

# Plenary Session of the 37th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

April 20, 2017  
Time: 3.40 pm

Meeting called by:  
Frank Paladino

Type of meeting: ~ 142 - 158 people  
Plenary Session

Note taker:  
Manjula Tiwari

## Agenda

President's welcome	Frank Paladino
Treasurer's Report	Terry Meyer
Travel Committee Report	Alex Gaos
Student Committee Report	Itzel Sifuentes
Ethics and Policy Code	Andrea Phillott
Lifetime ISTS membership	Frank Paladino
Words of appreciation	Exiting Board members
Election results	Kate Mansfield
2018 Symposium Overview	Yoshi Matsuzawa
Other business	

## Additional Information

Special notes:

## Agenda

**President's welcome****Frank Paladino****3.40 pm**

- The hoop ceremony was performed.

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 Conclusions:
 

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 Action items:
 

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 Person responsible:
 

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 Deadline:
 

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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

**Revenue**

Registration	114,480	
Grants	106,593	
Auction	20,178	
Investment Income	2,814	
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>244,066</b>	

**Expenses**

Facility Expense	30,938
Food and Beverage	29,483
Travel Cash and Room Grants	46,306
Symposium Coordination	16,129
Audio Visual Expense	3,799
Translation Services	4,667
Poster Displays	2,572
Printing	3,897
Entertainment	3,632
Participant Gifts	5,826
T Shirts	2,974
Student Awards	1,893
Insurance- Venue	2,127
Speaker Fees	3,698
Miscellaneous	3,500
Name Badges	203
Travel - President	800
Unforeseen & Loss on Exchange	3,145

**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**

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**ASSETS**

Current Assets	
Money Market	195,048
Operating Account	95,870
Investment Account	<u>100,069</u>

Total Current Assets **390,987**

Other Assets	
Cash Due from Peru	20,000
Prepaid Expenses	989
Deferred Expense - Next Year Meeting	<u>19,792</u>

Total Other Assets **40,781**

Total Assets **431,768**

## LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	2,180
Deferred Income - Next Year Registration	<u>121,551</u>

Total Current Liabilities 123,731

### Capital

Unrealized Gain/Loss on Securi	-4,617
Retained Earnings	298,925
Net Income	<u>13,730</u>

Total Capital 308,037

Total Liabilities & Capital 431,768

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Aliko Panagopoulou

Nick Pilcher: Second

Passes unanimously

Big applause for Meyer for her past years of work.

Conclusions:

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### Travel Committee Report

Alex Gaos

4.00 pm

Gaos goes through the Travel Committee allocations below:

Chairs	Region	ISTS37		Cash Grants	Bed grants (assuming 4 people/room)	%	Rooms
		Applicants	%				
Angela Formia	Africa	18	9.0%	0	14	11.7%	3
Kelly Stewart	US/Canada	68	34.0%	0	36	30.0%	9.5
Karen Eckert	Caribbean	6	3.0%	0	4	3.3%	1
Andrea Phillot	South Asia	16	8.0%	0	12	10.0%	3
Maggie Muurmans	Asia/Pacific	10	5.0%	0	8	6.7%	2
ALan Rees	Middle East	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0
Alejandro Fallabrino	So. America	28	14.0%	0	16	13.3%	4
Aliki Panagopolou	Europe	19	9.5%	0	10	8.3%	2.5
Emma Harrison	MX/CA America	35	17.5%	0	20	16.7%	5
		<b>200</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

Total Beds

30 rooms with two double beds, max 4 people

Total cost \$23,850

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

Conclusions:

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Person responsible:

Deadline:

### 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”**

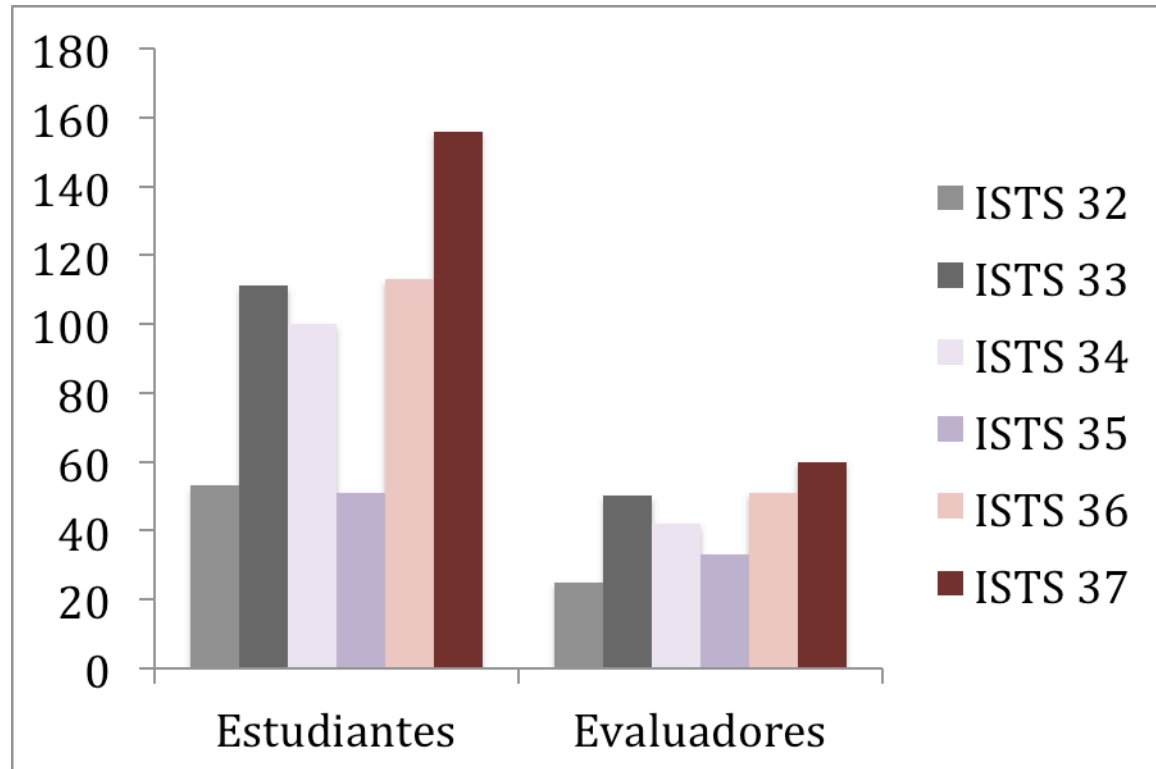
The overall aim is to enhance participation of students in our society, and let them know that they are important for all of us, because after all, students are a fundamental part of the society.

- Board Members
- Great Sea Turtlers
- Nominees

**Attendees:** 52 students

**Great Sea Turtlers:** 18 (5 Board, 4 nominees, 9 Sea Turtlers)

Student feedback



Conclusions:		
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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.

Conclusions:		
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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.

Jen Homcy: For the LTA it makes sense.

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



Conclusions:		
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<b>Words of appreciation</b>	<b>Exiting Board members</b>	<b>5.00 pm</b>
Valverde, Balazs and Fallabrino express their appreciation for having been on the Board.		
Conclusions:		
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<b>ISTS Elections</b>	<b>Kate Mansfield</b>	<b>5.02 pm</b>
208 people (20-25%) voted as compared to 2,244 votes for Dance your Research. Next year the website will be improved		
Results		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nominating Committee:</b> Jesus Tomas (ex-BoD) and Natalie Wildermann</li> <li>• (Vote tally range for all nominees: 30-154 votes)</li> <li>• <b>Board of Directors:</b> Felix Moncada and Marc Girondot (Vote tally range for all nominees: 51-91 votes)</li> <li>• <b>President-Elect:</b> Ken Lohmann</li> <li>• <b>Awards Committee:</b> Erin Seney and Shaya Honarvar</li> <li>• <b>Treasurer:</b> George Balazs</li> <li>• <b>Secretary:</b> Manjula Tiwari</li> <li>• </li> </ul>		
Conclusions:		
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<b>2018 Symposium overview</b>	<b>Yoshi Matsuzawa</b>	<b>5.08 pm</b>
Gives a thorough overview of the Symposium in Kobe.		
Conclusions:		

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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 Aliko Panagopoulou for Peter Prichard’s tribute.  
 Aliko 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: Aliko

5.34 pm

Conclusions:

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**Additional Information**

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