### Plenary Session of the 30th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

**April 29, 2010**
**Time: 3.45 pm**

Meeting called by: Kartik Shanker

Type of meeting: Plenary Session

~ 134 people

Note taker: Manjula Tiwari

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## Additional Information

Special notes: 

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## Opening statement
Kartik Shanker 3.45 pm
Shanker goes through the agenda of the ISTS Plenary session.
Shanker highlights the regional participation at the Symposium: 200-250 participants. Details of the Symposium will be made available in the President’s report.

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## Interim-Treasurer’s report
Michael Coyne & Terry Meyer 3.46 pm
Coyne explains that the sad passing of Ed Drane required the Board to identify an Interim-Treasurer and introduces Terry Meyer.
Meyer goes through the Treasurer’s report and explains the various categories and expenses.

Nick Pilcher: Motion to accept the Interim-Treasurer’s report
Aliki Panagopoulou: Seconds
Passes unanimously

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## Travel Committee Report
Bryan Wallace 3.52 pm
Wallace explains that he is standing in for the Travel Committee Chair, Hoyt Peckham, who was unable to attend the Symposium. He explains that some of the final numbers still need to come in, but approximately 60 K was given out in travel grants and 40 K as room grants. Wallace also lists and thanks the Travel Chairs from the different regions.

Discussion:
Aliki Panagopoulou: What were the priorities for the distribution of funds?
Bryan Wallace: Regional representation was an important priority.
Kartik Shanker: Hoyt Peckham and I agreed to focus on South Asia as a priority region; Thushan Kapurusinghe from Sri Lanka, Zahrul Islam from Bangladesh, and Ahmad Khan from Pakistan helped allocate the funds to the South Asian participants. For the distribution of funds to the other regions, we will have to ask Hoyt.

Nick Pilcher: Motion to accept the Travel Committee’s report
Nancy FitzSimmons: Seconds
Passes unanimously
### Awards Committee Report  
**Nancy FitzSimmons  4.00 pm**

FitzSimmons explains that she is standing in for the Awards Committee Chair, Karen Arthur, who was unable to attend the Symposium. FitzSimmons describes the purpose of the Awards Committee, which was formalized last year, and outlines the online process, categories to be filled, and the selection process. FitzSimmons encourages everyone to participate in the nominations process for the Awards.

Bryan Wallace: Motion to accept the Award Committee’s report  
Matthew Godfrey: Seconds  
Passes unanimously

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### Director of Information Technology  
**Kartik Shanker  4.02 pm**

Shanker explains that as per the ISTS By-laws & Constitution, Michael Coyne has been re-appointed as the Director of Information for the ISTS for another 5 years. The Director of Information Technology is appointed by the President of the Society.

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### Nominations Committee—Election results  
**Jean Beasley  4.03 pm**

Beasley explains that she is standing in for the Nominations Committee Chair, Jeanette Wyneken, who was unable to attend the Symposium, and urges everyone to continue their ISTS membership even if they cannot a Symposium.

Beasley presents the results of the ISTS elections:  
President-Elect: Ana Barragan  
Board of Directors: Roldan Valverde and Cynthia Lagueux  
Treasurer: Terry Meyer
### Secretary: Manjula Tiwari
Nominating Committee: Kate Mansfield
Nominating Committee ex-BoD member: Pam Plotkin

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### 2011 Symposium overview  Jeff Seminoff  4.08 pm

Seminoff, the next President of the ISTS, gives an overview of the 2011 Symposium:
- **Location:** San Diego, California
- **Venue:** Town and Country
- **Dates:** 10-16 April, 2011
- **Theme:** Students/the next generation

He briefly describes sea turtle projects in San Diego and California, and the institutions involved.

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4.20 pm
Kartik Shanker asks the membership if there are any issues they would like to discuss, but there are none.

Nick Pilcher: Move to adjourn the meeting
Bryan Wallace: Seconds
Passes unanimously