

Minutes of NEERS Business Meeting  
October 21, 1994,  
Orleans, MA, Jail House Tavern  
Robert Buchsbaum, Secretary-Treasurer

1. The Secretary and Treasurer's Reports were read by Robert Buchsbaum and approved without discussion.

2. ERF 1997. President Berounsky introduced Jonathon Garber from the EPA's Narragansett Laboratory, who is the organizer for the ERF meeting to be held in 1997 in Providence. He is looking for volunteers for the eight local committees, including scientific, social, etc. Jonathon is both the chief local organizer and the scientific organizer. He stressed that there are two guiding principles: (a) having a first class scientific meeting and (2) making money for ERF.

A number of NEERS members expressed interest in helping. The question arose whether people could get some kind of travel support to attend committee meetings.

Students planning to present a paper at the ERF meeting should enter the NEERS lottery for the student travel award, \$300 to go toward expenses. The deadline is the same as the deadline for the ERF abstract. ERF also has a student travel award that is selected by lottery. Students can win both simultaneously (if their very lucky).

### 3. Constitutional Changes.

Creating a separate Secretary and Treasurer as described in the July issue of NEERS News. Rich Orson moved to accept the proposed changes and it was seconded.

President Berounsky added a friendly amendment - A minimum of three students were required to compete for a Ketchum or Rankin Prize in order for it to be given out in any meeting. This was discussed at length as ff.

Ted Loder - This would create the problem of the student who expected a competition but through no fault of his/her

Linda Birely - AFS will give out a grad student paper award with only one student candidate as long as the paper is acceptable.

Julie Rankin suggest that we should have at least two students competing.

Tom Duncan stated that this should not be an attendance award, but should be a competition. If the award was not given in at one meeting, perhaps the money could be rolled over into a bigger prize at the next meeting.

Linda Deegan said that the award should be given out as long as there was a good paper. It is possible that NEERS does not have to give out the prizes even if there are 12 students, if the judging committee decides that none of the papers were worthwhile.

Heidi Hoven, presenting a grad student perspective, said that it would be too much of a blow to a student if they were the only ones to show up but werrec not given the prize if they happen to have had a bad day.

Sandy MacFarlane pointed out that in some years we have to beat the bushes to get three students for each prize. Marshall Pregnall said that they did a good job of soliciting students for this year's awards and still have only limited participation.

Fall 96 - Election meeting so needs to be in a central location, such as  
Massachusetts

Spring 97 - perhaps in Maine

Volunteers are needed to organize meetings. President Franz pointed out that  
there are no costs to the host institutions.

**8. NEERS 25th Anniversary.**

Veronica Berounsky read a FAX from Ed and Kathy Rhodes, NEERS members  
who live in Chile, wishing NEERS a happy 25th Anniversary. Ed and Kathy are forming  
a new estuarine research society they are naming CHEERS.

**9. Meeting adjourned at 1735.**

NEERS Secretary's Report  
 Fall 1994 Meeting, 21 October 94  
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 Submitted by Robert Buchsbaum, Secretary-Treasurer

1. Read minutes of Spring 94 meeting (Salem State)

2. Membership:

A. Database

Total entries	388 (up from 333 at the Spring 94 meeting)
Regular	277
Students	87
Honorary	4
ERF, etc. officers	20

We have had 41 new members since the last meeting, 15 from the Coast Guard Academy

B. Status of Dues Payment

Paid through 1994:	149
Paid through 1993:	96
Paid through 1992:	57
Paid through 1991:	47

C. Geographical Distribution of Membership

NS	9
NB	2
ME	26
NH	36
VT	2
MA	138
RI	51
CT	77
NY	16
NJ	7
Other	4 (Our most distant members, the Ed and Kathy Rhodes from Chile, have just renewed their membership again.)

2. This Meeting (as of the business meeting)

	<u>Preregistered</u>	<u>On Site Reg.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Regular	61	34	95
Student	31	10	41
Fees waived	2	2	4
Total	92	46	140

NEERS Treasurer's Report  
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1. Student Fund Account (Citizen's Bank - Savings)

Balance as of Spring 1994 Meeting:	6767.41
Interest Income	56.87
Balance, Fall 1994 Meeting	6824.20
[Pending Income	
Donations not yet deposited	143.75
Pending Expenses	
Withdrawal for Spr. 94 awards	150
Withdrawal for Fall 94 awards	150 ]

2. Gloucester Bank and Trust (Savings)

Balance as of Spring 1994 meeting	5819.69
Interest Income	71.30
Balance, Fall 1994 Meeting	5890.99

3. Fleet Bank

Balance as of Spring 1994 meeting	4209.97
Income - dues and preregistr. for Fall 94 mtg	5565.05
	<i>+ on self reg. at Spr 94 mtg</i>
Expenses	
Salem State College	4295.57
miscellaneous xeroxing	113.80
Newsletter Mailing Costs	110.70
Refunds to Salem State cancellations	305.00
Busses for lunch field trip, Fall 94	120.00
Postage for Fall 94 meeting	200.34
Executive Committee Meeting	55.00
Bank fee	1.23
1993 ERF Travel Award, reissue	195.00
Student Awards, Spring 94 meeting	150.00
Cash needed for Fall 94 meeting	25.00
Balance as of Fall 94 meeting	5571.64
[Pending Expense - Bill from Jail House Tavern]	

*total exps 5571.64*