

Board Meeting of the 38th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium
Date: 20 February 2018
Kobe, Japan

President's Overview

Language barrier and communication over the Internet were some challenges faced. However, the visa system was very well managed. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for more details.

Nominating Committee

The Chair of the Nominating Committee, Kate Mansfield, provided an overview of the nominations process. Election results are available in the 38th Plenary minutes.

Student Committee

The Chair of the Student Committee, Itzel Sifuentes, described the activities planned for the Kobe Symposium. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for details.

Travel Committee

The Travel Committee Chair, Alex Gaos, presented an overview of the travel grant allocations this year. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for details.

Student Awards

The Chairs of the Student Awards, Matthew Godfrey and Andrea Phillott, provided details on the number of judges and presentations at the 2017 Symposium: 112 presentations submitted; 109 orals + 73 posters; \$300 was given to the winners and \$150 to the runners-up. There were approximately 120 student presentations in Kobe.

Awards Committee

Thushan Kapurusinghe provided an overview of the nominations and the awards process. The Board approved the Awards Committee report.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer, George Balazs provided an update on the financial status of the ISTS. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for details.

Ethics code

Andrea Phillott informed the Board that the rationale and the process going forward would be presented at Plenary. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for details.

Post-Symposium survey

Andrea Phillott indicated that the survey would be shared via Google forms on the ISTS subscribers' listserv. Results of the survey will be subsequently shared with the membership.

Kobe Declaration

The Board reviewed and edited the Declaration statement from the Beyond Protection panel. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for the Declaration.

2019 Symposium

Ken Lohmann presented an overview of the plans for the 2019 Symposium. Please refer to the 38th Plenary minutes for details.

Members in attendance: Yoshi Matsuzawa, Manjula Tiwari, George Balazs, Andrea Phillott, Alan Rees, Jeanette Wyneken, Marc Girondot, Yakup Kaska, and Ken Lohmann.

Observers: Alex Gaos, Matthew Godfrey, Thushan Kapurusinghe, Kate Mansfield, and Itzel Sifuentes.