

MINUTES OF THE BUSINESS MEETING
26 OCTOBER 1990
NEWPORT, RHODE ISLAND

1. President Giblin called the meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.
2. The Secretary's report was accepted as read.
3. The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.
4. President Giblin thanked the organizers of the meeting, Veronica Berounsky, Walter Berry & Jonathan Garber, and noted that this was one of the most highly attended meetings in recent NEERS history.
5. Ballots were handed out for votes on several matters. Candidates for President-Elect were Veronica Berounsky and Linda Birely, and candidates for Secretary-Treasurer were Marshall Pregnall and Linda Deegan. Also on the ballot was a motion to modify the NEERS Constitution to include language required by the IRS for NEERS to become eligible to file for 501-C-3 tax-exempt status. The ballots were collected, and a subcommittee went to count them.
6. Plans for the spring meeting are developing. In light of the success of the First Fall Fun-Filled Fundy Ferry Forum, a Second Spring Semi-Serious Shipboard Scotian Symposium has been planned. Mike Dadswell and Peter Larsen will coordinate.
7. President Giblin indicated that the Executive Committee is interested in finding out how the membership feels about elping to support a student attend a major confrence, such as ERF, to present a paper, in view of the healthy status fo the Student Fund. The discussion that followed brought several ideas to light. It was decided that the Executive Committee will decide upon a mechanism to select a student who will present a paper at ERF to receive partial travel support.
8. President Giblin also reviewed the plans for the ERF biennial meeting in San Francicso, November 10-14, 1991. By next week final titles for sessions will be decided upon. Anyone who has ideas on special sessions hskou contact Fred Nichols.
9. The election results came in. Veronica Berounsky was elected President-Elect, and Marshall Pregnall was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. The amendment to the Constitution passed.
10. President Townsend expressed thanks to past-President Giblin for her efforts as President for the previous two years, and a hearty round of applause was given.
11. President Townsend adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.

P.S. At the banquet, the Ketchum Prize for the best graduate student paper was awarded to Sandra Thornton Whitehouse of the University of Rhode Island for her presentation, "Predation and disturbance of benthic macrofauna by *Crangon septemspinosa*."

SECRETARY'S REPORT
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1. Read minutes from May 1990 meeting.

2. Membership report:

Approximately 440 members in data base, ≈150 unpaid dues for 2 or more years, ≈290 active
About 50 new members in past year, about 30 dropped or moved away.

3. Meeting report:

168 registered thus far: 99 preregistered, 69 walkins, 1 cancellation. 80 preregistered for Eutrophication
Symposium, 87 for the Friday-Saturday sessions

Regular NEERS members, Student members, nonmembers

5 Ketchum papers

No Rankin papers submitted for this meeting

Total income for this meeting is about \$4342, including \$177 contributed to the Ketchum Fund, ~~\$ to~~
the Rankin Fund. *J Rankin*