

MAMEA Board Meeting Minutes

3/4/00

Last meeting minutes approved

Treasurers Report

Change academic bowl to \$1400
Change logo items to \$300
Add membership brochure \$300
New total for proposed budget = \$18525

Broke even with 1999 conference
No registration fees listed on conference money making, approx. 4K+

Proposed budget is larger than account balance

Paul Standish= 10% of auction proceeds
\$385 left in Paul Standish account
Recommended to put Paul Standish into expense section

Deb will do up amended budget

General Finance Items

\$500 Mini Grant
Recipients Charlie and Claire - need reports on their projects then distribute \$100 to each one
Seek write up for Masthead

Beth requested increase NMEA trip coverage for MAMEA chapter rep (past prez) attendance
Decision: Each year the board will review the location of the national conference and the accomodation expenses. Board will review expense toward conference based on institution support for rep.

Minutes will be posted on website.
Proposed budget and income will be included.
Full budget available upon request.

MAMEA is a corporation, not a foundation. This came up in a discussion of whether or not MAMEA could apply for grants. *Yes, we can.*

Mini Grants

John Chubb, Exmore High School.
Grants Committee will review by April 7.
New committee member-Karen Aspinwall for 3 year term.

Awards

Andrew Wilson was deemed the new awards chairman.
Concerns were expressed regarding amount of paperwork for a nominee.
There is nothing in writing re: judging of nominees or what to submit.
The board determined the need to establish our own written guidelines following format for NMEA.
Deb Mosher is nominating Cathy Roberts for the Outstanding Classroom Educators award.

Membership Changes

There were several changes to the board info list during the meeting. Susan will send all board members an updated board list.
Results of updating and rebuilding mailing list: 345 active members, 208 inactive members

Susan will provide access list with full e-mail available to each rep.
Each rep will call inactive members on state lists. Any still inactive after April 1 will be dropped from mailing list.
Reps will provide any changes to state portion of mailing list to Susan by April 1.

Motion granted to purchase laptop with Microsoft Office Suite.
Max price of \$1200-1500. Look at used or refurbished but explore quality insurance and warranties.
(1000 left in awards, 700 left from NOSB medallions. Therefore determined plenty in budget for this purchase.)

Standing Rules

When votes come in from the Ballot regarding membership changes, Vicki will change corresponding standing rules.

She will also change 208 pg. 9 from two grants for \$500 to two grants up to \$1000.
Also adding e-mail as sufficient voting medium and proxy designation.

Archives

All please be sure items get to Terri for archival records.

Web Page

Lee reported that this is being invented as we go along. Suggestions welcome.

Need good picture of Jim O'Connor.

Carol will seek some out from those that attended the False Cape trip in 98.

NMEA looking for several pictures for award at National conference.

Masthead

Terri is considering aim for Masthead.

It has been determined necessary to keep hardcopy as membership benefit.

Potentially significant cost for Masthead printing. Carol Sovine can suggest reasonable printer.

MAMEA Fall Conference

Beth reported several tentative plans.

Plan for Columbus Day weekend canceled due to too many other activities.

Current tentative plan October 14-16 at Inner Harbor, location TBA.

Tentative schedule:

Thursday night board meeting.

Friday field trips and registration.

Social Friday night at Port Discovery or Maryland Science Center.

Saturday sessions.

Lunch awards and speaker.

Fun things Sat. evening.

MTA Zoo shuttle to evening event at zoo.

Sunday brunch perhaps block seats at Orioles game or package site seeing in Inner Harbor.

NMEA Bid

Vicki spoke for Andy re: UNCW update for 2003 NMEA conference.

In 2003 will be 18 years since MAMEA hosted a national conference.

Florida is planning bid also.

Charlie reported that UNCW wants it but would not sign contract prior to 6 months ahead of time of event.

Willing to make change in policy for this event. They are discussing putting a lot of \$ into this. Recently built tremendous new facility. University is very excited about promotion of marine science academic program.

Board approved doing proposal for 2003. If we don't get it, we will propose for 2004.

Terri and Vicki will do simple presentation at NMEA Board meeting in April. Seed in a cup, Venus fly-traps in a UNC cup, dolphins . . . MAMEA crab stickers, hurricane footage, the creative ideas were flowing. Consider USAir at Wilmington International as corporate sponsor for 2003 NMEA conference.

Amy and others expressed significant concern regarding able staff to pull it off.

Extremely time consuming. Many willing but resources and ability limited.

Vicki pointed out preliminary preparation is the key. As new board members come on, we need to ensure awareness of conference coming and preparation of committees far ahead of time. Use SC as a model.

Terri: suggested PR committee to promote NC Aquariums. Help from Aquarium Society for items such as goodie bags, program printing.

Andy and Charlie: Site committee, speakers (already in the works), field trips (in the works)

Vicki, Lee and Susan: Web page and call for papers and concurrent session scheduling.

Board tentatively proposed mid-July as date.

A Few Words from the Prez

Charlie encouraged activity and stressed the important role of State Representatives. They are essential frontline contact with MAMEA members from each state. Don't forget about the \$150 budgeted to help each rep with mini conferences. Reps are essential to getting the word out regarding state activity via MAMEA.

Awards nominations is very important. Had no awards last year. Please consider this.

NMEA Report

380 at Charleston, SC NMEA conference.

Andrew attending mid-year NMEA board meeting in Orlando 4/5-6 at NSTA. Taking new banner if ready. (Old banner gone). Needs display board items.

Business will include:

Voting to accept CARIBWA.

Regional chapters donating \$ to support NMEA board meeting at NSTA catered breakfast and lunch. MAMEA does not support this. MAMEA would support the meal of their representative at the National meeting.

Past Prez

Andrew suggested NMEA rep continuity for more than one year in order to allow for time to get better understanding of NMEA. Board suggested the rep explore other opportunities to get more involved at the national level such as committee work and keep this opportunity open for new past presidents.

Andrew suggested tarpon retirement. Beth said hold off until we see it. Hmmmmm

Andrew seeking crab stickers for conferences to promote MAMEA. Working with Terri to produce.

Nominations:

*Next issue of Masthead needs to ask for nominations for elections. Also needs to be put on web.

Likely for Masthead around end of August.

Carol McCormack agreed to accept the nomination for president-elect.

Beth Jewell + state reps = nominating committee.

DC and DE up for renewal in October.

Tony seeking DC rep back.

New Grants Chair also in October.

Grants committee appointed by the president.

E-mail Voting

Note to all board members to respond to MAMEA business e-mails promptly. Send hardcopies if no response in three days.

Those who may require hardcopy: Charlie, Carol S.

Be sure to put MAMEA in subject line.

State Representative Reports

DE:

Significant input to Masthead: CIB New Newsletter, DTC offerings, DTS newsletter
Karen Travers- lots of travel programs at DNS, Estuarine Ecology program this summer
DE News Journal, marine issues report on mammal strandings- bio on Suzanne Thurman from Carmine
EEC

DE Mini Conference:

Exploring Children's Beach House in Lewes, tall ship out of Wilmington
Pearl Burbage retired from the State in January
Will call Laurianne Phalen re: potential for mini conference at Abbott's Mill

DC:

DC Dept of Health: teacher workshop series AREC on Anocostia River

DC Mini Conference:

Working on plans with Tony – trip out of DC

MD:

Items for Masthead
Zoo has doubled to 42 weeks of summer camp programming
International Migratory Bird Day coming in May
ARFSAL opened last week, seahorse exhibit soon

MD Mini Conference:

Working on it - piggyback on workshops at zoo, sometime in early June

VA:

Cathy in Antarctica
Article in Sunday paper on trip
Deb has website for trip
Course at East Carolina University, Floyd and the Flood: Vicki, Lundie, Terri (registration on website)

VA Mini Conference:

No plans yet
VMSM not interested
Charlie looking into potential for whale watching trips

NC:

NC Aq. in Manteo opening in May
Fort Fisher opening date??
Pine Knoll Shores expansion on hold
Grand opening 4/7 for NC Museum of Natural Sciences in Raleigh - 24 hour opening
NCSTA may have meeting at museum
Good site for statewide conferences
Visit Charlie for a behind the scenes tour

NC Mini Conference:

3/31 and 4/1, not sure if will fly, turnout questionable due to snow days.
If doesn't work, then plans for summer
Location planned for Fort Macon, with field trips to historic and natural history locations.
ncnerr.org for workshop registration info.
Check out NCERR estuary live site link through regional pages on Bridge.
Estuarylive.org just nominated for USA Today site of the week.

