

**Board Meeting of the 39th Annual Sea Turtle Symposium**  
**5 February 2019**  
**Charleston, USA**

**Student Committee**

The Student Committee presented their activities and contributions to the Symposium, which include a Workshop on Trending Research Topics and Techniques, Speed Chatting with Experts, and Evaluations of student presentations.

**Nominations Committee**

The Chair of the Nominations Committee provided an overview of the process and discussed the challenges in finding candidates and the lack of engagement from the membership.

**Travel Committee**

The Travel Chair provided details on allocations for travel grants this year, which were restricted to accommodation (beds). A motion to approve the Travel Chair's report was presented and passed.

**Student Awards**

The Student Awards Committee Chair provided information on the number of presentations (120 presentations with almost an equal number of orals and posters).

**Awards Committee**

The Chair of the Awards Committee provided an overview of the process and how the committee selected recipients. The Chair recommended a few modifications that the Board agreed to include as a discussion item at the 2019 Board Retreat.

**President's Overview**

The President provided an overview of the number of registrants and the organization. He highlighted the need to recognize that we have grown from small to international and the need to rethink certain procedures and structure.

**Treasurer's Report**

The Board approved the financial report, and highlighted the compliments received for posting the Treasurer's report on Cturtle.

**Ethics Code**

The progress on the development of the Ethics Code was briefly visited.

**Post-Symposium survey update**

There will be one more review of this draft and then it will be circulated to Symposium participants.

**ISTS website**

An in-depth discussion on modifications needed to the website were postponed to the 2019 Board retreat.

**President-Elect's Overview**

The President-Elect gave an overview of plans for the 2020 Symposium in Colombia.

**Other Business**

The Board touched briefly on items Board members' tasks, printed vs. electronic Symposium program, the length of the Awards Ceremony, and countries wishing to host a Symposium.

**Board members in attendance:** *Yoshi Matsuzawa, Ken Lohmann, Diego Amorocho, George Balazs, Richard Reina, Manjula Tiwari, Andres Estrades, Felix Moncada, Andrea Phillott, Jeanette Wyneken, Marc Girondot, Andy Agyekumhene, Frank Paladino, Laura Prosdocimi (partial by Skype)*

**Observers:** *Alex Gaos, Matthew Godfrey, Natalie Wildermann, Chris Gatto, Erin Seney, Katy Shaw.*