

AERS Newsletter

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Spring Meeting Looking **B I G!!**

As Ed Sullivan used to say, "We've got a really big show for you this time." A total of 243 abstracts have been submitted. There will not only be four concurrent sessions, but papers will be presented all day Saturday. There will be two beverage consumption events (Thursday and Friday), and a "to die for" banquet aboard the battleship North Carolina. Plan on spending March 9-11 in Wilmington with your SEERS, BE, and AERS friends.

Registration can be paid at the meeting, but there may be a slight surcharge, and the registration fee does not include the cost of the banquet. The AERS business meeting should be directly after the paper sessions on Friday.

For further details, see the meeting web site at <http://www.uncwil.edu/cmsr/bem2000>

Getting There

The easiest route to Wilmington, N.C. is to take I-95, then east on I-40. I-40 turns into N. College Road as you enter Wilmington. To reach UNCW, stay on College Road past the Market St. overpass and continue 0.5 mile, then left on Randall Pky. To reach Dobo Hall, follow Randall Pky. 0.25 mi., past the water tower, until you must turn right onto Reynolds Dr. After the wooded area, the first building on the right is Dobo Hall.



Hotels

Blocks of rooms have been reserved at the following four hotels, all of which will be served by a free shuttle to UNCW during the meeting. Indicate "UNCW - Benthic Ecology Meeting" to get conference rate.

- Comfort Inn, 151 S. College Rd., (910)791-4841. \$56.00 + taxes per night. Cutoff 2/17/00
- Innkeeper Hotel, 5345 Market St., (910)799-4292. \$59.99 + taxes per night.
- Fairfield Inn, 306 S. College Rd., (910)392-6767. \$62.00 + taxes per night. Cutoff 1/31/00
- Holiday Inn Express, 160 Van Campen Blvd., (910)392-3227. \$65.00 + taxes per night. Cutoff 2/22/00.



Election For Treasurer at Spring Meeting

After an exhaustive search, the Nominations Committee (Iris Anderson) has convinced **Steven Fuller** that he would be pleased to serve AERS as Treasurer for one more term. Steve has already done an exemplary job of keeping our books for the past two years and his experience in the position makes him well qualified to serve another term. At the spring business meeting, additional nominations for treasurer will be accepted prior to the election. So, if there are candidates out there whom Iris Anderson did not contact about running for office, you will have your opportunity to volunteer.



President's Corner

While it may be a cliché to write this, in fact it is true that it seems like just yesterday that I wrote my first President's column for the Newsletter. In many other ways it seems like it was a long, long time ago. During my time as President of AERS, I haven't accomplished all that I set out to; however, setting goals that aren't necessarily realized isn't a bad thing. I'd like to thank the Board and membership for your support, and especially Jerry Williams. Jerry did a great job of reminding me about things that had to be done and the Society probably would be a real mess without his prompting me. Without such a great group of people to provide guidance, the position of President could have been a real chore. In fact it hasn't been, maybe in part because some of those I goals I set for myself weren't as actively pursued as they could have been. In any event, the presidential gavel (and that great big, tattered cardboard box of

presidential papers that is taking up lots of space in my office) will be passed on to Stan Hales in Wilmington. Thank you all for your patience with me.

Linda Blum



Meeting Schedule At A Glance (tentative):

Thursday, 9 March

- 6 PM -11 PM Registration -Wagoner Hall
- 8 PM -11 PM Social - Wagoner Hall

Friday, 10 March

- 7 AM - 5 PM Registration - Dobo Hall
- 8 AM - 5 PM Meeting and Poster Sessions - Dobo Hall
- 5PM - 6PM AERS meeting
- 7 PM -11 PM Reception - Center for MarineScience

Saturday, 11 March

- 7 AM -11 AM Registration - Dobo Hall
- 8 AM - 5 PM Meeting and Poster Sessions - Dobo Hall
- 7 PM - 12 AM Banquet - Battleship North Carolina

Sunday, 12 March

- TRAVEL DAY- no sessions scheduled



Preliminary Program

Here is a [list of the papers](#) that have been offered for presentation at the joint AERS-SEERS-BEN meeting in Wilmington, NC, March 9-11, 2000, in four concurrent sessions. Not all the papers that will be presented are included in the list, but from the length of the list and the topics that will be discussed, it is clear that this is going to be an excellent meeting.



Beverage Consumption Event Sponsors Listed

AERS is contributing to the social on Friday night at the upcoming joint meeting. We have received contributions to defray our costs from two generous sponsors. Judy Heath has contributed in the name of her brother Dennis who passed away recently. Although not a scientist, Dennis had the same love for the water that drew many of us to the field and a knowledge of the Neuse River and estuary that surpassed many scientists. The second sponsor is the Coastal Resources Management Ph.D. Program at East Carolina University. This new program is founded on the principle that managers of our coastal resources should have a strong educational background in science.



Student Travel Award Application Deadline Extended

The student travel awards application deadline has been extended to **Feb 11** because of problems with mail reaching Steve Rebach, who has moved to North Carolina.

His current address is:

Dr. Steven Rebach
NC Sea Grant Associate Director for Research
101-G 1911 Building
NCSU Raliegh, NC 27695.

Please send travel awards applications to Steve at this new address.

Good luck and great success in your new position, Steve. But we are still counting on you to continue to be an active participant in AERS affairs.



Sports Brief

"Turbidity Maximum," the VIMS Women's Flag Football Team, advanced to the semi-finals of the William and Mary Intramural Championships after finishing their regular season 2-2. Unfortunately, they were defeated by the team that ultimately went on to win the tournament. Nonetheless, "Turbidity Maximum" had a great season and the team is looking forward to recruiting more new AERS members to play next season!



ERF Journal, *Estuaries*, Now Available Online

Stephen Threlkeld, Estuaries Managing Editor, has announced that the latest issue of Estuaries [the last one for 1999 -- volume 22(4)] is now available online at <http://erf.org/journal>. The paper copy of the journal will be printed and mailed by Allen Press shortly, so it should be in members' hands early in February 2000.

Beginning in 2000, Estuaries will be published on a bimonthly basis, with the next issue arriving online in April, 2000. E-mail notification will be given of its availability at the ERF web site.

