

**SAME Business Meeting
NMEA, Portland, Maine
Eastland Hotel
7:00 am July 26, 2007
Amended typos**

Call to Order

- Shelia called the meeting to order and passed out SAME 2006 minutes from NMEA NYC and today's agenda.
- Dianne passed out SAME November 2006 minutes and current member list for taking attendance.

Action Items

- Shelia suggested posting the minutes on the website with attendance list since many people cannot attend the meetings
- Bylaws need to be located and posted online. No one seemed to know where a copy of the minutes are.
- **Note:** The Secretary/Treasurer files 1998-2007 were checked post meeting and no bylaws are included in the files.
- Shelia is investigating banks

Minutes:

MOTION: Shelia made motion to accept the November 2006 minutes.

Second by Belinda

VOTE: Minutes accepted with changes below

Sharon requested that the SAME annual meeting be changed on the LUMCON minutes to the Gulf Coast Research Lab (GCRL) in Ocean Springs, MS on November 9-11, 2007.

Finance Report:

Finance Report Committee: Sharon Walker, Jean May-Brett and John Dindo.

- Sharon represented the Finance Committee and went over financial matters concerning the CD. The Committee wants a motion to take the previous CD monies (\$7500) that was transferred into checking account and move it into a CD account to accrue interest.

Discussion ensued on the account problem related to signatories.

- Sharon emphasized that the President and Secretary should be on the account.
- Sharon states that we need a bank with free checking, low minimum balance and CD which can accrue interest without being charged for the account.
- Shelia volunteered to check Hancock and Regions banks as possible solutions.
- Dianne points out that we will have a service charge in our current bank and the easiest way is to have someone with a Chase Bank account as a signatory such as Angela, past-secretary.
- Lots of discussion ensued about the by-laws but no one had a copy of them.

MOTION: Sharon motioned to move \$7500 into a CD and move the account to a bank where we are not charged for the account.

- Seconded by Belinda.

VOTE: Unopposed

-Motion passed

- \$7500 will be moved into a CD & banks will be investigated that will not charge a service fee. Shelia is investigating banks.

Next Meeting:

- Shelia announced that the fall meeting is changed to Nov 9-11, 2007 at GCRL to coincide with COSEE and to enable Joan (president) to be there.
- Sharon announced that COSEE program topics will be decided this afternoon and suggested topics are climate change and oceans and human health.
- Tami suggested considering nano technology as it is going to be very important in the near future.
- Tami suggested that we need to recruit people to come to GCRL by calling them and challenged everyone to take two people to meeting.
- Sharon reminded the group that COSEE pays for the conference and the SAME and NMEA membership and that this arrangement is not a permanent solution to funding the organization.
- Judy Reeves announced that the IPY, the International Polar Year runs through 2008 <http://classic.ipy.org/about/> and that 2009 is International Year of the Reef <http://iyor.org/home.htm>. She pointed out that it is important that educators are aware of these international initiatives.
- Belinda commented that all of the acronyms that people are using is confusing and requested that we try to identify the acronyms when we first speak about them

Chapter Representative:

- Shelia reported that we have been using the President-elect as our Chapter Representative on the NMEA Board but Joan our current President-elect has not been able to participate due to job responsibilities, so Shelia has been performing double duty. Sharon and Hazel have served as proxy in some instances. The problem is that SAME has had minimal representation at the meetings.

Elections:

- Need election before fall as Joan will become president and we need a president – elect.
- Need nominees for president-elect. Sharon suggests nominating Margaret Sedlecky and Tami Wells as potential nominees for president as both have funding to attend NMEA.
- Tami agrees to run and would like to stimulate more interest in organization
- Need nominees for Secretary/Treasurer. Dianne is nominated for Secretary/Treasurer by Tami and Johnette.
- We will hold election by mail ballot.

Other Business:

Bylaws

- Angela suggested that we bring bylaws to meetings in future and post bylaws on the website.
- Bylaws may be posted on the Bridge, Shelia checking.

Membership

- Tami challenges everyone to bring new people to fall meeting.
- Tami suggested that we create a new membership packet.
- Sharon – have an inclusive membership list with detailed contact information.

NOSB:

- By January, the Hurricane Bowl Coordinator Sam Clardy, will request SAME to be a sponsor.

MOTION: Tami motions to approve a \$200 donation to Hurricane Bowl

Second: Lloyd

VOTE: passed

Awards/Recognition

- Denise Keaton uses the newsletter to spread the word about scholarships – none were used this past year, \$400 scholarship.
- Suggestion by Tami – J.L. Scott has an 18-passenger bus which could get several people to NMEA in Savannah next year. Sharon noted that passengers could help pay for gas.
- Shelia will submit a budget for SAME to pay for members to travel on bus (driver/fuel cost).

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IN ATTENDANCE

Johnette Bosarge

Belinda Matlock

Tami Wells

Judy Reeves

Shelia Brown

Rick Ranew

Hazel Wilson

Lloyd Scott

Angela Capello

Sharon Walker

Dianne Lindstedt

