participation by recognizing the best student paper by an award, with the Executive Committee to establish the mechanics of judging and the award. Chase seconded and the motion passed unanimously by a voice vote.

President Gaudette reminded the members that abstracts for the NEERS section of the 1983 ERF meeting are due in February.

Gib Chase gave a report of the progress of the Site Selection Committee for the 1985 ERF conference. He explained that the local committee was leaning towards Portland, Maine, when the ERF Governing Board expressed interest in a campus meeting to reduce costs. Gib described the acceptable facilities at UNH and URI. A show of hands indicated that an underwhelming majority of the members in attendance favored a summer meeting at a university campus.

Election President Gaudette introduced the candidates for the offices of President and Secretary-Treasurer. Peter Larsen and Berry Lyons were elected President and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. During the balloting, a great amount of coin-flipping was noted around the room.

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President Gaudette presented Peter Larsen to the meeting. A round of applause was given in appreciation for Henri and the outgoing Executive Committee. Larsen announced that the new Executive Committee would consist of Charles Menzie and Veronica Berounsky in addition to the officers and the Past-President. Gib Chase will continue to serve as NEERS representative on the ERF Governing Board.

Chris Myles moved for adjournment. It was seconded by a thundering roar of approval from the crowd, and the meeting was adjourned at 1715.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter F. Larsen".

Peter F. Larsen, Ph.D.  
Secretary

HONORARY MEMBER

DR. JOHN S. RANKIN, JR.

Dr. John S. Rankin, Jr., Professor Emeritus of Zoology of the University of Connecticut and founder and former Director of UConn's Marine Research Laboratory, but better known to us as "Stubby", has been elected an Honorary Member of this society. In recognition of Stubby's long-standing commitment to the salt water, whether at work or at play, we would like to present him with these two tokens to remind him of his work and play in our common environment.

Since Stubby and his charming wife, Julie, have sailed for many years on Cape Cod Knockabouts in competition on the waters of Buzzards Bay, we hope this hand crafted likeness of a Cape Cod Knockabout will recall many pleasant memories.

Stubby has long been regarded as an outstanding teacher. His takeoffs on Groucho Marx and endless strings of puns have livened many a class. As Director of UConn's Marine Research Laboratory, he kept waders, i. e., a pair of hip boots, behind his desk ready for an excuse to get into the field. These waders, however, not only contained an extra pair of heavy socks but also a bottle of spirits --- just in case of chilled feet. We hope that Stubby will get a BOOT out of this other memento, a wader that is graduated in Groucho MARX so when he's sampling HEEL get no deeper in the DRINK than he wants TOE be.