

**National Shellfisheries Association  
Pacific Coast Section**  
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National Shellfisheries Association-Pacific Coast Section (NSA-PCS)  
Annual Business Meeting  
Wednesday, September 19  
Semiahmoo Resort, Blaine, WA

The 2018 NSA-PCS annual business meeting was held at the 2018 Pacific Coast Shellfish Growers' Association-National Shellfisheries Association Pacific Coast Section annual conference.

**Meeting brought to order 11:50 am**

Members in attendance:

Yaamini Venkataraman, Grace Workman, Lydia Harris, Phoebe Racine, Lindsay Alma, Eileen Bates, Julieta Martinelli, Natalie Lowell, Annie Thomson, Rose Denney, Andy Suhrbier, Cathy Stanley, Katie Howell, Laura Spencer, Sandy Zeiner (Member-At-Large), Marisa Nixon, Brett Dumbauld, Chris Langdon, Dan Cheney, David Fyfe, Elizabeth "Liz" Tobin, Kelly Toy, Julie Barber (Member-At-Large), Sean McDonald (Vice Chair), Lillian Kuehl (Secretary), Bobbi Hudson, Jeff Bush, Scott Mazlowe, Chris Eardley (Member-At-Large).

Officers not in attendance:

Laura Hoberecht (Chair), Bethany Stevick (Treasurer)

2017 Minutes – approved as written (vote unanimous)

Treasurer's Report (given by P Sean McDonald in lieu of Bethany Stevick)

- Membership is down this year, paralleling trend at national NSA. 2017 dues collected were \$680 compared to \$830 in 2016 and \$860 in 2015
- We supported 13 students to attend meeting in Welches in 2017 and additionally supported 7 students with travel stipends to attend 2018 NSA meeting in Seattle. This year we are supporting 17(!) students to attend the meeting here at Semiahmoo.
- We received NOAA funds for student support again this year, \$4,998! A big thank you goes to Laura Hoberecht for again coordinating and securing this funding.
- Note that the presented budget runs through 9/13/18, so it reflects payment for student registrations for current meeting and does not yet show money we will receive from PCSGA for conference proceeds (flat rate \$1500) and the student sponsors (we have 7 donors contributing 10 student registrations). So there will likely be a larger increase in the balance of both accounts.



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**Old business**

Cohesiveness of sessions:

- P Sean: it would be great if people would commit now to organizing cohesive sessions for next year about their subject of interest.
- Lillian Kuehl volunteers to organize an abalone session for next year.
- Annie Thomson volunteers to help, but isn't sure if she'll attend conference.
- No motion or vote needed.

Code of Diversity and inclusion:

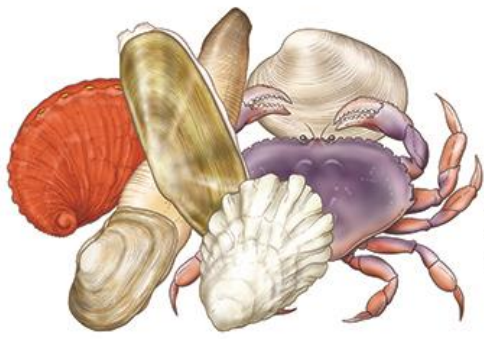
- Thanks to Yaamini Venkataraman, Natalie Lowell, Brent Vadopalas for working on this.
- These codes are getting more common at conferences, as we hear news about bad conduct.
- Have draft, had planned to send it in advance, but only here now. Will send to membership electronically.
- Email comments on the code to NSA-PCS (nsapcs@gmail.com)
- The national executive committee of NSA discussed adopting a code, but it was stalled so PCS decided to move forward with its own.
- There have been incidents reported unofficially in the past.
- If new code is adopted, there will be a safety officer to whom incidents may be reported, and they will have resources for addressing the incident/supporting people.
- Code lays out reporting and ramifications of incidents.
- Our code is modeled from other successful organizations/conferences, e.g. International Marine Conservation Congress—they developed the safety officer concept.

Conference materials

- Materials should NSA-PCS more, not just PCSGA, since NSA-PCS co-produces the conference.
- We didn't make concerted efforts to get photos into program that represent NSA-PCS.
- Crab sessions are an example of NSA-PCS influence—moves away from commercial focus.
- Laura will talk to Connie and Margaret about fixing the naming of the conferences as a "Growers Conference" in conference publications.

Environmental footprint:

- We did bring that up with conference organizers.
- We could send announcement to list suggesting people bring their own coffee cup.
- Chris: we could do a promotion to encourage this. Maybe add to the BINGO game fundraiser.



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**New business**

Elections:

Laura is not re-running as chair.

Bethany is not re-running as Treasurer.

Member-At-Large #3 position is open.

P Sean McDonald nominates Liz Tobin as vice chair.

David Fyfe seconds.

Vote passes (unanimous).

Laura nominates P Sean McDonald as chair.

Sandy Zeiner seconds.

Vote passes (unanimous).

Natalie Lowell nominates Chris Eardley as treasurer.

Lindsay Alma seconds.

Vote passes (unanimous).

With this, Chris Eardley vacates his position as a Member-At-Large.

Lillian Kuehl nominates Andy Suhrbier as Member-At-Large #3.

Chris Eardley seconds.

Vote passes (unanimous).

Chris Eardley nominates Lindsay Alma as Member-At-Large to fill his vacated position.

Lillian Kuehl seconds.

Vote passes (unanimous).

**Meeting adjourned 1:10 pm.**