

**Suncoast Information Specialists
Business Meeting Minutes
Saturday, August 18, 2012**

Sue Stover, Director of the Arthur Vining Davis Library along with other Mote staff, discussed the Research Library's Special Environmental Collections and gave members a tour of library. Members in attendance also received a behind the scenes talk in the Aquarium. 33 people attended this event.

Socialization and Networking

- 12:00 - 12:30 Tour / Meet & Greet
- 12:30-1:30 Lunch / Business Meeting
- 1:30+ Discussion on Mote Marine's Special Environmental Collection / Behind the Scenes Tour of Aquarium

Business Meeting

1:00 – Introduction by President Hal Harmon

Introductions:

Hal thanked the staff and volunteers of Arthur Vining Davis Library for hosting the meeting.

Approval of minutes:

Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: by Betsy King

1. Our current balance is \$1600.20, but that does not include the expenses from today's meeting.
2. As of 8/18, SIS has 115 paid members.

Bylaws Committee: by Bill Harris

Bill presented an update on the changes the Bylaws Committee has suggested. Once the modifications have been made the updated Bylaws will be available for approval during October's meeting.

Highlights of the changes made since April:

- Under *Membership*, items have been moved around, but the principles are the same. The time range of dues and restrictions on proration have been updated.
- Under *Meetings*, added section on electronic communication (electronic voting). Secretary will be responsible for handling voting procedures.
- Under *Officers*, the Treasurer position will be a two-year term due to the difficulty of modifying the SIS bank account. Immediate Past-President does have a vote on the Board. 2 two-year termed Director Positions have been added and they will also get a vote on the Board. The ex-officia members are involved in aspects, but do not have a vote on the Board.
- Creation of formalized *Executive Board*. Some duties of the President have been dissolved into an *Executive Board*.
- Changes have been made under *Dissolution*.

Bylaw Topics Discussed:

- Eligibility issues involving the Scholarship Committee and the FLA Librarian Scholarship.
- Nominating Committee conflicts with Secretary's voting duties.

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Call for Officer Nominations: by Caroline Reed

- Vice-President/President Elect
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- 2 Director Positions

For anyone interested in assisting the nomination committee, please email Caroline Reed (email information found on the *S/S* website).

Call for Newsletter Announcements: by Hal Harmon

Please email Megan O'Brien (email information found on the *S/S* website) with announcements for the newsletter. Encourage use of the SIS-L list-serv for any library-related discussion, helpful information, job announcements etc.

Program

1:30 – Sue Stover, Director of the Arthur Vining Davis Library

The Arthur Vining Davis Library has been providing resources, reference and research for over 30 years at Mote Marine Laboratory. Its collection is maintained for the support of marine research and education. The Library is located in the Main Research Building. A

Respectfully submitted,
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