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Minutes of the Business Meeting
UNH, 23 April 1977

The meeting was called to order at 1150 by President Barbara Welsh, who expressed the Society's gratitude to UNH and to the organizers of the meeting.

Stubby Rankin pointed out the need for instructors in the Sailing Education Association.

Reading of the Secretary's report - an excessively long legacy from Paul Chanley - was mercifully dispensed with. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

There ensued a discussion of the special topic format which was tested at this meeting. Three options were presented to the members for their approval. Noone favored eschewing the special interest format completely. Two people favored letting host institutions organize special interest sessions. The consensus of the membership was that contributed papers be grouped as they were received, and a special topic session scheduled if appropriate.

The President noted that the fall meeting would be held in conjunction with the ERF meeting, and that offers to host the spring meeting had been received from U Conn, Woods Hole, and the Bigelow Lab. Here it was moved by Radulski, ^{Bob} seconded by an unidentified shell, and voted, that the Executive Committee choose the site for the spring meeting.

President Welsh reported on ERF activities, happenings at the ERF Governing Board meeting, and concern about the relationship between NEERS and ERF.

Discussion ensued about NEERS's representative to the Publications Committee of the proposed ERF journal, Estuaries. Mike Mazurkiewicz moved, seconded by Ernie Ruber, that the post be elective. So voted without dissent. Mike Mazurkiewicz then summarized the qualifications for the position of Bob Radulski, the Executive Committee nominee. The Polish Mafia was not challenged, and nominations were closed with no nominations from the floor. On motion of Ed Rhodes, seconded by Luther Black, and voted, the Secretary was directed to cast one ballot for Bob Radulski.

President Welsh next requested authority for the Executive Committee to draw up and submit to ERF a slate of NEERS candidates for office in the Federation. Ernie Ruber so moved, and Mike Mazurkiewicz seconded. In discussion it was pointed out that selection of ERF candidates is properly a duty of the members, not of the Executive Committee, and that only the short time available for completing the slate could justify passage of the motion. The consensus of the membership was that the nominating process begin next time at the fall NEERS

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meeting preceding the year in which ERF officers would be elected. The question was called, and voted.

The president summarized what information she had on NEER's session at the 1977 ERF meeting. This is the meeting scheduled for the New England region; it will be held from 2-5 October in Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania. She then presented suggestions from the Executive Committee on formats for NEER's session, and invited discussion.

Stubby Rankin questioned the philosophy of the ERF meetings, which were originally intended as joint meetings of ERF's parent societies, and voiced a general feeling of uneasiness about ERF. President Welsh replied in a soothing manner.

Bernie McAlice stated that we should view this as a normal, albeit abbreviated, NEERS meeting, and continue our usual policy of first come - first served in selecting papers. Mike Mazurkiewicz and Lou Gainey expressed agreement. Ted Loder did not, and made a vigorous defense of selection of papers by an ad hoc committee.

Bob Radulski suggested that we present syntheses of work at various institutions, or in several geographical areas. Pris Baillie and Linda Deegan essentially supported this position.

Other discussants interjected supportive or derisive comments from time to time.

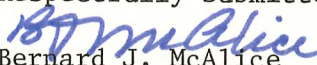
At the request of President Welsh, Mike Mazurkiewicz attempted to summarize the whole discussion.

Dave Franz then moved that abstracts be submitted to the Executive Committee by 19 May, so that our program could be included in the final ERF program. The motion was seconded, discussed, and failed, with 16 in favor and more than that opposed.

Mike Mazurkiewicz moved that we hold a normal NEERS session, but with an early call for papers, and that abstracts be submitted to President Welsh who would be assisted in any required grouping of papers by Henri Gaudette and Berry Lyons. The motion was seconded, a 30 July deadline for submission was imposed during the discussion, and the motion was voted unanimously.

The meeting was finally adjourned in some disorder at 1305, sine die.

Respectfully submitted,


Bernard J. McAlice
Secretary