



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

Name: Justin Perrault
Date: 16/11/2021 00:23:16
Email address: jperrault@marinelife.org
Nominated position: Board of Directors (2 x Positions)
Professional affiliations: Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center
Country of residence: United States of America
Geographic area of work: North America, Africa

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

Researcher

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

15 years

Which Annual Sea Turtle Symposia, or Annual Workshops have you attended?

2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2017, 2019, 2022

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

Yes. I have chaired several sessions in addition to presenting at some of the workshops.

What would you like the Nominating Committee, Board of Directors, and membership to know about you as a candidate for your nominated position? In what ways would you like to contribute to the Symposium/ International Sea Turtle Society? How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

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Why is the ISTS as an organization important to you, professionally and personally? What is your vision for the ISTS over the next 5 to 10 years?

My first experience at ISTS was at the meeting held in Myrtle Beach in 2007. It was there that I first got a feel for the society, its members, and most importantly, the camaraderie. It is at these meetings that new collaborations are formed, new friends/colleagues are made, and the future of sea turtle research and conservation is discussed. It is always wonderful to show up at the meetings at catch up with friends from around the globe. These meetings are fun, exciting, and most importantly, informative. The members of ISTS definitely know how to have a good time, and I often feel that the society's motto should be "work hard, play hard." Year after year, I leave these meetings with new project ideas, new collaborations, and new friendships. While my role thus far has included organization of workshops and chairing sessions, I would love to be more involved and use my skill set to improve upon the organization as a whole. I realize that the society could use help with fundraising, remaining financially stable, and improving opportunities for student attendance. Through my current job, I have some experience with marketing and development, and would love to put these skills to use to improve the society as a whole. It would be wonderful if over the next five years, we could get the society to be self-sustaining, with a surplus of funds so that future meetings can be financially stress free and come with limited costs for student attendees in addition to individuals from low income areas.

Please include a 250-word bio

Dr. Justin Perrault is the Director of Research at Loggerhead Marinelifelife Center and is an Affiliate Scientist/Scholar at Florida Atlantic University. He has a Bachelor of Science in Marine Biology from University of North Carolina-Wilmington and a PhD in Integrative Biology from Florida Atlantic University. Dr. Perrault has been working with sea turtles in the laboratory and field since 2005. He has published over 50 papers on marine organismal biology, health, and toxicology, with a focus on sea turtles. Dr. Perrault

completed a Postdoctoral Research Fellowship with Mote Marine Laboratory (2013–2015), where he managed their Sea Turtle Conservation and Research Program Nighttime Tagging Program. He was also a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of South Florida.

Photo:

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TPuWxGQF2q4HduDly3cw9FXbgHcmVhbt>

Section 3: Declaration

Circle your response to the below statements:

I am a current member of ISTS Yes

I have read and understand the ISTS by-laws and constitution Yes

I have read and understand the terms of reference for the position which I am nominating for: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees, I understand that the Annual Board Retreat is usually in the 3rd week of August: Yes

For Board of Directors nominees: Please read the following statement and add your initials below to confirm you understand the workload involved:

The Board is a working Board. All members of the Board are expected to carry the workload, share the responsibility of assigned tasks, and respond to written communications – this can typically be 40+ hours per year in addition to the Board meeting at the Symposium and the Board Retreat. If Board members do not actively participate, they will be asked to resign.

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