

**NSA-PCS Business Meeting
September 22, 2010
Tacoma, Washington**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 12:50pm September 22, 2010 by PCS Chair Teri King.

The following members and interested people were present:

Mike McHugh, Adam Brisbois, Bobbi Hudson, Sarah Dudas, Elene Dorfmeier, Bethany Stevick, Lizzie Oberlander, Jenny Price, Emma Timmins-Schiffman, Mackenzie Gavery, Brent Vadopalas, Sue Shotwell, Rana Brown, Kristi Straus, Greg Coulter, Rohinee Paranjpye, Daniel Cheney, Eric Sparkman, Randy Hatch, Brett Dumbauld, Mark Camara, Kelly Toy, Andy Suhrbier, Christopher Burns, Margaret Homerding, Cindy Gray, Teri King, P. Sean McDonald, Chris Whitehead, Cathy Stanley, David Fyfe, Brian Allen, Sandy Shumway.

Adoption of 2009 minutes

The 2009 minutes were adopted with a change noted for a spelling error.

Old Business:

NSA Conferences:

Teri King briefed the members on the NSA conference in San Diego this past March and noted that the 2012 National meeting will be held in Seattle.

New Business

Update from the National NSA

Sandy Shumway said that the NSA-PCS logo is up for change so a new logo needs to be sent to the National NSA and it will then be redrawn for a final version. Sandy also spoke about the upcoming annual NSA meeting in March to take place in Baltimore with lectures and sessions to be focused on Blue Crabs, Genetics and Genomics, and commercial fisheries among others. There will also be a huge poster session. Sandy suggested that PCS should come up with something for the annual meeting, perhaps a session.

Teri mentioned that Connie Smith told her that no one had applied for the PCSGA 2010 scholarship. NSA should look into how to get students to apply for the scholarship in the future.

Kristi Straus announced that this would be her last term as member-at-large and Teri thanked her for all of her help and noted that Kristi has also been on the National NSA board.

Cathy Stanley reported that there is a new t-shirt available this year with an oyster theme and a new "dig it" geoduck hat.

Teri announced that Mike Rubino of NOAA will be presented with a certificate of appreciation for NOAA's funding of students.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Chris Whitehead presented the budget report. Last year, \$1400 was brought in at the annual PCSGA-NSA conference in Portland. There were also generous donations by the Port Gamble Tribe and Joth Davis for student support. For the 2010 calendars, half of the costs went on the 2009 budget. Chris explained the incoming and outgoing balances. The net income over the last year was \$1,339. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Election of New Officers

The following nominations for officers were approved and seconded:

Chair: Brett Dumbauld

Vice-Chair: Cathy Stanley

Treasurer: Chris Whitehead

Secretary: Lisa Crosson

Nominations were made for five member-at-large positions. The current officers met briefly and then made a proposal to the members for a minimum of three member-at-large positions and a maximum of five member-at-large positions.

The following nominations for Member-at-Large officers were approved and seconded:

Brent Vadopalas

Emma Timmins-Shiffman

P. Sean McDonald

Chris Burns

Sarah Dudas

Other Items:

Brent asked whether the positions should be one year or two years and suggested the positions be staggered two-year terms.

Kristi said that it's important when meeting with PCSGA to have people who understand the background and be assertive in the planning and debriefing for the conferences.

Sandy said that for the parent organization, the position of Treasurer is a three year term, member-at-large positions are three years and the Secretary and Vice Chair are repeated over one year slots. The Chair is a two year term.

David Fyfe motioned that the PCS board should meet and discuss how to handle and stagger the positions and bring this back to the business meeting next year with a recommendation to the members.

It was agreed by the members present that next years business meeting should be in the conference hotel with pizza delivery to allow for more time for the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.