

# 2015 Spring NAME board meeting – conference call-in

Tuesday, April 21, 2015

## **Board Members Present:**

Giovannina Souers- President  
Amy Cole – Secretary  
Claire Vial – BC Chapter Co-Director  
Casey Ralston – President-elect  
Marilyn Sigman – AK Chapter Director  
Jenna Kulluson – OR Chapter Director  
Amy Sprenger – WA Chapter Co-Director  
Joy Tally – Past President  
Jennifer Magnusson - Webmaster  
Fawn Custer – Grants Chair  
Maile Sullivan – WA Chapter Co-Director

***Meeting called to order at 5:09 pm***

Giovannina: Let's start with chapter reports to keep it moving, and wait for a few others to join.

## **OREGON - Jenna**

We had a great conference. Was able to recruit younger students from Reed College, another from OSU to join NAME. They went out clamming with us, a great time. We already have plans for next year. Thinking of having at Coos Bay community college, they have public lectures and we are thinking of partnering with them to make some unique offerings. Evening trivia etc.

## **WASHINGTON – Maile and Amy**

(Maile) Conference planning review: July 20-24, M-F. Monday: pre-conference workshops, board meeting, conference kickoff at the Aquarium. Tuesday: Concurrent sessions. Wednesday: Poster session, concurrent sessions, evening cruise. Thursday: concurrent sessions, evening auction at CUH. Friday: a few more sessions, ending midday; potential social activities such as mariners game in the evening. Housing at UW, newer dorms; orchestrated through UW conference group so we don't have to run it; running program part of conference at fisheries bldg., centrally located around 1 area.

(Amy) Registration coming up very soon. We focus on NAME being 40 this year, will reach out to board members past and present to help flesh out the memorabilia.

As soon as registration is live, we'll put a call out to board members to circulate it fully to our networks.

## **BC – Claire**

Nat and Anne have organized an event with Royal BC museum; reports are it was a success. BC is now planning the 2016 conference; not settled on dates or venues yet, looking around to compare venue prices at Pearson College, UVIC and VIU. Some feedback from board meeting was that it would be nice to change it up each year: in city vs. out there. Working out logistics of each. A beach walk is coming up

in June, part of CANOE conference: Canadian Network for Ocean Ed. Collaborating on one of the field trips, jointly sponsored by CANOE and NAME. In October, planning (a day event? Need more details)

### **ALASKA – Marilyn**

Giving out awards regularly for best student posters HS and undergrad; in January, distributed \$350 cash awards. COSEE AK started this program; NAME continues support with cash awards. Also provide awards to K-12 students at ocean science “fair within a fair” at state fair in Anchorage. Chapter collaborating with Sea Grant on professional development educator-to-educator projects – teacher workshops, field trips, community partnerships, NAME as partner in field trips. Providing snacks, evaluations. Hope to use results to assess impact of this program on professional development.

### **Meeting Minutes Approval**

2014 Fall NAME board meeting minutes - needs date and time, otherwise approved with changes.

2015 midyear board meeting minutes – p4, sect 7 (grants and scholarships) – clarify motion on general funds transfer to include details on transfer amounts and totals to each fund. Minutes approved with this correction.

### **Fawn – mini-grants and scholarships**

One application for mini-grant – someone from AmeriCorps. need to know the reduced rate? Joy – only charge them \$15 for membership.

Jenna – **Action: Fawn** please send a blurb to include in Flashmail.

Jennifer – updated the scholarship application page on website.

**Action: Joy** to update the actual application

When you contact the ppl applying for a scholarship, ask them to register before the early bird deadline expires.

**Action: Fawn and Jenna** to develop wording to include in the letter.

[oregonNAME@gmail.com](mailto:oregonNAME@gmail.com) (Jenna’s best email account)

**Action: Giovannina** to check in with Rob for treasury report.

**Action: Giovannina** to engrave bell with ( ) name from 1976-197 and To get a new plate engraved with “new” name including aquatic in it.

**Action: Jennifer** to post the new final strategic plan on the web page.

Orlay joins the call.

Joy has a few quick additions to the agenda:

1. Quick update on elections: we have 3 people nominated, have all bios and pix for the website. Ballot will go out June 1.
2. **Action: Giovannina** Put on July board meeting agenda – potentially changing the election process in our bylaws to not require announcing candidates 60 days in advance of the ballots going out. It's hard to fit it all in.
3. Still working on insurance, haven't has any info on field trips from anyone. Resolved issue with UW so don't need extra rider, but **ACTION: everyone** to send field trip info: when they will happen, how many people (see Giovannina's email for exactly what she needs)

Claire: should we notify NAME insurance for joint event with another org that sponsors the insurance? Joy: Yes, we should notify them of all events.

However, NAME BC may need to hold their own insurance.

**ACTION: Joy** will confirm whether BC is covered under the US NAME insurance.

GIOVANNINA: if we know each chapter does a beach walk each year, approx. 20 ppl, estimated ages of participants. Just so they have an idea.

***Meeting adjourned at 5:57 pm***