NEW ENGLAND ESTUARINE RESEARCH SOCIETY

Secretary's Report and Minutes

May 6, 1972, Mivacida of Common

Meeting called to order by President Dean.

Old Business

Secretary's Report on last meeting, Fall 1971, November 4-6th, at Plainview, Long Island, New York at the Holiday Inn, with Adelphi University as host. This meeting coincided with the fall meetings of AERS and NEERS, and the organizational meeting of the Estuarine Research Federation, to which both AERS and NEERS became affiliate members.

The Secretary's Report was read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted, showing a balance of \$448.83.

New Business

New members elected unanimously.

Dave Dean mentioned communication from Gene Cronin concerning new groups looking forward to affiliating:

Engineering Coastal Research Center
Engineering Group along the Gulf Coast
Engineering Group from the West Coast
South Carolina, Georgia, Florida members of AERS are
agitating.
Estuarine Society of the United Kingdom

Andy McErlean is conducting survey to construct a directory of estuarine scientists.

New Journal: Journal of Marine and Coastal Studies will probably serve the purpose as originally discussed possibility for ERF.

Newsletter possibility

Conduct a biennial meeting

Possibility of a new international conference on Estuaries, ERF may sponsor.

Question of political or lobbying representatives or committee to ERF from NEERS. A Notion was considered a good one by membership.

Dave Dean mentioned question of timing for meetings, should a full day be spent on Saturday, or should meeting be Thursday and Friday.

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Motion was moved and seconded to retain the present schedule for meetings, with adjournment by about noon on Saturday. A motion was defeated to leave the schedule open-ended.

Invitation from Northeastern University to be the host for the Fall 1972 meeting. We will plan to meet at Northeastern in the fall, there being no objections.

Discussion on possibility of holding the meetings later on in the Spring until after the close of schools so empty dorms may be utilized.

Discussion of possible improvements in announcements, specifically on whether to mail out agenda and list of papers. It was pointed out that this is an old AERS tradition, others pointed out that more people may come if they see papers in which they are interested.

Burden on Secretary for increased duties of mailing, also financial burden was mentioned by Dick Williams, an AERS member. He stressed the informaility of the organization and that this may be compromised by mailing out advanced programs.

Speakers should receive advance notice of at least a week or 10 days that they are in fact on the program. AERSmnow notifies speakers at least two weeks in advance.

Need for better publicity and dates.

The meeting was adjourned.