

## SAIL Regional Group Report, 2006–2007

A lot of accomplishments were made throughout the year and SAIL saw many changes. Some of the significant highlights include: the acceptance of the SAIL expansion proposal, membership growth, implementation of regional group proposal, involvement in committees and taskforces, retirements and enhancement of our new web site.

### **Membership Status:**

Since the SAIL expansion proposal had been approved, we have seen an increase in numbers with membership. SAIL grew substantially from 58 members in February 2007 to currently 70 members. SAIL expanded its geographic region to include the eastern Atlantic coast of North America, central and eastern Canada, eastern Mexico and Panama. We've had several new members come aboard from these regions and we welcome all of them!

The Membership Committee continues its efforts in recruiting new members. One of the major accomplishments has been reviewing and completing SAIL's membership directory.

### **SAIL Activities:**

As SAIL Representative, Liz DeHart attended the 32<sup>nd</sup> IAMSLIC Conference in Portland, Oregon, October 8-12, 2006.

SAIL web site completely updated, thanks to Helen Ivy and Chris Zeigler  
<http://mrl.cofc.edu/sail/index.html>

Implementation of regional group proposal / SAIL Annual Plan, 2006-07 approved  
SAIL funding allocation = \$1925

### SAIL Members involved in various offices, committees and taskforces:

#### IAMSLIC Executive Board

Liz DeHart – SAIL Representative (2005-07)

Jan E. Heckman – SAIL Representative (2007-09)

Janine Devereaux [retired] Sandra Abbott-Stout – Treasurer (2006-07)

Elizabeth Winiarz – President-Elect (2008-09)

#### IAMSLIC Archivist

Lisa Raymond

#### SAIL Selection Committee (annual plan, grants)

Liz DeHart (**Chair**), Kristen Metzger, Susan Berteaux, Jan Heckman, Elizabeth Winiarz

#### Aquatic Commons Board

Stephanie Haas (**Chair**), Lisa Raymond

#### Conference Committee

Program Planning: Joe Aufmuth, Peter Fritzier

Local Arrangements: Susan Stover, Jan Boyett, Vera Neumann-Wood, Kristen Metzger, Stephanie Haas, Fred Lohrer, Nancy Hicks, Susie Hollowell

#### Membership Committee

Peter Fritzler

Membership Database, Committee Liaison  
Kristen Metzger

Nominating Committee  
Kristen Metzger (Chair), Mary Sears (Member-at-large)

Resource Sharing Committee  
Jan Heckman

Site Selection Committee  
Natalie Wiest

Disaster Taskforce  
**Chair:** Susan Stover  
Members: Joyce Shaw, Gloria Aversano

Implementation Task Force: Regional Group Proposal  
Susan Stover

### **SAIL Members – Retired, new positions**

On behalf of SAIL, I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our SAIL friends who recently retired, or moved on to new positions. I appreciate all their hard work, sharing of time and knowledge, and especially for their kind friendship. SAIL sends you greetings and best wishes! Rosalie Shaffer, Evelyn Poole-Kober, Janine Devereaux, Susi Ridenour and Nancy Hicks.

### **Upcoming 2007 Conference:**

Typically, SAIL conferences are held in the spring (usually April or May), but this year SAIL is extremely pleased to participate in the combined IAMSLIC/SAIL Conference in Sarasota, Florida, October 7-11, 2007, hosted by the Mote Marine Laboratory. Barbara Butler (Chair and Conference Convenor), Susan Stover (Chair Local Arrangements Committee) and all the other committee members are very busy preparing for an exciting conference. The location should draw in many new SAIL members to attend their first IAMSLIC Conference.

### **Upcoming 2008 SAIL Conference**

<http://www.stri.org/>

Vielka Chang-Yau is looking forward to hosting the 2008 Annual SAIL Conference at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama next year. Tentative date is April 14-18, 2008. Everyone should remember to have their passports processed and completed soon.

### **From the SAIL Representative:**

The time has come to pass on the SAIL torch. As of this writing, members are voting for a new representative and term will begin August 1, 2007.

It has been my sincere pleasure serving as SAIL Representative these past two years. The reward has been the continued friendship with my colleagues, accomplishments of all our hard work, and witnessing growth in numbers. I look forward to sharing many more years with my friends and especially getting to know all the new members that I have not even met yet!

For the new SAIL representative, I welcome you. Take charge and keep them busy!  
From the new SAIL rep: thanks, looking forward to working with everyone, Jan Heckman

*by Liz DeHart, SAIL Representative, 2005-07  
July 19, 2007*