**MINUTES of the Annual General Membership Meeting of the Northwest Aquatic and Marine Educators (NAME)**

**Date:** July 16, 2014 **Time:** 9:00 am – 10:00 am

**Location:** The Barn Conference Center, Bandon, OR

**Presiding Officer:** Joy Tally

**Recording Secretary:** Amy Cole

*9:00 am: Call to order*

1. **Welcome and Introduction**

Orientation to and history of NAME organization (Joy)

Introductions to board of directors (Joy)

No additions to agenda? No

**2. Quorum: YES**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

Kathy C moves to approve agenda; approved by unanimous voice vote.

**4. Announcement of Election results 2014-2015**

President: Giovannina Souers

President-elect: Casey Ralston

Secretary: Amy Cole

Treasurer: Rob Coats

NMEA Rep: Bill Hanshumaker

Alaska Director: Marilyn Sigman

Washington co-directors: Amy Sprenger and Maile Sullivan

**5. Treasury report** (Rob)

Sent out monthly. Q: Can $$ be carried over from year to year in States? (Kathy C)A: yes Q: Where are we incorporated? (Jennifer H) A: Oregon

Joy: We are forming a budget committee.

ACTION: volunteer involvement opportunity for members interested in helping with budget planning.

Fawn: ORCA bowl, Salmon bowl, Tsunami bowl examples of events supported by NAME.

**6. Conference announcements** (Giovannina)

Thanks to all who volunteered during conference! Special thanks to Kathy Carolsfield and Jim Grano for photography.

ACTION: share your conference photos with Jennifer Howell, who will compile for slide show.

7. **Communications** (Joy)

Orlay & Joy are co-chairs of the communications committee.

ACTION: need content from members for website and Flashmail.

ACTION: looking for volunteers to help administer Flashmail.

YES, NAME has a Facebook page.

ACTION: Join, Like, Share! We need more men to like us on Facebook!

*(Member comments regarding communications)*

*Eva:* Would be good to find a way to encourage sharing of outcomes of NAME events (to help with future funding, demonstrate impact). “Examples and Outcomes” on website could be links to video, photos, comments etc.

*Leila:* For example, we used a minigrant to get a field scope. Thousands of kids used it.

*Pat:* Publishing peer reviewed work is critical to us for professional advancement. NAME doesn’t have a journal per se (*but is affiliated with CLEARING*). This would provide an opportunity to publish our work. We could have a section in CLEARING for peer review. Now that there is no pressure re: page numbers in the newsletter, we could make our content a priority focus?

*(Jennifer M):* We could do a blog as well as a focal point for a variety of supporting content. Guests can guest blog and post, so easier to maintain without a central point of contact.

*Eva:* What is missing from website is member publications… we could set a goal to have 20 publications link to members’ own website.

ACTION: Send to Jennifer M. ([webmaster@pacname.org](mailto:webmaster@pacname.org)) any conference content you wish to post online.

**8. Minigrants and scholarships** Fawn (skip – Fawn out of the room)

**9. Strategic planning** (Giovannina): please come to the SP session today!

**10: MG and Scholarships** (Fawn): all funds come from the auction. Last year, we earned $3347.

Divided in half to share between MG and scholarships. MG again split half between fall and spring. $773.50 per MG offering. $400 left over, rolled over into Hastie scholarship. Any leftover funds now roll into Hastie.

**11. NAME traditions** (Joy): Awards to an outstanding organization of the year, outstanding marine educator non classroom, outstanding marine educator classroom, lifetime achievement award.

Winner, Outstanding marine educator non classroom: CAIT GOODWIN, nominated by Fawn and Jenna.

Other awards to be announced at the banquet this evening.

*9:57 am: meeting adjourned*