



BIO-OCEANS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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*"I am enough of
an artist to draw
freely upon my
imagination.
Imagination is
more important
than knowledge.
Knowledge is
limited.
Imagination
encircles the
world."*

- Albert Einstein

*"Better to
remain silent
& be thought
a fool than to
speak out &
remove all
doubt."*

- Abraham
Lincoln

REPORT ON ANNUAL MEETING

Our annual meeting was held on Tuesday May 11, 1999. There were 38 members in attendance. Reports were tabled by the various executive members. Each one was followed by some healthy discussion from the floor. A new executive was elected which is the same as the old one except for the position of Vice-Treasurer. Mike Latremouille volunteered to fill this position.

It was concluded at the end of the meeting that if the Association is going to meet some of its objectives, we will need more help from the membership. Remember that the executive cannot do it all.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Association continues to be involved in various activities although it is even evident to the Association that summer is coming. One thing that is becoming a real concern to the executive is the lack of volunteers to help to co-ordinate various activities. To date most of the functions have been looked after by the executive members, with two exceptions. These are the "bridge" sessions organized by Rosena Jackson and the web site setup by Bosco Loncaevic. We thank both of them for their efforts. We had hoped to have a summer/ fall picnic, however no one has come forward to co-ordinate the event. Hence unless some one volunteers, the Association will not have a summer gathering.

As well we have been looking for input into the recruitment of new members and for names of staff who worked at BIO during the period of 1962 and 1965. We did get a couple of members to help but there is a need for more help, if we hope to finish this time frame and get started on a staff list for the next period.

Also the newsletter is a great vehicle to pass on information to all members. Our editor was all set to start working on the July edition, however again we had not received anything from members at large except for articles which the executive asked for. This is one place that members from afar can also get involved by writing an article on general interest and /or on a story while working at BIO.

Remember, the Association can not operate over the long haul unless we, the executive get more help from you the members. How about it?

Hi Mike: Not much news on the finance end. Renewals have dropped off completely. \$911.31 in the bank. Jackie is sick. I normally do the envelopes and now I'm doing the stuffing!! All the best. Betty.

RESULT ON THE SEARCH OF A NAME FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

The executive did get a few suggestions on the name to be used for our newsletter. We thank you for your suggestions. The executive reviewed all the suggestions and chose the one which leaves the name as it is now. Thence the name will be "BIO - Oceans Association Newsletter"

TRAVEL CORNER

A meeting for all those have expressed interests in "Travel" was held on June 28, 1999. A bus/van trip over the Cabot Trail during the fall is now a "go". The trip is tentatively planned for the 2nd week of October and can last 2-3 days. If you are interested in joining us and you haven't put your name on the "Trip List" yet, please give Jackie Dale a call at 466-2584.

The bus trip to old Quebec City is on hold for now unless we hear from you and receive enough feedback of interest on such a trip.

There has sufficient interest expressed on "Travelling the British Inland Waters by Narrowboat". A trip planning meeting will be called in September/October. Tentative date is planned for May/2000. If you are interested, please call Jackie.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership for the 1998/99 year was 138 and presently we have 83 for the period ending April 30, 2000.

This represents a decrease of 44 per cent or 55 members who have not renewed. The letter ^{is} included in the mailing of this newsletter as a reminder that the \$5.00 membership fee is due and if not paid by the next mailing of the October Newsletter that their names will be deleted from the future mailing list, which we are loathe to do. Please forward your membership dues to Betty Anderson, 79 Flamingo Drive, Halifax, N.S. B3M 1T2.

Our original mailings totalled approximately 400 and we are disappointed that we have been unable to obtain more names and thus mail out information of the Association. Considering the number of people associated with BIO since 1962 we should have a thousand or two on our list!! Further, some envelopes have been returned for insufficient or incorrect address and a phone check usually indicates that people are no longer at that number. We are truly endeavouring to expand our original lists and would appreciate names, addresses, phone numbers, e-mail, etc. Please call Betty at 902-443-2572. A current mailing list of the BIO-Association is attached for your information.

WHO AM I (#3)?

Naval research in years past was my game.
Knew many people (Worthington, Metcalf, and Sullivan) of fame.
Measured the content of dissolved salts in the sea.
Expeditions took me from the open Atlantic, Caribbean Sea,
both cold polar oceans, and the chilly Pacific.
Worked with all disciplines, none specific.
Sailed on nearly all ships of the BIO fleet,
some triumphant, others tragic in memory I keep.
Witnessed the aftermath of the Rangers demise,
the Baffin's last voyage after a refit disguise.

Here is another puzzle for you. The first person to phone Bob Reiniger with the answer will win a prize.

WHO AM I? (#2)

(Clues in April 1999 Newsletter)

Carl Leonetto Amos

After completing his Ph.D. in sediment studies of the Wash at the University of London in 1974, Carl came to Canada on a Royal Society of London John Murray Travelling Scholarship. He then took up a Post-Doctoral Fellowship with the Atlantic Geoscience Centre where he began studies of the Bay of Fundy. His early contributions to this study were to develop algorithms to use information from the Nimbus-7 and Landsat satellites to determine concentrations of suspended sediments in the water. He later contributed to the development of a numeric model to predict the effects of tidal power development in the Bay of Fundy.

In 1980 Carl was involved in an automobile accident that resulted in serious injuries, requiring Carl to be in hospital and had a number of young students and assistants working with him that were referred to as "Carl's Angels". After his recovery Carl began to diversify his interests and contributions in the field of sedimentology. He participated in Arctic Ocean studies from the ice island Caesar; sediment transport studies on continental shelves, determining that Sable Island is a relict barrier island; paleo-tidal reconstructions in the Bay of Fundy; development of instruments to detect sediment stability and dynamics (with intriguing names such as Sea Carousel, SOBS, and DODO).

Lecture and research seminars were a major part of Carl's contributions during the last two decades. He was the APICS Distinguished Lecturer in 1984. After spending some time in private industry consulting (Newfoundland), Carl returned to BIO and carried on research and lecturing in West Africa, China, Argentina, Philippines and Italy. Carl was at home in Italy, where his mother had lived, and was able to carry our research on the Venice Lagoon and canals. He also developed multi-disciplinary study programs for the Humber Estuary in the U.S., the Fraser Delta in B.C. and the Bahia Banca in Argentina.

Carl recently left BIO to take up a position as Chair, Sedimentological Studies at the Southampton Oceanographic Centre in the U.K.

BIO LIBRARY ARCHIVAL OPEN HOUSE

The members of the BIO-Oceans Association are cordially invited to attend an Archival Open House to be held on Thursday, July 29, 1999 in the Library. There will be scheduled presentations at 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM. However, the archivist will be in attendance all day, so feel free to drop by anytime.

If you have any questions or comments, please call Carole Broome at (902)426-6266 or (902)434-5053 (home).

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