

# Plenary Session of the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

April 15, 2011  
Time: 3.20 pm

Meeting called by:  
Jeff Seminoff

Type of meeting: ~ 124 people  
Plenary Session

Note taker:  
Manjula Tiwari

## Agenda

President's Overview	Jeff Seminoff
Treasurer's Report	Terry Meyer
Travel Committee Report	Alex Gaos
Resolutions	Marydele Donnelly
ISTS Logo	Jeff Seminoff
Nomination Committee—Election results	Pam Plotkin
2012 Symposium overview	Ana Barragan

## Additional Information

Special notes:

## Agenda

**President's overview****Jeff Seminoff****3.20 pm**

Seminoff thanks his sponsors and funders and says what a great week it has been with almost 988 registrants at the Symposium.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**Treasurer's report****Terry Meyer****3.24 pm**

Meyer presented her report—the ISTS received 200K in grants and 70K in registration—and goes through the items in the report. Meyer explains the ISTS Green Investment fund, which is 40% of the assets and is equivalent to 280K.

**Income**

<b>Grants</b>	<b>203,552</b>
<b>Registration/Auction</b>	<b>69,244</b>
<b>Interest Income</b>	<b>193</b>
<b>Investment Income</b>	<b>4,780</b>

**Total Revenue** **277,769**

**Symposium Expenses**

<b>Venue/AV/Food</b>	<b>122,664</b>
<b>Administration Fees</b>	<b>25,300</b>
<b>Printing &amp; Stationery</b>	<b>6,050</b>
<b>Delegate Kit Items</b>	<b>10,400</b>
<b>Tee Shirts</b>	<b>1,860</b>
<b>Travel &amp; Accommodation</b>	<b>17,550</b>
<b>Travel Grant Cash</b>	<b>54,900</b>
<b>Travel Grant Rooms</b>	<b>15,500</b>
<b>Misc</b>	<b>1,250</b>
<b>Student Awards</b>	<b>3,000</b>

**Total Symposium Expenses** **258,474**

**Operating Expenses**

<b>Registration collection fees</b>	<b>10,200</b>
<b>Retreat</b>	<b>19,884</b>

<b>Office</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>Publication support MTN/IOTN</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Program officer</b>	<b>780</b>
<b>Bank Fees</b>	<b>329</b>
<b>Accounting Fees</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>Investment Fees &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>1,722</b>
<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>50,068</b>
<b>Total All Expenses</b>	<b>308,542</b>
<b>Net Revenue/Loss Symposium</b>	<b>19,295</b>
<b>Net Revenue/Loss Total 2010</b>	<b>-30,773</b>

Chuck Schaffer: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report  
Frank Paladino: Seconds  
Passes unanimously

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

**Travel Committee Report**

**Alex Gaos**

**3.30 pm**

Gaos presents the Travel Committee report and goes through the 9 regions and the cash grants and rooms given out this year.

**ISTS 31 - San Diego**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Regional Chair</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Cash Grants</b>	<b>Bed Grants</b>
US/Canada	Bryan Wallace	17000	17%	52	47
Asia	Kartik Shanker	6000	6%	4	6
MX/CA					
America	Emma Harrison	16000	16%	17	25
Caribbean	Karen Eckert	9000	9%	9	12
SoPacAsia	Nick Pilcher	9000	9%	19	12
Europe	Aliki Panagopolou	11000	11%	21	23
Middle East	ALan Rees	1000	1%	0	0
Africa	Angela Formia	12000	12%	7	17
So. America	Alejandro Fallabrino	19000	19%	24	27

**Totals**

**100000**

**153**

**169**

Frank Paladino: Motion to accept the Travel Committee's report

Karen Bjorndal: Seconds

Passes unanimously

Conclusions:

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**Resolutions**

**Marydele Donnelly**

**3.32 pm**

Donnelly explains the Resolutions process and Eckert and Donnelly read through the submitted resolutions.

**Conservation of Leatherback Sea Turtles (*Dermochelys coriacea*) in the Eastern Tropical Pacific**

Discussion:

Bob Prince: This resolution is similar to the Brisbane resolution, but it was not supported because Martin Hall said it would be counterproductive for the ongoing process and negotiations.

Rebecca Regnery: Discussed it with Martin Hall and incorporated his suggestions.

Randall Arauz: Any advances/changes in the fisheries in the ETP? Fishing has not changed-in fact

there is more fishing. Hence this resolution is due to frustration. We have the science, now we need action.

Jim Spotila: We have been plotting leatherback tracks and fisheries data and some data are very hard to get. This Resolution will go a long way.

Frank Paladino—call to question.

4 Abstain

Resolution passes.

### **Conservation of Australian Flatback Turtles (*Natator depressus*) in Northwest Australia**

Colin Limpus: Should include a paragraph that says under Australian Federal Listing, they are “vulnerable turtles.”

Nick Pilcher: As MTSG, ‘Data-deficient’ section is biased and the paragraph should be removed. Does not do justice to the IUCN Red List.

Jim Spotila: It is just information and does not read one way or another.

Marydele Donnelly: Teri Shores, remove ‘data-deficient?’

Teri Shore: Should not take it out because this is information that has come directly from the document.

Nick Pilcher: Just remove paragraph, “considering that...” because it is biased. Don’t remove other facts.

Teri Shore: Understand and will remove the paragraph and keep ‘data-deficient.’

Jim Spotila—call to question

Frank Paladino seconds

Motion to accept with amendments

4 Abstain

Resolution passes.

Conclusions:		
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<b>ISTS Logo</b>	<b>Jeff Seminoff</b>	<b>4.06 pm</b>
Seminoff encourages the membership to submit ideas for a new ISTS logo.		
Conclusions:		
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<b>Nominations Committee—Election results</b>	<b>Pam Plotkin</b>	<b>4.10 pm</b>
<p>There were 24 nominations and 15 names were put forth and the results of 537 votes were:  President-Elect: Ray Carthy  Board of Directors: Paolo Casale and Aliko Panagopoulou  Treasurer: Terry Meyer  Secretary: Manjula Tiwari  Nominating Committee: Andres Estrades, Mario Mota  Nominating Committee ex-BoD member: Frank Paladino  Awards Committee: Stephen Dunbar, Kimberly Maison</p>		
Conclusions:		
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<b>2012 Symposium overview</b>	<b>Ana Barragan</b>	<b>4.13 pm</b>
<p>Location: Huatulco, Oaxaca, Mexico  Venue: Las Brisas; all-inclusive; 6 restaurants, 4 bars, 480 rooms  Rooms: \$140 for single, \$90 for double  Theme: ‘Not the end, but a beginning: time of innovation’  Dates: March 2012</p>		
Kiki Jenkins requests that Ana explore carbon offsets for Mexico.		
Conclusions:		
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**Additional Information**

4.30 pm  
Frank Paladino: Move to adjourn the meeting  
Matthew Godfrey: Seconds  
Passes unanimously