

# Plenary Session of the 33rd Annual Sea Turtle Symposium

February 8, 2013  
Time: 3.45 pm

Meeting called by:  
Ray Carthy

Type of meeting: ~ 120 people  
Plenary Session

Note taker:  
Manjula Tiwari

## Agenda

President's Overview	Ray Carthy
Treasurer's Report	Terry Meyer
Travel Committee Report	Alex Gaos
Media grants	Ray Carthy
By-Laws and Constitution	Ray Carthy
Other business	Members
Nominations results	Andres Estrades
2014 Symposium overview	Roldan Valverde

## Additional Information

Special notes:

## Agenda

**President's overview****Ray Carthy****3.45 pm**

Carthy welcomes the membership. He highlights the busy Symposium week—3 days of Freshwater turtle meeting with 53 talks, 7 regional meetings, 5 special workshops, 4 special sessions, vendors, and presentations.

Total number of from registrations: 1016 people representing 80 countries.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**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:

**2012****Revenue**

Registration Fees Current Year	76,079.17
Donations and Grants	212,005.84
Auction & Other Income	13,359.48
T-Shirt Sales	7,944.35
Investment Income	5,912.69

**Total Revenue****315,301.53****Expenses****Symposium Expenses**

Facilities, Accommodations, Translation, Entertainment	166,402.37
Travel Grants	36,209.00
Symposium Coordination	22,085.25
Registration and Credit Card fees	9,211.89
Poster Displays	9,150.00
Student Awards	2,750.00
Printing	4,097.87
Participant Gifts	5,311.34
Technology Expense	5,387.59
Travel Expense	2,552.78
Travel Grants per donor	5,000.00
Advertising	522.91
Miscellaneous	794.08
T Shirts	13,908.09

**Total Direct Symposium Expenses****283,383.17****Gross Revenue****31,918.36****Operating Expenses**

Accounting Fees	9,000.00
Bank Fees	265.24
BOD Retreat	22,645.27

Insurance	1,286.00	
Investment Advisory Fee	1,860.48	
Managing Director	7,500.00	
Misc.	1,205.70	
Office Expense	350.42	
Proceedings	2,400.00	
Treasurer Support	1,000.00	
Program Officer	1,365.00	
Loss on Foreign Exchange	25.73	
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b><u>48,903.84</u></b>

**Net Revenue** **-16,985.48**

Balance sheet:

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

Petty Cash	\$705.30	
Money Market	7,610.60	
Checking Account	41,750.71	
Remainder Fund India	1,597.85	
Investment Account	125,455.21	
Prepaid Expenses - Next Year Symposium	59,439.30	

**Total Assets** **236,558.97**

**LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL**

Current Liabilities

Deferred Income - Next Year Grants	<u>\$4,640.00</u>	
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Total Liabilities 4,640.00

Capital

Unrealized Gain/Loss on Security	13,112.22	
Retained Earnings	235,792.23	
Net Income	(16,985.48)	

Total Capital

231,918.97

**Total Liabilities & Capital**

**\$236,558.97**

- Net loss of about 17 K
- Registration fees are based on a 3-tiered honor system
- Insurance: have insurance to cover the Board; this year we bought insurance for liability at this meeting to protect the Society.
- Money raised at the auction will be announced at the Banquet.

Question from the membership: What happens if there is a 17K deficit? Will ISTS continue?

Meyer: Fundraising will continue and make up money next year. Will not affect operations this year, but we cannot sustain losses. Need to raise money and watch expenses.

Meyer thanks the Travel Chairs for being good stewards of the money.

Carthy: The Society is growing and changing, and we have to be fiscally responsible. You see changes in price structure with increased registration, but it is still a bargain. Bear with us and look for positive changes.

Motion to accept Treasurer's report: Frank Paladino

Second: Jean Beasley

Passes unanimously

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**Travel Committee Report**

**Alex Gaos**

**3.58 pm**

Gaos goes through the allotted amounts:

**ISTS 33 - Baltimore**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Regional Chair</b>	<b>Allocated</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Cash Awards</b>	<b>Room Costs</b>
US/Canada	Kelly Stewart	19400	19%	3575	15950
Asia	Kartik Shanker	5000	5%	3500	2624.5
MX/CA America	Emma Harrison	14000	14%	6200	5988.5
Caribbean	Karen Eckert	7500	8%	2944	4176
SoPacAsia	Nic Pilcher	10000	10%	4800	3828
Europe	Aliki Panagopolou	12500	13%	5490	6960
Middle East	ALan Rees	1600	2%	680	942.5
Africa	Angela Formia	10000	10%	6868	3132
So. America	Alejandro Fallabrino	20000	20%	7000	13052
<b>Totals</b>		<b>100000</b>		<b>41057</b>	<b>56653.5</b>

<b>Total # cash awards</b>	<b>Total # bed awards</b>
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**105**

**171**

Gaos thanks the regional chairs, points out that there were increased efforts to ensure that grantees volunteer time, etc. as per their grant agreement, and that regional chairs, Nick Pilcher and Kartik Shanker were being replaced by Maggie Murmanns and Andrea Phillott, respectively.

Motion to accept Travel Chair's report: Frank Paladino

Second: Jane Provanca

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Motion passes

Conclusions:

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Person responsible:

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**ISTS Media grants**

**Ray Carthy**

**4.03 pm**

35 applications were received from around the world—2 proposals that received funding from the ISTS of \$3,500 each were The Indian Ocean Newsletter and Sea Sense, Tanzania.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**By-Laws and Constitution**

**Ray Carthy**

**4.04 pm**

Revisions to the By-Laws and Constitution are close to completion. They will be posted online for comments, and presented for voting next year.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**Other business**

**Members**

**4.05 pm**

Teri Shores: Suggest that ISTS resolutions be compiled.

Marydele Donnelly: As outgoing Resolutions Committee Chair, I will with Teri to compile and post them on the website.

Chuck Shaffer thanks the ISTS Board for support for the 3-day Freshwater turtle meeting.

Sibille Pritchard: Should have more media coverage. Willing to help promote it for New Orleans.

Ray Carthy: There was some coverage this year on local TV as well as web coverage.

Conclusions:

Action items:

Person responsible:

Deadline:

**Nominations Committee—Election results**

**Andres Estrades**

**4.10 pm**

Andres explains the nominations process. Furthermore, the Nominations Committee tried to find additional candidates for the President-Elect position – 5 people were contacted, but all declined so there was only one President-Elect. No nominations were rejected by Nominations Committee or the Board. 357 people voted.

Results:

Board of Directors: Bryan Wallace, Pam Plotkin,  
 Nominations Committee: Alan Rees, Shaleyla Kelez, and Nancy FitzSimmons.  
 Treasurer: Terry Meyer  
 Secretary: Manjula Tiwari  
 President-Elect: Yakup Kaska

Frank Paladino: Have full confidence in the whole slate and a round of applause for the Nominations Committee.

Ray Carthy thanks everyone for the opportunity to be President. He gets a standing ovation.

Conclusions:

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Deadline:

**2014 Symposium overview**

**Roldan Valverde**

**4.22 pm**

Theme of 34<sup>th</sup> Symposium: Cultures

Dates: 10-17 April, 2014

Venue: Bourbon Street Marriott Hotel, New Orleans

Room rates: \$139/night regardless of room type (single, double, etc.)

Special session: Research in Fisheries Science: marine Turtle Bycatch, Lessons Learned, Teaching Strategies, Biology and Conservation of Sea Turtles in the Gulf of Mexico, SE Regional meeting.

Conclusions:

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Deadline:

**Additional Information**

Motion to adjourn: Frank Paladino  
 Second: David Godfrey  
 Passes unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 4.40 pm