Plenary Session of the 37th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium  

- April 20, 2017  
- Time: 3.40 pm  

Meeting called by: Frank Paladino  
Type of meeting: Plenary Session  
~ 142 - 158 people  

Note taker: Manjula Tiwari  

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Special notes:
President’s welcome

Frank Paladino

3.40 pm

- The hoop ceremony was performed.

Conclusions:

Action items:

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Treasurer’s report

Terry Meyer

3.55 pm

Meyer says it has been honor to have been a Treasurer and goes thru Peru income and adjusted balance sheet up to Dec 31 2016.

### Year to Date

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<th>Revenue</th>
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<td>Registration</td>
<td>114,480</td>
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<td>Grants</td>
<td>106,593</td>
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<td>Auction</td>
<td>20,178</td>
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<td>Investment Income</td>
<td>2,814</td>
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<td><strong>Total Revenue</strong></td>
<td><strong>244,066</strong></td>
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<td>Facility Expense</td>
<td>30,938</td>
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<td>Food and Beverage</td>
<td>29,483</td>
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<td>Travel Cash and Room Grants</td>
<td>46,306</td>
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<td>Symposium Coordination</td>
<td>16,129</td>
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<td>Audio Visual Expense</td>
<td>3,799</td>
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<td>Translation Services</td>
<td>4,667</td>
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<td>Poster Displays</td>
<td>2,572</td>
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<td>Printing</td>
<td>3,897</td>
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<td>Entertainment</td>
<td>3,632</td>
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<td>Participant Gifts</td>
<td>5,826</td>
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<td>T Shirts</td>
<td>2,974</td>
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<td>Student Awards</td>
<td>1,893</td>
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<td>Insurance- Venue</td>
<td>2,127</td>
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<td>Speaker Fees</td>
<td>3,698</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>3,500</td>
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<td>Name Badges</td>
<td>203</td>
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<td>Travel - President</td>
<td>800</td>
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<td>Unforeseen &amp; Loss on Exchange</td>
<td>3,145</td>
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Sub Total Symposium Expenses 165,591

Operating Expenses
Accounting Fees 9,500
BOD Retreat 26,093
Bank Fees 182
Investment Advisory Fee 1,738
Credit Card Fees 5,918
Insurance Society 989
Treasurer Support 5,000
Secretary Support 2,000
Program Officer 4,000
Sub Total operating Exp 55,420

Net Revenue 2017 23,054

Reserve Expense
Web Development Expense 8,325
Program Officer Prior Year 1,000

Net Cash 13,730

ASSETS

Current Assets
Money Market 195,048
Operating Account 95,870
Investment Account 100,069
Total Current Assets 390,987

Other Assets
Cash Due from Peru 20,000
Prepaid Expenses 989
Deferred Expense - Next Year Meeting 19,792
Total Other Assets 40,781

Total Assets 431,768
### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

**Current Liabilities**
- Accounts Payable: 2,180
- Deferred Income - Next Year Registration: 121,551

**Total Current Liabilities:** 123,731

**Capital**
- Unrealized Gain/Loss on Securi: -4,617
- Retained Earnings: 298,925
- Net Income: 13,730

**Total Capital:** 308,037

**Total Liabilities & Capital:** 431,768

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Motion to accept Treasurer’s report: Aliki Panagopoulou  
Nick Pilcher: Second  
Passes unanimously  

Big applause for Meyer for her past years of work.
Conclusions:

Action items:  
Person responsible:  
Deadline:  

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**Travel Committee Report**  
*Alex Gaos  4.00 pm*

Gaos goes through the Travel Committee allocations below:

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<th>Chairs</th>
<th>Region</th>
<th>IST537 Applicants</th>
<th>IST537 Cash Grants</th>
<th>Bed grants (assuming 4 people/room)</th>
<th>%</th>
<th>Rooms</th>
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<td>Angela Foxman</td>
<td>Africa</td>
<td>18</td>
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<td>Kelly Stewart</td>
<td>US/Canada</td>
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<td>Karen Eckert</td>
<td>Caribbean</td>
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<td>3.0%</td>
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<td>3.3%</td>
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<td>Andrea Philott</td>
<td>South Asia</td>
<td>16</td>
<td>8.0%</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>Maggie Muirman</td>
<td>Asia/Pacific</td>
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<td>Alan Rees</td>
<td>Middle East</td>
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<td>Alejandro FALLABRINO</td>
<td>So. America</td>
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<td>Alifi Panagopoulou</td>
<td>Europe</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>Emma Harrison</td>
<td>M/X/C/A America</td>
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Total Beds: 120  
30 rooms with two double beds, max 4 people  
Total cost: $3,950

At travel grant meeting talked about website improvements. Auction money goes towards travel grants.

Motion to accept Travel Chair’s report: Jack Musick  
Second: Ray Carthy  
Motion passes unanimously

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**Student Committee Report**  
*Itzel Sifuentes  4.07 pm*

- Workshop:
  - Title: “Grant writing: how to get funds”

  **Date:** Monday, 17th from 1 to 5 pm.
  **5 Speakers:**
  - Bryan Wallace (Adjunct Assistant Professor at Duke University Marine Lab)
  - Alexandre Girard (RASTOMA-Sea Turtle Africa Team -NGO)
  - Brad Nahill (SEE Turtles)
  - Nicolas Pilcher (Marine Research Foundation)
  - Richard Reina (Associate Professor at Monash University, Australia)
Attendees: 53

Student Social Mixer
“Meet the Great Sea Turtles”
The overall aim is to enhance participation of students in our society, and let them know that they are important for all of us, because after all, students are a fundamental part of the society.

- Board Members
- Great Sea Turtles
- Nominees

Attendees: 52 students
Great Sea Turtles: 18 (5 Board, 4 nominees, 9 Sea Turtles)

Student feedback
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**Ethics code and policy**  
Andrea Phillott  
3.40 pm

After the last Symposium, number of people asked that we have this. Phillott reads it and much discussion arises and numerous edits are made.

Paladino: Let us table this and send it back to the Committee. Will get this put on the website and get people to review and vote at the next Plenary.

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**Lifetime membership**  
Frank Paladino  
4.45 pm

Paladino shared the motion passed by the Board:

- Motion that honorary membership (as per Bylaws Article I, Section I) be extended to all Past-Presidents and all those who receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.

Discussion:
Karen Bjorndal: Interested why this was proposed.
Balazs: In the bylaws the first sentence says the Society can give honorary membership. We never have and now we are using the mechanism.
Aliki Panagopoulou: Needs more thought and consideration. Not opposed, but have ambivalent feelings. In Archelon in 30 years only given to 3 people.
Valverde: Against it. Should be extended to someone who will normally not be a member of the Society.
Paladino: Some people are on fixed income and this is a way to stay engaged in the Society.
Meyer: Worked with 8 Presidents and seen the price they pay. If we can pay them $25 a year, if they want, to thank them then it is a simple way to thank.
Aliki Panagopoulou: Is it possible to explore what other Society’s do?
Dave Owens: Pleased at the idea, Totally unnecessary. Does honorary mean do you get to vote?
Phillott: Friendly Amendment:  
--Motion that membership be gifted to all Past Presidents and all those who receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.
Vote on it.
2 abstentions
Motion passes
Words of appreciation
Exiting Board members 5.00 pm
Valverde, Balazs and Fallabrino express their appreciation for having been on the Board.

ISTS Elections Kate Mansfield 5.02 pm
208 people (20-25%) voted as compared to 2,244 votes for Dance your Research. Next year the website will be improved

Results
- **Nominating Committee:** Jesus Tomas (ex-BoD) and Natalie Wildermann
- (Vote tally range for all nominees: 30-154 votes)
- **Board of Directors:** Felix Moncada and Marc Girondot (Vote tally range for all nominees: 51-91 votes)
- **President-Elect:** Ken Lohmann
- **Awards Committee:** Erin Seney and Shaya Honarvar
- **Treasurer:** George Balazs
- **Secretary:** Manjula Tiwari

Conclusions:

2018 Symposium overview Yoshi Matsuzawa 5.08 pm
Gives a thorough overview of the Symposium in Kobe.

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**Other business 5.28 pm**

Jen Homcy thanks volunteers and donors.  
Sibille Pritchard thanks the keynote speakers and Frank Paladino and Aliki Panagopoulou for Peter Prichard’s tribute.  
Aliki Panagopoulou: Request to the Board to consider a special fee for those coming from developing countries.  
Nick Pilcher; Request BoD and Treasurer to present separate line item in the budget to reflect earnings from auction so that it goes to travel and can be easily tracked.

Motion to close: Jen  
Second: Aliki

5.34 pm

**Conclusions:**

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Jen Homcy: Motion to adjourn  
Aliki Panagopoulou: Second  
Adjourned at 5.34 pm