



HIGHLANDS
BIOLOGICAL STATION
Annual Membership Meeting
June 23, 2018

In attendance: Julia Grumbles, Liz Sargent, Maeve Sargent, Monte Gaillard, Palmer Gaillard, Frances Oakley, Martha Stibbs, Sonya Carpenter, Dick Allison, Jennie Stowers, Vernon Skiles, Ken Conover, Lynda Anderson, Glenda Zahner, Cookie Patterson, Linda Barlow, Karen Patterson, Amy Patterson, Sarah Workman, Jim Costa, Nick Scielzo, Adele Scielzo, Charlotte Muir, Patrick Abbot, Paul Manos, Andy Ash, Howie Neufeld, Jaye Cable, Greg Gangi, Matina Kalcounis-Rueppel

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm by President Julia Grumbles.

President's Report, Julia Grumbles

Grumbles welcomed everyone and made comments about the importance of people and how they support and shape the work we do. She recognized new director, Charlotte Muir, and thanked former director, Sonya Carpenter for their contributions to HBF.

Treasurer's Report, Amy Patterson

Treasurer Amy Patterson reviewed the past year's financials. Patterson updated the final expense number in the budget report to be \$262,462. She spoke that \$125,000 of our budget goes to direct Station support, which is our mission. The funds of the Foundation directly affect what we do here. Thanks to the support of HBS covering most of our overhead (office, phones, etc), our money can go further to support research and improvements.

Director's Report, Charlotte Muir

Muir gave an overview of the past year at the Station including the laboratory, garden, and Nature Center. She emphasized the successes of our outreach and family programming. Other highlights included the updated trails in the garden, summer camp registration success, special events like the Soiree and Oyster Roast, and the amount of scholarships given to researchers at HBS. HBS offers educational opportunities for the entire family, from preschool to grandparents.

Institute for the Environment Program Update, Jaye Cable and Greg Gangi

Featured speakers, Cable and Gangi gave an overview of the Institute for the Environment program in Highlands and at their other campuses. They emphasized that the Highlands program is less attractive to students as it's not as practically based for their future careers like some other programs. They would like to make it into a better fit for budding policy makers, environmental engineers and humanities students. The experiential education offered in IE is what make sit special. Greg spoke that the nature of students has transformed as the recession forced students to think more career-based. We hope to capitalize on Highlands' biodiversity hotspot status. HBS will include improving IE in it's next strategic plan.

Election of Trustees, Jennie Stowers

Four trustees (Tom Claiborne, Vevie Dimmitt, Melissa Delany and Jennie Stowers) are rolling off the board after completing 1 or 2 terms. Greg Gregory and Linda Barlow are willing to serve a second term, having just completed their first term.

New nominees are Vernon Skiles, Melanie Mauldin, Frances Oakley, and Cathy Jones.

A motion was made to elect these 6. Motion was passed.

Unfinished Business

Grumbles thanked Carpenter for her years of hard work and success.

The North Campus is going to bid after procuring a ground lease after 3 failed bid attempts. Carpenter will manage this project.

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm.