

**Minutes of NEERS Business meeting**  
**April 28, 1995, 1605-1745**  
**Yoken's Comfort Inn, Portsmouth NH**  
**Wendy Smith Leo, Secretary**

1. The Secretary's report was read by Wendy Leo and the Treasurer's report by Robert Buchsbaum and approved.
2. **ERF News.**
  - A. The ERF Executive Committee approved the increase of members-at-large to three rather than one, with longer, staggered terms. A new standing committee for government relations/environmental agencies was formed to raise the visibility of environmental coastal and estuarine issues.
  - B. One can now pay ERF dues through NEERS, and vice versa.
  - C. Twenty student travel awards of \$300 will be given by ERFT for travel to the ERF 1995 meeting in Corpus Christi, TX. Students should apply by June 16, 1995, by sending an abstract and photo to Gary Gaston at the University of Mississippi.
  - D. ERF is out of the red, and will stay so if at least 500 people attend the Corpus Christi meeting. NEERS members are urged to attend.
  - E. For the NEERS student travel award of \$300 to attend the meeting, students should send a copy of their abstract to Robert Buchsbaum by June 16.
3. Rich Orson requests newsletter submissions. The next newsletter will probably be published in July.
4. **Upcoming meetings.**
  - A. The next NEERS meeting is being organized by Marshall Pregnell; it is tentatively scheduled for May 9-11 in the Hudson valley. May 9 will be a symposium on the Hudson R., held at the Institute for Ecosystem Studies in Millbrook, NY; the regular meeting will be May 10-11, at Vassar College in Poughkeepsie.
  - B. The Fall 1996 NEERS meeting is planned for Rhode Island, organized by Veronica Berounsky and Walter Berry. It will be an election meeting. Possible venues include Newport, Narragansett, or Block Island; there was general support for the latter.
  - C. ERF 1997 is planned for Providence, RI, in October. Veronica Berounsky and Candace Oviatt are helping Jon Garber to organize the meeting. The meeting needs ideas for themes, especially New England-related ones.
  - D. The next joint ERF/ECSA meeting is planned for the Netherlands in September 1996.
5. A volunteer to put together another NEERS poster, replacing the one last seen in Hilton Head, is sought.
6. **New business.**
  - A. Doug Tolderlund announced a faculty opening at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy.
  - B. The possibility of a World Wide Web home page for NEERS was discussed. Larry Spencer volunteered to put it together. There was consensus that this was a good idea. Specific ideas included starting out simply, with a message from the President and list of email addresses, and linking to the ERF home page if there is one.

**Notes from NEERS banquet**

Fred Short was thanked for organizing a great meeting.

Norm Farris of URI recieved the Ketchum award for his paper "Seasonality in oxygen exchange rates of two subtidal marsh basin habitats."

The banquet included an opportunity to commemorate and reminisce about the first meeting of NEERS 25 years ago at the Jackson Lab. President Dave Franz read the names of past NEERS officers. Besides the past presidents (see below) these included Bob Zottoli, Secretary-Treasurer pro tem, and Galen Jones, the first Secretary-Treasurer, as well as Secretary-Treasurers Soong Feng, Barry Lyons, Mary Abbott, and Linda Bireley, and Program Chairs Marshall Pregnell, Veronica Berounsky, Peter Larsen, and Bernie McAlice. Nearly every Past President of NEERS was able to attend, and each of them shared a few thoughts on what makes NEERS so special: independence, informality, diversity of membership, and balance between scientific disciplines and between seriousness and fun. The Past Presidents of NEERS, in order, are Jay Moore (pro tem), David Dean (deceased), Perry Jeffries, Mike Mazurkiewicz, Barbara Welsh, Bernie McAlice, Henri Gaudette, Peter Larsen, Sandy Macfarlane, Ted Loder, Anne Giblin, Dave Townsend, Veronica Berounsky. Dave Townsend couldn't attend the banquet, but present President Dave Franz and President-Elect Fred Short were also on hand to pose for the NEERS presidents photo.



NEERS Secretary's Report  
Spring 1995 Meeting, 28 April 1995  
Portsmouth, NH, Yoken's Comfort Inn  
Submitted by Wendy Smith Leo, Secretary

1. Read minutes of Fall 1994 meeting (Orleans)

2. Membership (as of 4/28/95)

A. Database

Total entries	391
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Regular	277
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Students	99
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Honorary	4
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Total NEERS members	380
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ERF, etc. officers	11
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We have 3 new members since the last meeting

B. Status of dues payment

Paid through 1995:	90 reg + 28 student = 118
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Paid through 1994:	107 reg + 45 student = 152
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Paid through 1993:	76 reg + 18 student = 94
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Paid through 1992:	42 reg + 16 student = 58
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C. Geographical Distribution of membership

NS	6
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NB	1
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ME	22
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NH	35
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VT	3
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MA	141
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RI	45
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CT	86
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NY	13
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NJ	5
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Other	22
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