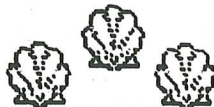


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SECRETARY'S REPORT 8 MAY 1987 BOOTHBAY HARBOR, MAINE

The meeting was called to order at 1656 hours by President Loder.

The Secretary's report was accepted as read.

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President Loder asked Historian Jay Moore to say a few words about the history of NEERS. Jay reported that NEERS has a rich history and we'll celebrate 20 years in 1990. He indicated he would give a more complete summary of NEERS history at the next meeting. Dave Dean suggested that Jay write up the history and Jay agreed.

OLD BUSINESS

President Loder requested suggestions for a NEERS logo by the next meeting. Brad Barr suggested we hire a graphic artist. President Loder agreed, but indicated that what he wanted was what item (s) should be included in a logo. Stubby Rankin remarked that "Specialization leads to extinction".

NEW BUSINESS

President Loder opened the floor for discussion on what to do with the Page Charge and Ketchum Fund accounts.

Dave Dean suggested that we add no more dollars to the Page Charge account and use up the monies there. Bernie McAlice suggested rolling the funds into the Ketchum Fund. Sandy Macfarlane pointed out that this was a reversal of a previous discussion. Barbara Welsh felt the concept of providing funds for publication (i. e. the Page Charge account) was a good one that she supported. She wondered who in the membership knew funds for publication were available. Bernie pointed out that those who attend meetings know. Veronica Berounsky suggested the Page Charge funds might be used for reprints or other needs. Peter Larsen protested that such a concept was far afield of his. He further emphasized that he didn't pay dues to NEERS to support others' page charges. He concluded by supporting the idea to put the Page Charge monies into the Ketchum Fund. Mike Mazurkiewicz agreed with Peter. Steve Meyer suggested that we use the Page Charge monies to disseminate membership information

in something like a newsletter. President Loder asked who'd do it. For \$2,600 Ed Rhodes said he'd do it. Bernie suggested we have an Endowed Beer Blast. Sandy pointed out that some researchers do not have the funds necessary for publication of their results. Julie Rankin suggested that we discontinue adding dues money to the Page Charge account and that part of the existing funds be transferred to the Ketchum Fund and that part be set aside for an author of a presented paper to publish in a journal of his or her choice.

Peter Larsen moved that dues money no longer be added to the Page Charge account; that those funds be put in the Ketchum Fund; and that dues be reduced by \$2. Bernie McAlice seconded the motion. President Loder asked for discussion.

Veronica Berounsky pointed out that \$2 of dues goes to the Ketchum Fund in 1986, 1987 and 1988. Secretary - Treasurer Linda Bireley estimated that \$4,000 would be required to make the Ketchum Fund large enough to provide enough interest for 2 \$100 prizes per year and that at current membership levels that wouldn't be achieved by dues alone by 1988.

Ed Rhodes suggested adding more money and moved to amend Peter's motion and reduce dues by \$1. This was accepted by Peter. Veronica Berounsky pointed out that NEERS is becoming computerized and that the Society might consider allocating some money to buy a computer. Bernie McAlice felt that should be left to the Executive Committee. Steve Meyer questioned the wisdom of reducing the dues by \$1 because they'd probably have to be raised again in a year or two. Bernie commented that if dues weren't reduced they'd go to \$11 anyway.

Veronica moved that Peter's motion be amended so there would be no reduction in dues; \$2 of dues would go to the Ketchum Fund and \$8 to the general fund. The membership voted to pass the amendment to the motion and retain dues at \$10.

The membership voted to pass the motion to discontinue adding dues money to the Page Charge account and transfer those funds into the Ketchum Fund.

President Loder asked for discussion on whether or not to use the Ketchum Fund for other student assistance. For example, should the Fund be used to pay the registrations for those students competing for the Ketchum Prize?

Bernie McAlice felt that might lower the quality of the papers because students might give them just to get in free. Peter Larsen agreed. Ernie Ruber suggested that the discussion be tabled until it became relevant.

President Loder announced that ERF needs candidates for officers (President, Vice president and Secretary - Treasurer). The slate will be prepared in June to be voted on in New Orleans in October. Suggestions should be given to President Loder by May 20.

Brad Barr wondered if it was still necessary to have representation at the national level. Sandy Macfarlane felt it was important for NEERS to be continued to be represented for the near term. President Loder agreed.

President Loder announced that ERF was sponsoring a conference on marine technology at the University of Rhode Island in 1-2 weeks and interested persons should see him for more information.

President Loder announced that a Gordon Conference on Estuarine Processes would be held in January of 1988 in California. Another Gordon Conference on estuaries will be held in New England in 1989. Bob Biggs is the Chair for this conference and wants suggestions for themes. Ideas should be given to President Loder.

President Loder announced that the next Estuarine Research Federation (ERF) meeting will be held in New Orleans on October 25-29, 1987. NEERS will have a session and business meeting on October 28. Abstracts are due July 1 and abstract forms may be obtained from Peter Larsen. If anyone has input to ERF, give to President Loder as he will be meeting with ERF executive committee in June.

Brad Barr expressed concern over the presence of the Hydrolab contribution and display. He wanted to know if we would see more such displays in the future. President Loder explained that Bill Harrington of Hydrolab called and wanted to display some products and offered a contribution. President Loder opened the floor for discussion on how to handle in the future. Brad asked if this is what we want at NEERS meetings. Steve Hale found the two displays useful. Brad suggested if we are going to have such displays then we should make them official. Ed Rhodes posed questions of who should we allow to display products, and what the fee should be. He suggested the executive committee should wrestle with such issues. Dave Dean offered that there was no need to wrestle with it until it became a problem. Linda Deegan said she found both displays here were good; at Boston it would have been too crowded. President Loder commented that he had a general sense from the membership that there was no real problem. Sandy Macfarlane wondered if we should actively solicit exhibitors. Secretary-Treasurer Bireley added that if so should we set a fee. Linda Deegan suggested we leave it informal. Steve Hale felt that exhibitors should, out of courtesy, at least contact NEERS first. Ernie Ruber felt there was nothing wrong with more exhibitors, but we should watch out for the fact that they take up space for which the hotel may charge extra and they may want time on stage to "hustle their wares". President Loder thanked everyone for their input.

Because facilities for the next NEERS meeting have been made available in conjunction with the ERF meeting, President Loder encouraged everyone to go to the national meeting; a local meeting would dilute the effort at both. Julie Rankin moved that the Fall NEERS meeting be held at ERF. The motion passed.

President Loder announced that the 1988 NEERS meetings would be held at WHOI/MBL (fall 1988) and at UMASS, Amherst (spring 1988); the local committees would be headed by Ann Giblin and Linda Deegan, respectively. Stubby Rankin pointed out that 1988 is MBL's centennial and suggested we plan early. Wendy Smith commented that the Cape is nice in the spring and Amherst is nice in the fall.

The meeting was adjourned at 1758.

Respectfully submitted,



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Secretary-Treasurer