

TCS Board Meeting
October 4, 2004
4:00 PM ET

Attendance: TCS President John Duff; TCS President-Elect Paul Ticco; TCS Treasurer Mo Lynch; TCS Secretary Lindsay Fullenkamp; TCS Board Members Tom Bigford, Larry Hildebrand, Rick Burroughs, Laurie Jodice, and Ariel Cuschnir; TCS Ex-Officio Board Members Summer Morlock, Sera Harold, and Bob Goodwin; and TCS Executive Director Judy Tucker

John Duff thanked Tom Bigford for sponsoring the call.

- I. Vote to accept minutes of the July board meeting.
MOTION: Paul Ticco motioned to accept the minutes of the July 22 board meeting.
SECOND: Rick Burroughs seconded the motion.
VOTE: Of 9 possible votes, 9 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- II. Nominations Committee Report
Nominations Committee Chair Walter Clark collected nominations for upcoming board elections. The slate of candidates is:

TCS President Elect (select one)

- Ariel Cuschnir
- Kristen Fletcher

Board Positions (select two)

- Braxton Davis
- Bob Goodwin
- Truman Henson
- Larry Hildebrand (incumbent)
- Ruth Kely

Treasurer

- Mo Lynch (incumbent)

Larry Hildebrand and Ariel Cuschnir's terms as board members are coming to an end. Tom Skinner is resigning from the board. TCS President John Duff will appoint his replacement.

MOTION: The slate of candidates is recommended by the Nominations Committee and comes before the full TCS Board as a seconded motion.

VOTE: Of 9 possible votes, 8 were cast, all affirmative. There was one abstention.
MOTION CARRIED.

ACTION ITEM: Judy Tucker will collect biographies from the candidates by October 15. The candidates will be asked to submit biographies ½ page in length.

- III. TCS Treasurer's Report
As of September 30, 2004 TCS had a total net worth of \$63,991. Total income for the ten months ending at the end of September was \$176,640. Total expenses for the

ten months ending at the end of September were \$133,605. There was a refund of \$400 from TCS18 student travel, for a total net income for the ten months ending at the end of September of \$43,435.

As of September 30, 2004 income from TCS19 was \$171,500. Expenses were \$102,992 for a net income of \$68,508. Sponsorships from the EPA and the USFWS are still in process and have not been recorded as income.

Mo Lynch estimated accounts payable through the end of the year at \$24,000. He noted that there is also a \$500 expenditure on TCS20.

IV. TCS20 Report

Paul Ticco sent the board a contract from the Tradewinds Resort in St. Petersburg Beach, FL as a venue for TCS20, following a comparison of four properties in the area and advanced conversations and meetings between Melissa Sparks of the Tradewinds, John Duff, Gib Chase, and Paul Ticco. The conference will be held from May 13-17, 2006.

In an electronic vote:

MOTION: To accept the Tradewinds agreement.

VOTE: Of 13 possible votes, 8 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION: To authorize President-Elect Paul Ticco to act as TCS contact/signatory on TCS20 Tradewinds agreement.

VOTE: Of 13 possible votes, 8 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Paul Ticco is beginning to work on the conference, including developing a list of key sponsors. Bob Goodwin mentioned the Florida Sea Grant program, and Mo Lynch suggested a contact at Florida A&M. Paul Ticco welcomes any suggestions for sponsors. He mentioned he may divvy up sponsorships between a few people, but John Duff reminded him that in the de-briefing notes from TCS19, there was a suggestion that only one person should raise funds, and that fundraising may have been more effective if it were centralized for TCS19.

The board should begin promoting the conference. There will be an opportunity to hand out materials at the Coastal Zone 05 conference in New Orleans.

The Board discussed running a survey as we did for TCS19. The responses to the post-conference survey may be useful, as there was a question on that survey about other topics conference attendees would like to see at the next conference.

ACTION ITEM: Judy Tucker will send the TCS19 survey to John Duff.

Several board members expressed interest in using Survey Monkey to conduct the TCS20 survey.

John Duff thanked Gib Chase for initiating TCS20 planning, visiting the area and scoping out possible venues, initiating a relationship with the staff at the facility, and holding multiple meetings.

V. Membership Report

Membership through the end of September was 308. In the third quarter, there were 26 new members, 3 reinstated members, and 46 dropped members. All 26 new members were students.

Tom Bigford reminded the board to review his memo of June 28 and send him comments. He hopes to have a conference call with the Membership Committee during the week of October 25.

VI. Communications Report

John Duff reported that Issue 3 of the Bulletin is due out in October, and Issue 4 is due in December. Additionally, John is planning to have all past issues of the Bulletin scanned and available in .pdf format. Tom Bigford said he had all past issues of the Bulletin, and will send them to John. John also reiterated the need to reduce the costs of producing the Bulletin, perhaps by using volunteers. He suggested a student chapter could get involved. TCS could save money by moving away from a contract for the Bulletin.

ACITON ITEM: John Duff will outline the time and efforts involved and send that to chapters for consideration.

John also solicited ideas and articles for the Bulletin.

Laurie Jodice did not have any updates on the website. The Board discussed adding their biographies to the web.

ACTION ITEM: Laurie Jodice will add the biographies to the website.

VII. Other Items

Paul Ticco is soliciting ideas for non-conference year activities.

Bob Godwin mentioned that TCS's logo is looking dated, and that it is difficult to deal with the graphic. Particularly, its orientation does not work well when grouped with logos from other organizations. There was general agreement to look into designing a new logo.

VIII. Adjournment

MOTION: Lindsay Fullenkamp motioned to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Laurie Jodice seconded the motion.

VOTE: Of 9 possible votes, 9 were cast, all affirmative. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 PM ET.