

# New England Estuarine Research Society

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### SECRETARY'S REPORT 25 October 1986 Boston, MA

The meeting was called to order at 1712 hours by President Macfarlane.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

#### President's Report

President Macfarlane extended the thanks of the NEERS membership to Gordon Wallace and his colleagues at UMASS/Boston for hosting an interesting, well attended meeting.

#### New Business

President Macfarlane opened up the floor to much discussion when she asked "What does NEERS mean to you?" and also noted that there had been only four (4) abstracts submitted for this meeting by the deadline, and asked if anyone knew why so few were submitted on time? Walter Foster suggested that people like to wait to present their work until it is complete, instead of the works-in-progress encouraged by NEERS. Dave Franz felt less graduate students were involved than previously. President Macfarlane asked for opinions on limiting NEERS to a one-day meeting. Barb Welsh felt that was a good idea due to each person's time constraints. Gordon Wallace suggested there be one meeting per year instead of two and that the disciplines involved should be expanded. Kathy Chiba also thought one meeting might be better. President Macfarlane thought it important to keep two meetings a year, she also noted that the NEERS membership includes biologists, chemists, geologists and physical oceanographers. Ed Rhodes felt social interactions were an important part of NEERS and having representatives at each institution was important to fostering interest in NEERS. Anne McElroy also thought active recruitment was important. Bob Singletary noted that he likes moving around the Northeast and suggested regional representatives. Mike Dunn stressed the importance of the "backroom conversations" found at NEERS. President Macfarlane asked for opinions on including thematic sessions and there was general agreement that such sessions were a good idea. Linda

Bireley stated that one of the appeals of NEERS was hearing about other areas. Bernie Gardner felt NEERS should be more interdisciplinary. President Macfarlane stated that we have a flux of membership. Secretary-Treasurer Berounsky gave statistics: there are about 350 people on the membership list, about 200 are active during at least part of the year and about 100 change every few years. Ted Loder expressed the view that maybe NEERS was simply on a cycle and that there really wasn't a major problem. Ernie Ruber thought this had been a very good meeting.

Stubby Rankin suggested that NEERS might have other activities in addition to holding meetings - such that NEERS could check on interest and suggest to Dover Publishing to republish out-of-print books such as Verrill and Smith, Bigelow and Schroeder, Bigelow and Sears and US National Museum Monographs. The other members also thought this would be useful.

President Macfarlane asked for suggestions for upcoming meeting locations. Bernie McAlice and Ted Loder volunteered Peter Larsen (who was not present!) and a Maine location for the spring 1987 meeting. There was general support for a 1988 meeting hosted by Wood Hole Oceanographic Institution. Bernie McAlice asked for a show of hands for: who was going to the ERF meeting in October 1987 in New Orleans? - about one-third of those present, and who would come to a fall NEERS meeting? - about another one-third. No decision was made on whether or not to hold a fall '87 NEERS meeting.

#### Old Business

There was none, except to ask Ted Loder where the Fundy Meeting T-shirts were. (No answer).

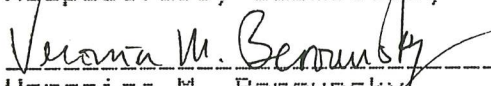
#### Elections

Elections were held as described by the NEERS Constitution. Congratulation were expressed to the newly elected officers: President Ted Loder and Secretary-Treasurer Linda Bireley.

President Loder took over the meeting from out-going President Macfarlane. On behalf of the membership, he thanked the outgoing officers for a job well done. Then he called for a motion for adjournment.

The meeting was adjourned at 1811 hours.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Veronica M. Berounsky  
NEERS Secretary-Treasurer

#### Addendum:

It should also be noted for the NEERS files that Julie Rankin was admitted into the exclusive category of a "NEERS Honorary Member" at the banquet at the Fall 1986 NEERS meeting due to her tireless support for NEERS and her significant contributions to estuarine research over a span of many years.

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### TREASURER'S REPORT

October 24, 1986  
Boston, MA

Cash on Hand - April 25, 1986

Checking Account	2473.73
Savings Account	545.99
Estuaries Page Charge Account	2288.67

TOTAL = 5308.39

Activities through October 24, 1986:

#### Checking Account:

##### Income:

1986 dues and back dues	674.00
dues and pre-registrations, Fall '86 meeting	1817.00
dues and on-site registrations, Fall '86 meeting	1378.00
Spring '86 meeting registration	15.00
Ketchum Award contribution from University of Bridgeport	50.00

TOTAL = 3934.00

##### Expenses:

ERF rep.'s expenses for June '86 Governing Board	133.16
meeting refunds	33.50
phone bills	295.06
printing of award certificates	44.10
stationary and computer supplies	45.25
mailing expenses	10.75
expenses of meeting to plan Fall '86 NEERS meeting	20.00
Ketchum Award (Spring '86 meeting)	150.00
Spring '86 Meeting expenses (Howard Johnson's)	876.97
Mass. Bay Marine Sciences Consortium Symposium	320.00

TOTAL = 1928.79

