



NOMINATION APPLICATION FORM

Section 1: Applicant Details:

Name: Roderic Mast

Nominated position: Awards Committee (2 x Positions)

Professional affiliations: Oceanic Society

Country of residence: USA

Geographic area of work: Global

Section 2: Applicant Response:

How would you describe your work with sea turtles?

Conservation (SWOT, MTSG, etc.)

How many years have you worked with sea turtles?

40+

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

All except Baltimore and a couple others in the early 1990s

Have you been involved with any Symposium activities?

Past President, (2004, Costa Rica), Board of Directors, Auctioneer, and other stuff.

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?

#1 - I was asked by Nick Pilcher to serve in this capacity, and I cannot say no to him, as he has been my partner, friend, and co-conspirator in all things relating to sea turtle conservation since 2003 (I could not have led the 2004 CR Symposium without his consult, for instance), and I trust him if he thinks this would be a good role for me; #2 - I know the global sea turtle community as well as anyone, and have over four+ decades of experience with turtle people. #3 - this responsibility would dovetail nicely with my SWOT and MTSG efforts, especially the "living legends" that I choose every year for recognition in SWOT Report; #4 - I am happy to help the ISTS whenever possible.

How do you envision using the Symposium to advance sea turtle biology and promote conservation?

See above

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?

Professionally and personally, the ISTS has been a bit part of my life since I was a young field biologist (1978 [yikes am I that old?!]) on the beaches of Little Cumberland Island, after which I assisted Jim and Thelma Richardson at several symposia. I never miss an STS, and it is a great opportunity for networking, fostering connections with colleagues, funders, SWOT and MTSG allies, and more. My vision for ISTS over the next 5 to 10 years involves continuing its mission of connecting scientists and managers worldwide, fostering dialogue, learning, and social interactions. Strengthening these connections is crucial for collaborative success in sea turtle research, conservation, and education globally.

Please include a 250-word bio

Find it online please -- oceanicsociety.org

Photo:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=1nKsZdq_liEMtk7mea_mz2imjs-txD-iv

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 a Board member does not maintain their ISTS membership and demonstrate a high level of commitment to the ISTS as described in the Board members' TORs, they will be asked to resign from the Board. High level of commitment is defined as not missing two consecutive mid-year meetings, except under extenuating circumstances, and annually serving on 1-2 Board task forces, leadership roles, Committees, etc.