

NSA-PSC meeting at annual PCSGA/NSA-PCS conference in Salem, OR
September 21, 2011

Officers: Brett Dumbauld, Lisa Crosson, Cathy Stanley, P. Sean McDonald, Emma Timmins-Schiffman, Chris Burns

Members: Eric Sparkman, Teri King, Jen Ruesink, Randy Hatch, Kelly Toy, David Fyfe, Dave Metzger, Daniel Bascom, Glann VanBlaricom, Bethany Stevick, Ralph Elston, Mark Camara, Andy Suhrbier, Ray RaLonde, Bobbi Hudson, Lillian Kuehl, Joth Davis

Call to order by Brett Dumbauld

Minute approval of last meeting: approved

Chair's report:

- 15 students (presenters) attending PCSGA, plus a number of non-presenters – typically 18-21 total are in attendance
- Dunk tank was a success! Thanks to Brent!! We made about \$2300
- We had a more active role in putting together the sessions: selected moderators, moderators invited speakers into the sessions and others could apply to be in specific sessions

Vice chair's report:

- New beanies this year, selling well. Baseball hats completely sold out – make more for national meeting?

Treasurer's report:

- Not much money coming in or going out
- Last year's meeting we gained net of \$943 – this is pretty sad because it pays for only 2 students to attend the conference for 2 days
- NOAA is already cutting how much they contribute to students so we can't rely on them for the future
- We made \$685 for dues, \$255 from t-shirt sales throughout the year, extra student support to cover lodging of ~\$500
- Total incoming this year: \$12,638 and out of \$11,282 – net gain for this year \$1355
- Attrition is part of the hotel expense for what we had to pay PCSGA after last year's meeting (due to hotel expense and location, Tacoma was close enough for people to drive in every day) – this year we made the room quota
 - We should try to do something about this because it's a lot of money and not really fair. The question is what should we do about this? How can this be divided fairly?
 - Government people get cheaper rates from per diem than through the block rates so they don't book rooms through PCSGA

- Also people will not stay because of economy – most conferences are down at least 25%, some as much as 50%
- Problem is that PCSGA plans most of this without our input
- Thanks for stepping up on taking over treasurer, Lisa!!
- Treasurer's report accepted

Nothing from secretary

Bylaws

- We have decided to go with national bylaws but we probably have to do something official to accept them
 - We should hand out copies probably 2 weeks before the membership meeting
 - We'll have to approve these next year. This will give us a chance to make adjustments to them for PCS and submit them to members next year.
 - We had bylaws but we can't find them
- The board should create a bylaws committee to make something to present to the membership before next year's meeting. The committee will be appointed by the board.
 - Approved!

Officers terms

- Defined in national bylaws: president and secretary 2 years; treasurer 3 years; vice chair 1 year; members at large are 2-3 years
 - Secretary and treasurer can serve again, not other positions
- We need to replace Brent, maybe Sarah Dudas
- Motion to keep same officers for another year (except Brent) – approved
- Nominations for member at large for whatever term is decided in the by-laws: Dan Bascom – approved!

Other business

- Abstracts for PCSGA to be published in JSR – 4 people checked box to be published, it costs \$50 but in the past PCS has covered that for students that want to publish. Sandy does not want to publish when we only have a few people.
 - We should ask students again, letting them know that their abstract publishing fee would be covered
 - Publishing abstracts is not necessarily that worthwhile: preliminary info, not peer-reviewed; apparently the value of published abstracts is being discussed at national level
 - Motion to not publish abstracts in JSR from PCSGA (there will be no box to check when submitting the abstract) – approved
- Logo
 - Last we heard, we needed to get a final piece of art to Sandy

- Needs to be a concept of what we want and an artist will do a couple of different designs for us to approve. NSA will pay for all of it.
- There was a committee and they had a design, but what happened...? Maybe Brent was on the committee (Emma will ask him). It was recommended that we have Dungeness crab, Olympia oyster, geoduck, and an abalone. Teri will look into the information she has on it and send it to the officers.
- Brett wants it done before the national conference at the end of March

National NSA meeting in Seattle, March 25-29, 2012

- Brett is chairing a crustacean session
- Abstracts are due in December (probably)
- Should PCS make some sort of showing? A mark on the name tag?
Reception? Booth? Tours?
 - Possibility of entire canal tour of all points along shellfish growing, processing, etc – Teri knows about it. We need to know the national meeting schedule before we make plans.
- Could also put something in everyone's packet about PCS.
- We will have a table
- Why care about PCS: As a unit we are the best represented and organized
- Can put little PCS ribbons on the bottom of nametags – Lisa will do it
- Brewery tour?
- We should have a meeting during the national conference

Next year in Tulalip! Probably the same week.

Meeting adjourned