

# Plenary Session of the 32nd Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

March 16, 2012  
Time: 3.20 pm

Meeting called by:  
Ana Barragan

Type of meeting: ~ 125 people  
Plenary Session

Note taker:  
Manjula Tiwari

## Agenda

President's Overview	Ana Barragan
Treasurer's Report	Terry Meyer
Travel Committee Report	Ingrid Yanez
By-Laws and Constitution	Jack Frazier
Media & Communications Grant	Ana Barragan
Awards Committee process	David Godfrey (for Karen Arthur)
Nomination Committee—Election results	Frank Paladino (for Pam Plotkin)
Floor discussion	
2013 Symposium overview	Ray Carthy

## Additional Information

Special notes:

## Agenda

**President's overview****Ana Barragan****3.20 pm**

Expected 700 people, but 500 people attended the Symposium. Good size meeting outside the US despite Mexico's political atmosphere. Barragan also explains why there were issues and delays at Registration—the person in charge fell ill and had to be replaced.

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Conclusions:

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Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

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

Meyer presents her report—expenses and balance sheet—and goes through the items in the report.

**INCOME STATEMENT 2011:**

	Year to Date	
Revenues		
Donations and Grants - Current	217,272.50	51.06
Registration Fees Current Year	175,006.72	41.13
Donations and Grants Prior Years	4,979.67	1.17
Auction Income	23,704.77	5.57
Investment Interest & Dividend Income	4,536.78	1.07
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b><u>\$425,500.44</u></b>	100.00
Expenses		
Facilities and Accommodations	200,513.31	47.12
Translation Services	24,300.00	5.71
Entertainment	3,635.00	0.85
Travel Cash Grants	42,943.00	10.09
Travel - President	4,994.06	1.17
Treasurer Support	1,000.00	0.24
Student Awards	6,000.00	1.41
T Shirts	6,965.25	1.64
Participant Gifts	11,024.70	2.59
Symposium Coordination	5,339.26	1.25
Artwork	750.00	0.18
Printing Expense	4,883.42	1.15
Proceedings	2,500.00	0.59

Advertising	300.00	0.07
Telephone Expense	100.00	0.02
Program Officer	885.00	0.21
Miscellaneous	2,487.70	0.58
Registration Fees (v/mc)	10,989.99	2.58
BOD Retreat	24,552.62	5.77
Accounting Fees	10,774.39	2.53
Investment Advisory Fee	1,787.00	0.42
Bank Fees	482.68	0.11
Managing Director	3,000.00	0.71
Office Expense	118.96	0.03
Postage	573.84	0.13
Grants Issued	<u>3,058.94</u>	0.72
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$373,959.12</u></b>	87.89
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>\$51,541.32</b>	12.13

## BALANCE SHEET:

### ASSETS

#### Current Assets

Wachovia Money Market	109,938.73
Wachovia Bank Checking	40,921.93
Internet Checking Account	100.00
Remainder Fund India	4,525.90
AXA Investment Money Market	16,009.22
AXA Investment A/C	104,914.58
Prepaid Expenses - Next Year Symposium	<u>18,000.00</u>

#### Total Current Assets

**\$294,410.36**

### LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL

#### Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable	\$14,666.15
Deferred Income - Next Year Grants	32,000.00

Total Liabilities		46,666.15
Capital		
Unrealized Gain/Loss on Securi	11,409.87	
Reserves	120,923.80	
Retained Earnings	63,869.22	
Net Income	<u>51,541.32</u>	
Total Capital		<u>247,744.21</u>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Capital</b>		<b><u><u>\$294,410.36</u></u></b>

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### INCOME STATEMENT SYMPOSIUM ONLY

	Year to Date		
Revenues			
Auction Income	\$23,704.77	5.70	
Donations and Grants -			
Current	217,272.50	52.20	
Registration Fees Current			
Year	<u>175,006.72</u>	42.05	
Total Revenues	<u>415,983.99</u>	100.00	
Expenses			
Facilities and			
Accommodations	200,513.31	48.17	
Translation Services	24,300.00	5.84	
Entertainment	3,635.00	0.87	
Travel Grants - Cash	42,943.00	10.32	
Travel - President	4,994.06	1.20	
Treasurer Support	1,000.00	0.24	
Student Awards	6,000.00	1.44	
T Shirts	6,965.25	1.67	
Participant Gifts	11,024.70	2.65	
Symposium Coordination	5,339.26	1.28	
Artwork	750.00	0.18	
Printing Expense	4,883.42	1.17	
Proceedings	2,500.00	0.60	
Advertising	300.00	0.07	
Telephone Expense	100.00	0.02	
Program Officer	885.00	0.21	
Miscellaneous	2,045.47	0.49	1500 ocean foundation, 300 pres
Bank Fees	225.57	0.05	misc.
Registration Fees (v/mc)	10,989.99	2.64	

Total Expenses	<u>329,394.03</u>	79.14
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Net Income	\$86,589.96	20.86
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Discussion:

Kiki Jenkins: Are the investment funds socially and environmentally responsible?

Meyer: That is the idea. The Board will review it at the August Board meeting.

Frank Paladino: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report

Richard Reina: Seconds

Passes unanimously

Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

**Travel Committee Report**

**Ingrid Yanez**

**3.30 pm**

Yanez presents the Travel Committee report on behalf of Alex Gaos and highlights the following points:

- \$100,000 received in Travel Grants (cash and lodging)
- The Americas highlighted for funding for this Symposium
- Very few participants from the Caribbean and the Middle-East
- A few details being still being worked out with the hotel and there will be some adjustments to the budget
- Thanks to the donors

**ISTS 32 - Huatulco, Oaxaca**

Region (9)	Regional Chair	Allocated	%	Cash Awards
<b>US/Canada</b>	Kelly Stewart	\$20,000.00	20%	\$4,050.00
<b>Asia</b>	Kartik Shanker	\$6,000.00	6%	\$3,600.00
<b>Mx/Central America</b>	Emma Harrison	\$20,000.00	20%	\$10,245.00
<b>Caribbean</b>	Karen Eckert	\$800.00	1%	\$800.00
<b>SoPacAsia</b>	Nick Pilcher	\$10,000.00	10%	\$4,080.00
<b>Europe</b>	Aliki Panagopolou	\$11,000.00	11%	\$2,000.00
<b>Middle East</b>	ALan Rees	\$1,200.00	1%	\$265.00
<b>Africa</b>	Angela Formia	\$11,000.00	11%	\$5,154.00
<b>South America</b>	Alejandro Fallabrino	\$20,000.00	20%	\$4,100.00

**Totals \$100,000.00 \$34,294.00**

No all the funds were used, 1,901 remains for next year's fund

DOUBLE 2200 / 12.00 Pesos T.C = \$183.33 (\$91.6 night per person)

TRIPLE 2970 / 12.00 Pesos T.C = \$247.50 (\$82.5 night per person)

Rooms	Bed Awards	Cash Awards		
13	39	11	<b>50</b>	<b>US/Canada</b>
2	4	14	<b>18</b>	<b>Asia</b>
7	17	36	<b>53</b>	<b>Mx/Central America</b>
0	0	2	<b>2</b>	<b>Caribbean</b>
4	12	14	<b>26</b>	<b>SoPacAsia</b>
8	19	11	<b>30</b>	<b>Europe</b>

0	0	1	<b>1</b>	<b>Middle East</b>
4	10	9	<b>19</b>	<b>Africa</b>
9	25	13	<b>38</b>	<b>South America</b>
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<b>47</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>237</b>	
	<b>237</b>			

Frank Paladino: Motion to accept the Travel Committee's report  
 Nick Pilcher: Seconds  
 Passes unanimously

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**By-Laws and Constitution**

**Jack Frazier**

**3.35 pm**

Frazier explains the amendments needed:

- 3-year term for the Nominating Committee
- Contractual agreement for the President and President-Elect
- 5-year term for Treasurer and Secretary
- Vacancy on the Board

Frazier also explains that a larger revision of the By-Laws and Constitution is underway. The above 4 points need to be more urgently addressed and therefore the Board would like to discuss them and pass them now.

There was a lot of discussion on the wording, and suggestions were incorporated to clarify the amendments.

Frank Paladino: Motion to accept with amendments as suggested by the membership and to post the revised documents as soon as possible.

Sibille Pritchard: Seconds

Passes unanimously.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**ISTS Media and Communications Grant**

**Ana Barragan**

**4.17 pm**

Barragan reads through the grant proposal. A total of 7K have been allotted to this grant and several will be given out.

Emma Harrison: Will the actual product be approved?

Barragan: If a proposal is accepted then a contract will be signed.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:



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<b>Awards Committee process</b>	<b>David Godfrey</b>	<b>4.23 pm</b>
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- Established in 2010
- People encouraged to nominate
- The three award categories are described as well as how the Committee works (for more details visit the ISTS website)
- Members of the Committee are: Karen Arthur (Chair), David Godfrey, Kimberly Maison, Stephen Dunbar, and Nancy FitzSimmons.
- Awards ceremony will be at the banquet.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

<b>Nominations Committee—Election results</b>	<b>Frank Paladino</b>	<b>4.10 pm</b>
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There were 18 nominations and the results of 355 votes were:  
 President-Elect: Roldan Valverde  
 Board of Directors: George Balazs and Alejandro Fallabrino  
 Treasurer: Terry Meyer  
 Secretary: Manjula Tiwari  
 Nominating Committee: Mariana Fuentes  
 Nominating Committee ex-BoD member: Marydele Donnelly  
 Awards Committee: Dean Bagley, Sally Murphy, Jim Spotila

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

<b>Floor discussion</b>	<b>Ana Barragan</b>	<b>4.33 pm</b>
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Kiki Jenkins: What about carbon offsets for flights to the Symposium?  
 Barragan: Failed this time, but the next President will do his best.  
 Richard Reina: People film and photograph presentations and the information shows up uncredited and unacknowledged. Clear guidelines needed.  
 Barragan: It is an open Symposium. Will be discussed at the Board’s August meeting.

Nick Pilcher: Request Board to make a concerted effort to get input from the membership whether the Symposium should be annual or biannual.

Barragan: Will be discussed at the Board's August meeting.

Fretey: Every year there are very few Africans—problems of visas, flights, etc. Need to encourage Africans to participate. Need a Symposium in Africa.

Barragan: Complicated situation. Visas definitely difficult to resolve. Many African countries don't even have the Consulates. The Board has been discussing this point. Not easy to navigate international diplomatic procedures.

Other people in the audience indicate that travel to the Symposium is also difficult for Latin America—some times because of late invitations.

Barragan: Acceptance of authors schedule is already very tight. We do it as early as possible. Open to suggestions to improve process.

Emma Harrison: Online registration is a problem. Many don't have credit cards.

Barragan: We have a waiver system in place so that they can pay when they get here.

Kiki Jenkins: Should send name of participants to the consulates.

Names are often forwarded to Consulates by Symposium organizers.

Frank Paladino: President-Elect can let people know 2 years in advance perhaps.

Valverde: My symposium will be in New Orleans.

Conclusions:		
Action items:	Person responsible:	Deadline:

**2013 Symposium overview**

**Ray Carthy**

**4.50 pm**

Location: Baltimore, USA (Inner Harbor)  
 Reasons: 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the first world congress on sea turtles, proximity to Chesapeake Bay and DC, easy access, lots of wildlife refuges and museums in the area.  
 Venue: Marriott Waterfront (has green certification)  
 Theme: 'Connections' – social, cultural, scientific connections  
 Registration website: July 2012  
 Abstract submission: mid-September 2012  
 Logo by Dawn Witherington  
 Dates: 3-8 February 2013

Conclusions:		
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**Additional Information**

Meeting adjourned at 4.30 pm