

New England Estuarine Research Society

President



Sandra Libby Macfarlane
Shellfish Department
Town of Orleans
Orleans, MA 02653

Secretary-Treasurer

Veronica M. Berounsky
Graduate School of Oceanography
University of Rhode Island
Narragansett, R.I. 02882

SECRETARY'S REPORT 25 April 1986 Milford, Ct

The meeting was called to order at 1620 hours by President Macfarlane.

President's Report

President Macfarlane, on behalf of the membership, thanked Bob Singletary and the University Of Bridgeport and Ed Rhodes and the NMFS Lab in Milford and their "volunteers" for organizing the meeting. It was also acknowledged that the University of Bridgeport had made a contribution to the Ketchum Award.

New Business:

The changes in the NEERS Constitution, which had been mailed previously to the membership, were brought up for discussion.

Kathy Smith inquired as to what the NEERS dues structure would become, what was the status of NEERS as an "affiliate" of ERF and suggested that the Program Chairman should be included on the NEERS Executive Committee. Jerry Schubel, ERF President, stated that ERF considers that affiliates still exist.

Kathy Smith moved that the Program Chairman be a member of the Executive Committee; Julie Rankin seconded the motion. Bernie McAlice didn't want to expand the Executive Committee. Doug Tolderlund explained the SNECAFS system. President Macfarlane explained that it had been discussed at a December Executive Committee meeting and it was decided to leave it as it is. Berry Lyons reviewed the history of the current Executive Committee/ Program Chairman situation. Ed Rhoads pointed out that there is no interaction between the Program Chairman and the Executive Committee. The motion was voted on, but did not pass.

President Macfarlane suggested that since NEERS and ERF may diverge in the future, the NEERS representative to ERF should be someone other than the President. Bernie McAlice wanted to know why NEERS should fund anyone to go to the ERF Governing Board meeting. President Macfarlane replied that it is in NEERS' best interests to have a representative at the ERF Governing Board. John Blake felt that the representative should be the NEERS president. Doug Tolderlund made a motion that the NEERS President be designated the representative to the ERF Governing Board. Ted Loder pointed out that the current constitution allows the President to be the representative. John Blake suggested that we should support the NEERS President as representative. Doug Tolderlund then withdrew his motion.

Linda Bireley moved that the changes to the NEERS Constitution be accepted "in one lump sum". The motion was seconded, voted on and passed.

President Macfarlane reviewed the Executive Committee's discussion concerning NEERS dues, now that we no longer send a portion (\$3.00) to ERF. The Committee suggested that of the present dues of \$10.00 - \$1.00 go to the Estuaries Page Charge Fund; \$2.00 goes to a newly created Ketchum Award Fund and \$7.00 goes to the general operating fund for NEERS. After opening the floor for comments, a lively discussion followed.

Dave Franz asked for a history of the Estuaries Page Charge Fund. President Macfarlane replied that it has been used by 2 or 3 members and Berry Lyons detailed who and what was supported. President Macfarlane noted that those not in academia or those without funding might need such funds. Bernie McAlice pointed out that page charges are voluntary.

Doug Tolderlund suggested that the existing page charge account be made the Ketchum Award Fund. Julie Rankin and John Blake both supported the idea of a Ketchum Award Fund. Bernie McAlice questioned the appropriateness of a prize for which about half the membership cannot compete. Tom Duncan and Kathy Smith both spoke in support of the Ketchum Award. Doug Tolderlund suggested that a savings bond and certificate be given to the Ketchum Award winner, and Priscilla Baillie supported this idea. Berry Lyons gave a brief history of the Ketchum Award. Bernie McAlice asked what will happen to the membership's contribution if NEERS does get an endowment for this Award? Finally, the discussion ended and John Blake made a motion that \$2.00 of NEERS dues, for the next three years, would be placed in a new, separate fund for the Ketchum Award. This motion was seconded by Doug Tolderlund and carried on a voice vote.

Getting back to the Estuaries Page Charge fund, the discussion of that fund continued. Much discussion ensued since NEERS members are no longer automatically members of ERF. It was felt by the membership that this type of fund was useful, particularly to those were unsupported and attempting to publish, but should not be only for the journal "Estuaries". Pris Baillie suggested that the fund become available to members to cover reprint expenses. Someone made the motion that as of 1986, \$1.00 of the NEERS dues would go to this "Page Charge" fund and that it would be available to members to cover page charges in any journal. This was seconded and approved by the membership.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

It was announced that the Fall '86 Meeting would be hosted by UMASS/Boston in October. The Executive Committee is looking for sites for future meeting, but no suggestions were made.

It was noted that there is now a NEERS membership form, which includes areas of interest. This is for informational purposes - to give us an idea of what our membership is composed of.

Old Business

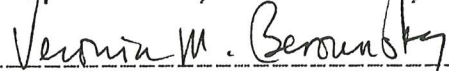
Once again, Ted Loder was trying to sell ERF '85 t-shirts, there are only a few left!

Several items came up concerning last Fall's Fundy Meeting. Ted Loder said he would look into having commemorative T-shirts made up. Julie Rankin asked participants of the 7-F Meeting to bring there slides/pictures to the Fall Meeting. There was much sentiment towards keeping an affiliation with the Fundy Environmental Studies Committee and considering another joint meeting.

It was announced that ERF '87 will take place next Fall.

At 1714 hours the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Veronica M. Berounsky
NEERS Secretary - Treasurer