



## **Marine Environmental Sciences Consortium Executive Committee Annual Meeting Minutes**

August 13, 2014

Participants: Dr. Tony Waldrop, Chair; Dr. Jack Hawkins, Vice Chair; Dr. John Valentine, Secretary, Board Members: Dr. Judy Bonner, Dr. Jay Gogue, Mr. David England, Finance Director DISL, and Mrs. Lori Pritchett, DISL (recording).

The board was welcomed and called to order by President Tony Waldrop, Executive Committee Chair. Dr. Waldrop then called for any changes or additions to the meeting agenda, no changes were presented, Dr. Waldrop then asked for the approval of the meeting agenda. The board voted to approve the agenda. Dr. Waldrop then asked for a motion of approval of the previous meeting minutes held on July 15, 2013. Dr. Judy Bonner moved for approval and the board voted unanimously in favor.

Dr. Waldrop then turned the meeting over to MESC/DISL Secretary and Executive Director, Dr. John Valentine. Dr. Valentine presented the first agenda item; MESC/DISL 2014-2015. Dr. Valentine gave a "broad brush explanation" of budget highlights and asked for any questions regarding specifics of the budgets. Dr. Jack Hawkins (Troy University), inquired as to the "reserve" which was answered by David England as 1.2M. Dr. Waldrop then asked for the approval of the 2014-15 budget which was unanimously approved. Dr. Valentine then proceeded to the next agenda item by explaining the requirement set forth in the MESC/DISL to conduct an annual meeting with all 22 participating universities in the MESC. Dr. Valentine explained that this practice was federally mandated in the early formation of the consortium and is no longer required. Dr. Valentine stated that in order to abandon the meetings, the requirement would have to be removed from the MESC/DISL Bylaws and would require a vote of the Executive Board before the process could continue with ratification by the full board. Dr. Waldrop asked for a motion to adjust the current MESC/DISL Bylaws to exclude

the meeting, the board voted unanimously to approve. The last item that required a vote by the board was to include an extension faculty member job description within the existing MESC/DISL Faculty Handbook. Dr. Waldrop asked for a vote to approve the change, and the board voted unanimously in favor. The next item for discussion; nominations to replace Dr. William Cale's position to the MESC Executive Committee re: retirement. Dr. Valentine asked for recommendations or nominations to replace Dr. Cale's replacement to the board. The matter was tabled as Dr. Tony Waldrop will receive nominations from the board at which time, a replacement will be named. Dr. Valentine finished his report with laboratory updates that included: DISL facility additions including the new 3000sqft. Mammal research Center and a 3000 sq. ft. addition to the Estuarium, the DISL public aquarium; renovations to infrastructure, the purchase of a new DISL outreach vehicle "Bay Mobile" by PNC Bank Mobile, continued effort to strengthen consortium linkages, the sponsoring of Mobile County Public School System Coastal Studies Signature Academy, and highlights of the activities at the DISL. Dr. Valentine also reported that he anticipated no findings, problems for the 2014 Alabama State Audit.

Lastly, Dr. Valentine reported on the activities of the Dauphin Island Sea Lab Foundation, and the RFQ bond issue.

Dr. Valentine opened the floor for questions, Dr. Waldrop then thanked the participants and the meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm