

**NSA-PCS Business Meeting  
September 20, 2017  
Welches, Oregon**

The 2017 NSA-PCS annual business meeting was held at the 2017 Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers' Association-National Shellfisheries Association Pacific Coast Section annual conference.

Members in attendance: Brian Allen, Bobbi Hudson, Lisa Redfern, Stephen Schreck, Aimee Christy, Mary Middleton, Kelsey Donahue, Katie Houle, Lindsay Alma, Yaamini Venkataramanm, William Jones, Heather Kramp, Kelly Toy, Andrew Cookson, Roy Clark, Luran Spencer, Elizabeth Tobin, Megan Hintz, Brent Vadopalas, Steven Roberts, Molly Jackson, Danielle Edelman, Natalie Lowell, Andy Suhrbier, Molly Emily Roberts, Daniel Gillon, Anthony D'Andrea, Sandy Zeiner, Scott Mazzone, Matt Hunter, Sylvia Yamada, Brett Dumbauld, Bryanda Wippel, Lisa Crosson, Lillian Kuehl, Lauara Hoberecht (Chair), P. Sean MacDonald (Vice Chair), Julie Barber (Member-at-large), David Fyfe (Member-at-large), Chris Eardley (Member-at-large).

#### Chair's Report

- Laura Hoberecht introduction, notes absence of Secretary and Treasurer at this year's meeting.
- Approval of 2016 meeting minutes (approved, no comments)
- Reminder of 2018 National NSA meeting to be held in Seattle
- Report on 2017 National NSA (Brett Dumbauld National NSA Member-at-large; Laura Hoberecht):
  - Brett was present at National meeting, extends request for users of JSR to access via the NSA website, which benefits NSA
  - Laura notes a 'clean sweep' of victories in students awards by Pacific Coast Section students (Laura Spencer, Evan Durland, Bianca Arnie)

#### Vice Chair's report

- Request that folks issue reminders to have all student presentation feedback submitted asap today
- This year is the largest student participation for NSA-PCS in years
- The A/V has largely been smooth
- There will be a PCS table at NSA Seattle, volunteers needed → "Let's represent"
- Please pick up the slack on Twitter—we are behind last year's pace

#### Treasurer's Report (Given by Chair Laura Hoberecht in lieu of Bethany Stevick)

- More money coming in than going out
- 12 students were supported in 2016 vs. 14 students in 2017 (and with larger stipends in 2017)
- 2016 student awards described
- Please remember to keep your NSA membership up to date; the NSA-PCS benefits from this

#### Secretary Report (Given by Member-at-large Chris Eardley in lieu of Pippa Kohn)

- This year's student fundraiser ("Van Gogh-e-duck Challenge") was successful—fun, productive
  - About \$500 raised at a cost of about \$30
  - Thanks to the crowd hustlers who helped raise more money

- Lots of compliments on the fun of the event, one complaint that more teams could have participated
  - Note that was limited by lack of space (hotel never called back regarding this) and materials
- The Silent Auction has also gone smoothly and thanks to those who have solicited donations
- The group provides extended, enthusiastic applause for the student fundraiser and how much fun it was
  - Chris notes that it was very much a team effort and thanks to those that helped out and participated

#### Old business

- Thank you to the students for help this year
  - Chair proposes to continue using the student volunteer arrangement used this year, which has worked well vs. 2016.
- Motion to continue discussion on where to hold business lunch
  - Seconded
  - A note of appreciation for it being indoors this year

#### New business

- Elections: Secretary and Member-at-large positions open
  - Chris Eardley nominates Lillian Kuehl for Secretary
    - Seconded; no other nominations; nomination accepted
  - David Fyfe nominates Sandy Zeiner for Member-at-large
    - Seconded; no other nominations; nomination accepted
- Brent Vadopalas would like to see more attention given to organizing cohesive session for next year
  - Laura mentions that there was some effort this year: OSHV-1, Microplastics
  - Brent would like NSA to be taking more of a lead in organizing the sessions and scheduling of presentations → more appropriate than PCSGA doing it
  - There may be recruiting opportunities at National NSA
  - David Fyfe mentions that he and Sandy Zeiner have worked to organize a tribal talks session at NSA National
  - Sean mentions that folks could start taking lead on this now
  - Julie Barber notes difficulty in recruiting scientists in Alaska for this year
    - Take home is that broader participation is certainly desired, but is not easy to achieve
  - Laura says NSA-PCS will be sending out a reminder with a potential February deadline
- Sean notes that other conferences have a code for diversity and inclusion and wonders if NSA-PCS should have the same
  - There hasn't been a lot of interest from PCSGA on this item
  - Perhaps NSA-PCS should organize a group to work on this
    - Something that states our principles clearly
  - Does National have this?
    - Maybe not
- Brent notes (amidst agreement from others) that conference materials could better reflect that this is a joint conference

- Discussion on our role, influence, and inclusion (including the existing funding arrangement with PCSGA)
  - The existing revenue-sharing arrangement is easy and works well
- Question on how secure NOAA student funding is in light of federal political climate
  - Laura notes that she has not received an indication that this is going away but that she will continue to be an advocate for this
- Julie Barber decries the excessive trash footprint of this year's conference—notes that coffee cups, water cups, and more are all single-use despite previous years where this was not the case
  - Would like this to be considered in selecting a venue
  - Business lunch participants encouraged to provide feedback to PCSGA—they do listen to those comments

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