

**MAMEA**  
**Mid Year Board Meeting and Special Open Membership Meeting**  
**January 19 2003**

President Beth Jewel called the meeting to order and indicated a quorum was present enabling the board and membership to consider motions and vote appropriately.

**Minutes**

Board Members Introductions- Beth Jewel, Andrew Wilson, Carol McCormack, Kathy Siegfried, Sarah Schoedinger, Lisa Lawrence, Lewie Lawrence.

Open Membership Introductions – waived

**Board Member Reports**

Secretary Report – No report given

Treasure Report- Andrew Wilson presented MAMEA account status for FY 1998,1999,2000,2001,2002, and 2003. A report of 2002 MAMEA conference expense and revenue was presented.

Sarah Schoedinger made a motion to accept the MAMEA Treasury Report. Andrew Wilson Seconded the motion- motion carried.

A discussion followed concerning Corporation designation. The 1986 MAMEA Articles of Incorporation identify MAMEA as a 501(C)3 however the Virginia State Corporation Commission identifies MAMEA as a 501 (C)4. The President requested the President Elect identify the problem and propose a solution.

**State Reports**

Delaware Report (Carol McCormack) – A brief discussion of the Delaware mini conference referencing a collaborative effort with Gary Kramer (Green Eggs and Sand)was reported.

Washington Report (Sarah Schoedinger) – The discussion revolved around what type of assistance does MAMEA generally offer for a mini conference. A brief discussion followed referencing past mini conferences.

Maryland Report (Kathy Siegfried) – The Maryland mini conference is set for March 14 and 15. Registration has been mailed out. A discussion of the Chesapeake Bay Bowl (Feb 22) followed

Virginia Report (Lisa Lawrence)- Species of Special Interest mini conference will be held the first week of July 2003. A one-day teacher workshop will be held. A discussion of fees structure and benefits followed.. Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> will be the Blue Crab Bowl. Also discussed were Norfolk Zoo workshops, Virginia Natural Class Room Grants, and IMAX films of marine science.

North Carolina – No Report

Past President Report (Carol McCormack) The National MEA requests each chapter submit chapter newsletters to the National MEA. The President will see that the MAMEA Masthead Editor forwards copies. The National MEA held a meeting on January 9 2003 and discussed MAMEA membership enrolment success and operations. NSTA meeting will be on March 27 2003.

President Elect Report ( Lewie Lawrence) Fall conference is proposed to be held in Chincoteague, Virginia. Speakers will come from the local community; Wachapreague VIMS lab, Wallops NASA, Chincoteague Wildlife Refuge, local artisans etc. A possible posters session will be offered for those who need the opportunity to present to attend the conference. A MAMEA special strategic planning session could be held having a facilitator guide the organization in developing a 5-year action plan. The facilitator will assist with setting goals and objective to give the organization a focused mission for the next few years.

Awards Committee- No Report. The treasurer will contact the committee chair to request past recipients be placed on the web site.

Masthead Newsletter- Discussion of the digital quality of the Crab logo. The president directed Lisa Lawrence to supply the Masthead editor with a better digital crab logo.

Grants- Several questions arose concerning time line of grants and amount eligible. A discussion concerning grants and scholarships ensued-

A motion was made by Lewie Lawrence, seconded by Carol McCormack and approved to amend section 208 of the standing rules to include the following language.

208.1 To support marine education activities by MAMEA members, two grants of up to \$500.00 each shall be made available annually through a competitive proposal procedure. Carryover of grant funds will be subject to annual appropriations by board approval. Grant funds not expended may be carried over to the next fiscal year for support of additional grants by board approval (1/19/03).

### Old Business

1. A discussion ensued concerning the posting of the Masthead on the MAMEA website. Lee Larkin volunteered to post the Masthead if consensus could be reached.

A motion was made by Andrew Wilson seconded by Carol McCormack and approved to amend section 301 of the standing rules to include a new item numbered 301.7 to include the following language:

301.7            [Post on the MAMEA Website all available past issues of the MAMEA Masthead, excluding the two most recent additions \(1/19/03\).](#)

2. A discussion of the cost and benefits of membership ensued. Additional discussion followed related to the cost of mailing the Masthead.

A motion was made by Lisa Lawrence, seconded by Sarah Schoedinger and approved to amend section 301 of the standing rules to include a new item numbered 301.8 to include the following language:

301.8            [MAMEA members will be given the option of receiving future issue of the Masthead electronically in lieu of hardcopy. The electronic issue will be available online. The URL will be distributed via e-mail to members \(1/19/03\).](#)

3. A discussion ensued concerning MAMEA membership terms and issuing memberships which MAMEA covers the cost of the membership.

A motion was made by Lisa Lawrence, seconded by Sarah Schoedinger and approved to amend section 204 of the standing rules to include amendments to 204.1 to include the following language.

204.1            Dues shall cover membership for the period of one year. Membership year is from January 1 to December 31 of each year (By-Laws, Article 1, Section 6). Renewal of membership is due by January 1 of each year. New first time members (**not** renewing members) [signing up from September 1 to December 31 will be active. For example, a new first time member who joins on September 1, 2003 will be considered active until December 31, 2004 \(1/19/03\).](#) The secretary shall issue renewal notices to members and collect dues. (6/7/00)

A motion was made by Lewie Lawrence, seconded by Lisa Lawrence and approved to amend section 204 of the standing rules to include a new item numbered 204.6 to include the following language:

204.6            [MAMEA may sponsor active membership of no more that 10% of the annual active membership on December 31 of the previous year. These MAMEA sponsored memberships are available one time only per member. Distribution of MAMEA sponsored membership is at the discretion of the president.](#)

NMEA Conference Report- Conference committee met on January 18, 2003 at VIMS. The MAMEA chapter will tentatively meet next at the National Conference on Wednesday July 23<sup>rd</sup> between 11:00 and 11:45.

New Business-President's Discretionary fund/budget amendments.

A discussion ensued concerning corrections and omissions to the currently approved MAMEA budget. Adjustments were made to engraving, grants, postage, masthead, MAMEA covered memberships, spring board meeting. A motion was made by Lisa Lawrence, seconded by Kathy Siegfried and approved to amend the current budget to reflect omissions and corrections. The treasure will amend the budget to reflect the changes.

Other Business

A discussion ensued concerning when is the start of the fiscal year. This issue is addressed in the MAMEA bylaws under Article XII and states " The fiscal year of the Corporation shall begin on the first day of January of each year and end on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December.

No action was needed to determine when the fiscal year starts.