

SAME Business Meeting
Asilomar, CA
July 1, 2009

Call to Order

Chris called the meeting to order.

Minutes of November 2008 Meeting

Dianne passed out the minutes to those present to read the minutes, however there was no quorum and Minutes could not be approved.

ACTION: Joan will send out Minutes to be approved via email for a vote.

Financial Report

Dianne went over the financial report.

Chris thanked everyone for contributions to the basket for the NMEA auction and valued it at \$226.

New Business

Hosting NMEA 2014

The group discussed hosting NMEA 2014 somewhere in the Gulf. Suggestions included Mobile, New Orleans and Justine Glynn (NMEA president elect) suggested Gulf Shores, AL.

Action: Joan will fill out the application to host 2014 conference for Mobile and Johnette will develop a skeleton budget. Chris will work with Joan

Hurricane Bowl Contribution

The group discussed SAME's support of the Hurricane Bowl. Johnette and Sharon suggested that the Hurricane Bowl check be written at the November meeting each year and sent to the Marine Education Center NOSB Hurricane Bowl to Shelia or Sharon.

Each chapter has been asked by NMEA to donate \$60 for the NOSB regional video competition as NMEA needs help with funding the competition.

Both of these items need to be brought to the table for discussion at the November '09 meeting.

Website

Chris announced that we will be putting awards on the website. Submit NMEA photos to Sarah Richards.

Chris recommended that all look at the new Ocean Literacy link–

www.coexploration.org/oceanliteracy/new-site **Life on Ocean Planet**

Chris announced that Life on Ocean Planet has been reviewed and published. NMEA will get some royalties from this.

Nomination Committee

Discussion of Nomination Committee – Sharon and Jean will do this for this year’s election.

Next Meeting

Chris Announced that the November 13-15 SAME meeting will be at Camp Timpoochee, FL. The facility has cabins and is rustic. Possible topics that were discussed for the meeting were: coastal resiliency, climate change and Ocean Observing Systems

Action: Chris and Joan will send information about conference and have it posted on the website. Chris will put together a cost estimate.

Meeting adjourned

In Attendance (7-8)

Chris Verlinde

Dianne Lindstedt

Sharon Walker

Johnette Borsage

Tina-Miller Way

Judy Reeves

Stephanie Wright

Jessica Kastler