



Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium

Dauphin Island Sea Lab

*2009 Fall Executive Committee Telephone Conference
November 24, 2009*

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Dr. G. Crozier, Executive Director, Dauphin Island Sea Lab, Mr. V. Gordon Moulton, Pres., University of South Alabama, Dr. Jack Hawkins, Pres., Troy University, Dr. Robert E. Witt, Pres., University of Alabama

Dauphin Island Sea Lab Faculty and Staff: Mr. David England, Ms. Lori Angelo (recording)

The telephone conference started at 10:30am at which time a quorum was established through a brief roll call. Mr. Moulton welcomed the Executive Committee members and asked for any changes to the December 16, 2009 minutes. Dr. Jack Hawkins (Troy University) made a motion to approve the minutes as distributed, Dr. Witt (University of Alabama) seconded the motion, and minutes were approved. The floor was then open to DISL Executive Director, Dr. George Crozier.

Dr. Crozier began by thanking the committee for their time and directed them to the webpage that had been established to compliment the conference by providing visual support to the items addressed in his report; r/v Alabama Discovery, Richard C. Shelby Center for Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (The Shelby Building), the Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Mesocosm project.

Dr. Crozier explained, the new vessel; r/v Alabama Discovery should be online mid December with a end of November pickup from the manufacturer. A balance of \$85,000.00 will be paid pending certification by the USCG.

Dr. Crozier continued with a report on the Richard C. Shelby Center for Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management building progress. The estimated move in date is pending a final inspection by DISL. At this time, no formal dedication of the building has been planned due to Senator Shelby's demanding schedule. Dr. Crozier mentioned that the Shelby Building will be part of the DISL "Discovery Day" (community outreach program) activities this year, as part of the DISL open house.

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Dr. Crozier mentioned that the DISL Mesocosom project is on track. The stationary tanks are now in place, four larger pond size structures are to be located on campus south of the current structure. The project has been completely built in house. DISL will share a salt water pumping station with Auburn University's Shell Fish Laboratory, which is located on the DISL campus.

In closing, Dr. Crozier expressed concerns regarding sea level rise and shore line loss which has been projected to take place over a period of time. In an effort to protect the Dauphin Island Sea Lab from Storm Surge and Sea Level Rise, Dr. Crozier in cooperation with the Town of Dauphin Island, has manufactured an artificial dune made from with spoilage taken from various sites on the island.

As attention moved to agenda items, the FY10 DISL budget was presented for approval. Dr. Crozier explained that the budget was based on a 10% prorated basis rather than the state ordered 7% rate. The remaining 3% to be held in a contingency fund and used as needed to operate DISL in its current capacity.

The second agenda addressed; the removal of Mrs. Georgia Mallon from DISL bank accounts and contractual agreements with third parties on behalf of DISL pending her retirement. Mr. David England, Associate Director, Administrative Services will be added.

Dr. Witt (UA) made a motion to accept both agenda items presented to the board for approval; Mr. Moulton (USA) seconded the motion, which was approved by the floor.

As the meeting closed, the possibility of scheduling the next executive board meeting at the Sea Lab in the spring was discussed. Both, Dr. Crozier and Mr. Moulton expressed the value a visit to DISL by executive board members would have in nurturing DISL as an asset to its member universities.

Dr. Hawkins (Troy Univ.) inquired DISL's role with international and interinstitutional relationships. Dr. Crozier responded by listing several programs in which DISL is currently involved and planned to strengthen.

Mr. Moulton, thanked the board members for their time and participation, the meeting adjourned.

Dr. George F. Crozier

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