

National Shellfisheries Association – Pacific Coast Section: Annual Meeting Notes

Members present: *Laura Hoberecht, Bethany Stevick, Ralph Riccio*, Brett Dumbauld, Kelly Toy, Molly Jackson, Brent Vadopolas, David Fyfe, Paul Rudell, Natalie Lowell, Julie Barber, Dan Gillon, Jake Heare, Lisa Abdulghani, Laura Newcomb, Christopher Burns, Bobbi Hudson, Dennis Hedgecock, Joth Davis, Teri King, Chris Langdon, Lorenz Hauser, Mike E. McHugh, Conrad Newell, Philippa Kohn, Gary Zaugg, Christina Zaugg, Emily “Molly” Roberts, Lisa Crosson.

- Last year’s minutes passed

Chair’s Report:

- Laura attended National NSA meeting in Monterey
- NSA-PCS provided financial assistance to 15 west coast students
- Shellfish BINGO mixer had 40 participants
- Executive Committee has decided to go back to our roots with a more casual meeting style (i.e. pizza and beer in the park)

Vice Chair’s Report:

- P. Sean not here, but did a lot of work from a far, thanks.
- Follow and post about the conference on FB and Twitter (especially pictures!)
 - Twitter account = @NSAPCS
 - To tweet use #shellfish69
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Treasurer’s Report:

- Made a lot last year in Vancouver
- Purchased AV equipment which are investments for the organization
- Need to put Secretary and Treasurer on Chase Accounts
- Teri King asked about the Ken Chew endowment Fund:
 - TK - Where did it go?
 - BS – NSA-PCS has a checking and savings account, of which the savings account is nick named the Dr. Ken Chew Student Scholarship Fund. These are managed as one account.
- Treasurer’s Report Approved

Secretary’s Report:

- IRON CLAM brought in about \$900
- Bobbi wants reminder about early bird registration as part of NSA-PCS membership
- Thanks to Kelly for torturing a geoduck for the Flyer

Old Business:

- Member at large positions: Chris Burns position is up

New Business

- 2016 NSA (Triennial), Las Vegas, NV, February 22 – 26, 2016
 - Abstracts for NSA conference were due Aug 31, 2015
 - Will NSA-PCS fund students to attend?
- Must put Secretary and Treasurer on accounts
- Joth: Thanks to PCSGA for timing of conference so early
- Treasurer position up
- Secretary position up
- Elections

- Secretary: Ralph Riccio out-Philippa Kohn in
- Member at Large: Chris Burns out-Julie Barber voted in with 15 votes
- Ralph Volunteered to coordinate 2016 Fund Raiser
- Brent Vadopolas wants students to attend more talks instead of manning the NSA table, maybe need to pay someone to man the table
- Bobbi Hudson disagrees, believes that the students should work the tables
- Jake Heare suggested to have an AV/Tech person running the table
- Ralph suggested having NSA members volunteer to man the table to lighten the load for the students.
- Lisa Crosson indicated that students get to pick their volunteer times.
- Not all agree on this, “we pay to attend these conferences, we are here to attend talks”
- Maybe best option is to have a sign-up sheet at the beginning of the conference, once the agenda has been distributed, where NSA-PCS members can volunteer for as shift manning the booth. Maybe P. Sean can coordinate this.
- Teri King made a motion to add Philippa Kohn and retain Bethany Stevick on the Chase Bank savings account #1986767235 and checking account #723029212: Motion Approved