

New England Estuarine Research Society



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SECRETARY'S REPORT 22 APRIL 1988 WOODS HOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

The meeting was called to order at 1638 hours by President Loder.

After a round of applause, the Secretary's report was accepted as read.

The Treasurer's report was accepted as read.

Secretary-Treasurer Bireley presented a summary of the meeting attendance.

President Loder made the following ERF announcements:

1. Estuaries editor, Harold Stevenson, has asked that estuarine scientists check their institutions' libraries and determine if they are subscribing to our journal. If not, try and convince them they should.
2. Editor Stevenson also has announced that Estuaries is currently a real bargain in publishing - papers received in final form in April can be published in June. In other words, there currently is no backlog.
3. The ERF governing board has decided to continue sending the ERF newsletter to constituent society memberships, even though they may not be ERF members.
4. The next ERF meeting will be held in Baltimore, Maryland in the fall of 1989. All questions, comments, suggestions and volunteers should contact NEERS President Loder or ERF Vice President Joy Zedler.
5. The following ERF meeting will be held in 1990 or 1991 in San Francisco, possibly in conjunction with the ASLO-AGU meeting. President Loder explained that the reason that ERF was considering this combination was to encourage attendance at both rather than forcing a choice; he also requested that any comments on this arrangement be directed to him. Kathy Rhodes commented that such a meeting would have too many concurrent sessions.

President Loder brought up the issue of a NEERS logo. Bob Radulski explained some of the history of the logo and reported that he still has all the submissions form the last contest.

President Loder reported that the NEERS executive committee discussed the issue of vendors contributing to the NEERS meeting in return for space to display their product and has decided to keep the current practice of accepting such contributions on a case by case basis and using half the funds for the social and half for the Ketchum fund.

President Loder announced that elections for NEERS officers would be held in the fall. The offices to be filled will be President, Secretary-Treasurer and President-elect. Dave Dean suggested that the membership consider lengthening the term of office for Secretary-Treasurer. Berry Lyons agreed and suggested further discussion. President Loder said the Executive Committee would consider the issue and propose appropriate changes to the Constitution to accommodate this and the addition of the President-elect position. The membership will vote on these changes at the fall meeting.

President Loder announced that the fall 1988 NEERS meeting would be held in Amherst, hosted by UMASS and co-hosted by the Massachusetts Division of Fish and Wildlife and the five College Marine Consortium. Several dates in October were discussed and the consensus was that it should be held either the week before or week after Columbus Day. President Loder announced that the spring 1989 meeting would be held in Connecticut. The meeting after that would be held in the spring of 1990, probably in Maine or New Hampshire because the ERF meeting would be held in the fall of 1989. Berry Lyons suggested the new Sheraton in Portsmouth New Hampshire as a meeting location for the spring 1990 meeting.

There was no new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 1712.

Respectfully submitted,



Linda E. Bireley,
Secretary - Treasurer

Addendum: At the banquet, Historian, Jay Moore, presented a brief and entertaining summary of NEERS history. Also at the banquet, Charles Gregory was awarded the Ketchum prize for best student paper