

Minutes of NEERS Business meeting
October 25, 1996, 1740-1810
Hotel Manassis, Block Island, RI
Wendy Smith Leo, Secretary

1. The meeting was called to order by President Franz. The Secretary's report was read by Wendy Leo and the Treasurer's report by Robert Buchsbaum and approved.
2. The ERF '97 meeting was discussed by V. Berounsky; full details are given in the September ERF newsletter. Thematic session organizer Pat Kremer noted that sessions can still be added. Scott Nixon announced that two prizes will be awarded: one for a scientist early in his/her career, and another for lifetime achievement; nominations are sought.
3. Dave Franz solicited comments on the newsletter and the web page, and asked people to give them directly to Richard Orson and Larry Spencer, respectively.
4. Dave Franz announced that a vote on changing the name of NEERS would be deferred to the next meeting, with the concurrence of Julie Rankin, who had made a motion at the previous meeting to change the name to North East Estuarine Research Society.
5. Elections were held. Scott Warren was elected president-elect by secret ballot. Pamela Arnofsky, the only candidate for Treasurer, and Wendy Leo, the only candidate for Secretary, were elected Treasurer and Secretary, respectively, by consensus. The meeting was turned over to the new President, Fred Short, who thanked outgoing President Dave Franz and outgoing Past President Veronica Berounsky.

Notes from NEERS banquet

Scott Peabody received the Rankin award for his presentation on "Environmental effects of discarded batteries on estuarine life." Pam Morgan received the Ketchum award for her paper "Assessing primary production and sediment retention in created salt marshes of the Great Bay estuary, New Hampshire." The first Dean prize was awarded to A. Hunter Brawley for his poster "Bird use of restoration and reference marshes within the Barn Island tidal wetland complex, Stonington, Connecticut."

H. Perry Jeffries was made an honorary member of NEERS. Perry was one of the founding members of NEERS, and served as NEERS President from 1972-74, and ERF President from 1973-75. Veronica Berounsky, Ernie Ruber, and Fred Short shared anecdotes about Perry's career.

Doug Tolderlund of the Coast Guard Academy presented an interesting travelogue of his trip to Antarctica.

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