South Atlantic Chapter Business Meeting Minutes
San Juan, Puerto Rico
June 6, 2017

Attendance
Attendance was not recorded (15+ attended including – those we can remember - Kim Ponzio, William Conner, Jamie Duberstein, Greg Noe, Diana Hogan, Lori Sutter, Elliot White, Cliff Hupp – if there please let me know to correct list)

William Conner was only officer in attendance so he conducted the meeting

1. Call to Order – 5:30 pm
2. Old Business
   a. Student Travel Awards ($500 each)
      Chapter failed to send out the announcement of this award in time for selection of candidates.

   b. Research Awards ($750 each)
      2. Angela Burrow – “The effects of wetland succession and restoration on threatened amphibians in the longleaf pine ecosystem”

   c. Undergraduate Mentoring Award (help with 1 student up to $1500)
      1. Anjali Boyd attends Eckerd College. She presented a poster entitled “The size distribution of black sea bass on artificial and natural reefs.”

3. Budget - 12/31/16 Checking = $6,359.01; Investment = $8,718.43; TOTAL = $15,077.44.
   a. $1500 NSF Undergraduate Mentoring in Environmental Biology (UMEB) still to come out of checking this year; also, two $750 Research Awards were given out.
   b. $10/member dues from SWS Headquarters will be credited to the Chapter in November
   c. Discussion on investments – The international SWS Board approved allowing Chapters to decide how much of their funds will be invested. SAC decided to continue as we are right now (50% invested, 50% liquid assets), but we will look at options at next year’s meeting in Denver.

4. New Business
   a. SAC-SWS New Officers begin service at the close of this meeting
      1. Chair: Doug DeBerry
      2. Vice-Chair: Brian Benscoter
b. Travel Awards – Greg Noe made a motion that we increase the number of Student Travel Awards to the Annual Meeting from two to three. Seconded by Kim Ponzio. After discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.

c. Bylaws and Standing Rules revisions – Proposed revisions that were emailed earlier to Chapter members were discussed and a number of suggestions for changes and revisions were suggested. The Secretary/Treasurer will take those suggestions and incorporate them into a new document and forward to the Chapter for review. The major change is that the position of Secretary/Treasurer will just become Treasurer and many of the duties of Secretary will be the responsibility of the current Vice-Chair. The Past Chair will head up the Travel Awards Committee.

5. Open Floor for Discussion

6. Adjourn