Letter from the President

Dear SENEME Members,

Let the countdown begin! June 29th is fast approaching, and we are looking forward to hosting the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) Annual Conference in Newport, RI, June 29-July 2. The planning committees are working hard as these last few weeks are going to be the busiest with getting the details finalized. I want to express my gratitude to all who have been donating their time to make sure that SENEME hosts the best conference we can!

We have an exciting program planned for the Conference. To kickoff the week, RI Senators Sheldon Whitehouse and Jack Reed along with the Mayor of Newport, Jeanne-Marie Napolitano will welcome conference attendees to the Ocean State. This will be followed by a historical overview of the local area by Ruth Taylor, the Executive Director of the Newport Historical Society. In addition to numerous concurrent sessions, the next few days will also include informative panels and plenaries. Be sure to check out the Conference Schedule on the website for more information.

A few reminders about NMEA 2015:
Registration is open. If you are planning to attend, be sure to register today!! Add a Field Trip to your registration to learn about and see more of Rhode Island, the Ocean State! Lodging information is posted on the NMEA 2015 website. Please be sure to book your hotel room early to take advantage of the special group rate. We are still in need of volunteers to help during the Conference. If you are interested, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Michael O’Connor (moconnor@waterfordschools.org) for more information. If you have an item for the annual Auction, be sure to check out the Conference website to learn more about how to donate.

And let’s not forget the SENEME Lecture Series. If you haven’t already registered for the final lecture, please do today! See page 7 for more information and visit the SENEME website to register.

As always, to find out more about what SENEME is up to, check out the website and the Facebook page and don’t hesitate to contact me.

I look forward to seeing you all at NMEA 2015!

Thank you,

Andrea Gingras
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In all my years as the SENEME Newsletter Editor, this might be the most difficult article I’ve had to write. Not because I have major writer’s block, but because this will be the last issue of The Nauplius as we know it. With ever-changing technology feeding the fast pace of society, it seems most people aren’t reading newsletters such as ours anymore. From a recent survey of SENEME members, it was determined that the majority of members would prefer a shorter, more frequent email as opposed to the longer newsletter 3 times per year. So that is the route the SENEME Board has decided to give a whirl. Starting in the Fall (and after we have all recovered from NMEA 2015!), we will begin a bi-monthly emailing.

In the Spring of 1999, I took over the helm of Editor from then Editor, President and all-around SENEME guru, Thaxter Tewksbury. I honestly don’t remember how it happened. There may have been some begging involved, but I think I may have actually volunteered myself for this one. (There was definitely some begging involved when Thaxter asked me to “run” for President. In retrospect, I should have held out for some bribes, or at least some chocolate on that one!!)

It’s hard to believe I’ve been doing this for 16 years (my twins were toddlers - what was I thinking!!). In the beginning, I pretty much wrote the majority of the issues. Every once in a while, I’d get lucky and someone would submit an article. And it was a rare issue that I wasn’t threatening to “send my thugs” after Thaxter to get his President’s Letter after it reached 3 weeks late status. But that was part of the fun! I still do a lot of the general writing of SENEME-related announcements and pull together tidbits which cross my path. But it’s also reached the point where I regularly receive unsolicited submissions, and that is always exciting.

Before I officially close out my post as The Nauplius Editor, I would like to acknowledge my most frequent contributor through the years. While his column hasn’t been in every single issue I’ve done, Joe Hage’s “Sound Notes From the Water Column” has entertained many of us throughout the years, and I personally will miss reading about his many adventures (or mis-adventures!). Thank you, Joe!!!

I also have to thank Trina Barrett and Julie Ainsworth for being my devoted proof-readers for YEARS. They always had my back, and I could count on them to find the errors I missed (or made!).

I’ve enjoyed being your Editor and look forward to what the future may bring in SENEME communications. Until then, see you all this summer at NMEA 2015!!

Donations Wanted for the NMEA 2015 Auction!!!

The very popular NMEA Auction will again be a highlight at the 2015 Conference. The Auction raises money for the NMEA Scholarship Fund and is the perfect chance to bid on items with a marine motif during both the silent and live auctions. Be sure to open your hearts and wallets for this special event following the dinner on Tuesday evening, June 30, at the Newport Marriott.

Have an auction item to donate? Have auction questions? Contact Cathi Lepore at clepore@westbrookctschools.org.

Popular aquatic auction items include: education resources, jewelry, outdoor gear, crafts/artwork, gift certificates, charter fishing trips, vacation packages, or guided tour events. Any treasures that may bring a high bid are welcome.
The early morning dew clung to the hanging branches along the edge of the trail. Dawn’s forest light filtered through the trees illuminating the leaf-littered floor as students quietly made their way down the trail to the bridge. Each student totes a tool or lumber materials necessary for the construction of a wooden edifice spanning the small Sherman Brook. An impact driving drill suddenly shattered the silence, rapping with quick succession a screw home deep into the pressure treated lumber. A pause as a new piece was put into place, and again another screw driven home, this time however the pause was answered...In the distance another hammer driver answered. A Piliated Woodpecker answered the mechanical call with his own response. Another baluster was affixed, and the woodpecker answered, threatened by the prowess of the hammer drill.

Why build a bridge? I feel sorry for the students. Colchester residents cannot afford the schools’ field trip budget and as a result, it has been completely eliminated; slashed probably never to be reinstated again. We were a member of Project Oceanology for at least 25 years. Now, we will never be part of any of these enriching programs. No child should be left inside. The most learning happens when students can experience science in situ. Hands on with muddy boots leaves the greatest impression on students, drawing the connections between theories pontificated in the concrete block building and real world application. On-campus walking trips to our back yard are the most we can afford. As luck would have it, 180 plus acres has been deeded to the town as open space, as part of the White Oaks development. This open space abuts Bacon campus boundaries and is ideal for outdoor education, cross country trails as well as a beautiful and historic parcel of land that has a multitude of educational and recreational opportunities.

The State Geologist led a field trip with teachers, administrators and students, to the property, and discovered several historic sites of indigenous peoples, as well as, some of the largest examples of colonial charcoal pits in the state. The predominantly mixed hardwood forest provides a variety of ecological study opportunities such as vernal pools, and rare flora like trillium, lady slipper, princess pine, and cedar wetlands. With the guidance of state foresters who have visited the sites, plans for an outdoor classroom, educational signage, multi-use trails, as well as bird watching opportunities, are all slated for future implementation by students, for the students...all in our back yard.

Between Bacon Campus and this large tract of land is a small, free flowing stream called Sherman Brook. It is beautiful. There are crayfish, small minnows and a variety of riparian flora and fauna. I have fallen into the brook several times. Although it is fun to explore the moist mossy rocks and slippery logs traversing the stream, it is not ideal when attempting to bring a class across to the other side.

The students of Bacon Academy need a bridge.

After consulting with the town engineer, and planning and zoning wetlands officer, we have determined the minimum of what would be appropriate for school use, access issues, flooding and structural requirements. These gentlemen were exceedingly helpful in donating their time, energy, and expertise.

As a gift to the students of Colchester, I decided to build a bridge. I applied for and received several grants, and it is almost complete. It has been built entirely by student labor. A little wooden edifice spanning a bucolic woodland stream, bridging the potential for outdoor education to survive.

WINNERS OF SENEME SCIENCE FAIR AWARDS

This spring, SENEME presented awards to students at the Connecticut and Rhode Island State Science Fairs. There were two winners from each state with all four receiving a prize of $100 and a one-year SENEME membership for them and their science teacher. The Connecticut winners were Nathaniel Tomczak of Joel Barlow High School in Redding who won the Senior Award for his exhibit, “Zostera marina’s effect on Carbon Dioxide Levels in Long Island Sound and Predicted Effects,” and Natalene Sim from St. Rose of Lima School in Newtown, who won the Junior Award for the project entitled, “The Effect of pH on the Growth of Algae.”

Information on the Rhode Island winners was not available at press time and will be announced in a future SENEME email.

Congratulations to all!!
Diana Payne Receives 2015 CSTA/CSSA Science Advocate Award

By Dr. Ralph J. Yulo, Jr.

Given jointly by the Connecticut Science Teachers Association (CSTA) and Connecticut Science Supervisors Association (CSSA), the Dr. Sigmund Abeles Science Advocate Award recognizes individuals or organizations that have demonstrated genuine advocacy for science education in Connecticut as evidenced by substantial and sustained support and contributions. The award is named in honor of Dr. Sigmund Abeles, Connecticut’s Science Consultant emeritus for his effective, productive, and successful advocacy for science education.

Diana accepted the award at the annual CSTA/CSSA awards banquet at the New Haven Lawn Club on May 20, 2015. Presenting the award was long-time SENEME member Dr. Ralph Yulo, who noted Diana’s role as an Assistant Professor and the Education Coordinator with Connecticut Sea Grant in Groton, Connecticut. She directs the K-12 formal and informal education programs, including professional development for educators, curriculum consultation, dissemination of resources and publications, and creating connections between scientists and educators. Diana is sought after for her knowledge and expertise, and she serves as an evaluator for important projects and programs for NOAA, NSF, and the EPA. She also served on the committee to develop the Connecticut Environmental Literacy Plan (ELP) and the committee that reviewed the Connecticut Science Framework for comparisons with the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). Additionally, she developed the Long Island Sound Mentor Teacher (LISMT) program. Since its inception in 2002, the LISMT program has consistently recruited high quality, creative and respected teachers to assist their peers in incorporating LIS content into curricula within the scope of the Connecticut Science Frameworks. The program has facilitated 28 LISMT workshops utilizing 26 LIS mentor teachers to reach 381 formal and informal K-12 educators, and through them, a self-reported 16,553 students. In recent years, she has made more than 125 professional presentations at conferences and workshops. During that same time, she has served as Co-PI, collaborator or implemented the work on education and research grants totaling more than $1,200,000.

Her work as the Education Coordinator has included many research cruises with ocean scientists, and she has made it possible for science teachers to be on board, too. This meant that teachers had first-hand opportunities to observe and to work with research scientists. Many of these teachers have since gone on to better incorporate scientific practices and crosscutting concepts into their curriculum and instruction, and several have received accolades from the peers, including CTSA awards.

In addition to her dedication to science education in Connecticut, she is well known for her regional, national and international service. She is the Regional Co-Coordinator of the Quahog Bowl (CT-RI regional of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl) and has been involved in aquatic invasive species programs with Sea Grant colleagues nationally. She served as President of the National Marine Educators Association (NMEA), Chair of the New England Ocean Science Education Collaborative (NEOSEC) and Chair of the Sea Grant Education Network (SGEN). She is considered an international expert on Ocean Literacy. She was the keynote speaker on Ocean Literacy at the 2011 International Pacific Marine Educators Network (IPMEN) biennial conference in Sigatoka, Fiji, and currently serves as the Vice Chair of the NMEA Ocean Literacy Committee. She is a co-author of the revised version of the Ocean Literacy guide (v.2, March, 2013). Most recently, she was named a Fulbright Scholar and will spend part of the fall of 2015 in Denmark.

Her name has become a household word. Wherever I go, I find teachers who know her, respect her, and appreciate all that she has done for them. Please join me in congratulating Diana on this prestigious award!
Volunteers Needed
National Marine Educators Association 2015 Annual Conference
Newport, RI
Sat. 6/27 - Thurs. 7/2

Pre-Conference help 6/27 & 28

Conference in Newport, RI 6/29- 7/1
Runners for events, Concurrent session monitors, Auction table monitors, Event set up/break down

Mystic Aquarium Reception 7/1
Event set up/break down

Field Trips 7/2 in RI and CT
Bus monitors, Lunch prep, Event ticket management

To volunteer or for more information, please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Michael O’Connor at moconnor@waterfordschools.org.
NMEA 2015 BLOCK ISLAND FIELD TRIP

**Limited Slots Remain!**

An active and moderately strenuous introduction to Block Island, this post National Marine Educators Association (NMEA) Conference field trip includes a ferry excursion to and from Block Island, an island tour, overnight hotel accommodations, “wet & dirty” salt marsh exploration, an update on Native American archaeological sites exposed by recent erosion (aided by Hurricane Sandy), a visit to the Block Island Historical Society, an early morning kayak expedition across the Great Salt Pond accompanied by local naturalists, Southeast Lighthouse tour, an update on the Deep Water Wind Offshore Project, a visit to Sun Farm Oysters with its solar upwellers, and a guided beach hike to the North Light surrounded by dunes filled with nesting gulls. This really is a unique opportunity to explore Block Island, its beaches, lighthouses, spectacular bluffs, and more! Visit http://www.marine-ed.org/general/custom.asp?NMEA_2015_FieldTrip for further details.

Lodging must be finalized ASAP, so please sign up immediately for this amazing field trip if you want to participate!

Ready to register? Please contact Lorrie Martin via e-mail, lwm06422@yahoo.com, with any questions, as well as to register.

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Southeastern New England Marine Educators Association (SENEME) Invites you to attend . . .

“Sea-level Rise: Past, Present, and Future”

Simon Engelhart, Assistant Professor, University of Rhode Island, Department of Geosciences; Thursday, October 15, 2015; 7-8PM; URI, Narragansett Bay Campus

Learn how current research focused on geological data can help inform our knowledge of coastal hazards. See high-resolution reconstructions of sea-level rise during the past 2000 years along the U.S. east coast. Hear how the use of microfossils can improve our understanding of earthquake and tsunami risks along subduction zone coastlines in northern California, Oregon, Washington, and Alaska.

REGISTER TODAY! (Visit seneme.org: Events - SENEME 2015 Lecture Series)
$5.00 for students & members
$10.00 non-members
NMEA Pre-Conference Workshop - NOAA Ocean Exploration

Are you attending the National Marine Educators Conference June 29 - July 2, 2015? As a precursor to the Conference, NOAA’s Office of Ocean Exploration and Research is offering the following half day professional development opportunity:

**NOAA Ship Okeanos Explorer Education Materials Collection**
Half Day Professional Development for Educators of Grades 5-12
Saturday, June 27, 2015
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Newport Marriott
Newport, Rhode Island

Join NOAA’s Office of Ocean Exploration and Research as you are introduced to the *Okeanos Explorer* Education Materials Collection: Volume 1: *Why Do We Explore?* and Volume 2: *How Do We Explore?* As a precursor to the National Marine Educators Conference, this workshop will highlight material from both volumes as a condensed version of full day professional development workshops that are offered nationwide. Come learn how to use standards-based lessons and online resources that guide classroom discovery into the innovative exploration strategies, remotely operated vehicles (ROVs) and other ocean tools used onboard the NOAA Ship *Okeanos Explorer*. Topics include modern reasons for ocean exploration, underwater mapping, exploring the water column, deep ocean exploration with remotely operated vehicles, and telepresence technology that enables participation from shore during ocean exploration missions.

Registration is required and space is limited. Participants will receive the *Okeanos Explorer* Education Materials Collection, Volume 1: *Why Do We Explore?* and Volume 2: *How Do We Explore?*, other education resources, and a NOAA Ocean Exploration Certificate of Participation.

**Registration Deadline is June 12, 2015.**

To register, please contact: Susan Haynes, 401-289-2810, susan.haynes@noaa.gov

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**CT Public Schools receive FREE Online Access to JASON Learning Resources through 2017**

Through generous support from the CT Department of Economic and Community Development, all Connecticut public school educators can register to receive a free JASON Learning online account.

The gated JASON Expedition Center features curricular resources, articles, labs, videos, digital games & simulations, and a robust classroom management platform for teachers. Best suited for Grades 5-9, the curricular themes include: Climate, Weather, Geosphere, Ecology, Forces and Motion, and Energy. For general information about JASON Learning programs, visit www.jason.org.

Visit [http://www.jason.org/roll-outs/ct-statewide](http://www.jason.org/roll-outs/ct-statewide) to enroll today!
Hurricane Season Has Started!

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the publication of a new digital book, *Hurricanes: Science and Society*. The book is suitable for grades 4-16 formal and informal science instruction. It can be used as a classroom textbook or as a general classroom resource. The graphics, animations, and information are designed for tablet reading and also for projecting on a large screen.

*Hurricanes: Science and Society* contains a wealth of content, including the foundational science needed to understand hurricanes and information to assist readers in making good decisions prior to and during a hurricane emergency. It covers the full hurricane life cycle and how these potentially disastrous storms can affect communities. Topics include how hurricanes form, are tracked, and are forecast, as well as hurricane threats during landfall. There is also an overview of selected historical hurricanes. This highly interactive book is filled with compelling imagery and video. For educators, interactive quizzes are included at the end of each chapter, along with references. The book also has a comprehensive glossary, with more than 400 entries, linked from the text. It is designed to be accessible to diverse audiences.

*Hurricanes: Science and Society* is available on iBooks. iBooks allows for browsing the book and downloading it directly to a Mac computer, iPad, iPhone, or iPod touch.

*Hurricanes: Science and Society* is based on published, scientific research and has undergone peer review by a panel of scientific experts. Additional information is available on the [www.hurricanescience.org](http://www.hurricanescience.org) website. This book was developed by the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography.

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**Professional Development Workshops for Teachers and Informal Educators**

*Teachers on the Estuary (TOTE)/Project WET:*
When: July 10-12, 2015
Where: Prudence Island

*Project WET*
When: June 13, 2015
Time: 9:45am-6:30pm
Where: Prudence Island

Email Maureen Dewire, Education Coordinator at maureen@nbnerr.org, for more information about these upcoming opportunities and to reserve your space!
Ocean Science Exploration Camp

The University of Rhode Island Inner Space Center will offer a summer session of Ocean Science Exploration Camp, August 10-14, 2015. During this week-long day camp, participants will become physical oceanographers. Through a variety of hands-on activities, demonstrations, and field investigations, campers will explore and learn about the dynamic properties of the global ocean including:

- density
- buoyancy
- salinity
- temperature
- wave dynamics
- ocean currents
- tides
- the ocean-weather-climate connection

Campers will also learn about ocean technologies, tune into live oceanographic expeditions, and be surrounded by video, audio, and other oceanographic data, experiencing the amazing ocean discoveries that unfold at the ISC in real time. Campers will engage with scientists that are involved in active missions and learn about ocean careers.

Cost: $495 per camper.

Questions? Please contact: Holly Morin, ISC Education Specialist, at holly_morin@uri.edu or (401) 874-6414.
Southeastern New England Marine Educators is proud to host the 2015 National Marine Educators Association Annual Conference

Don't miss this amazing opportunity! Southeastern New England Marine Educators (SENEME), this year's NMEA Conference host, encourages you to join us in beautiful, seaside Newport, June 29 - July 2, to connect, network and exchange ideas with other formal and informal educators, scientists, students, and government and industry members from across the U.S. and around the globe.

To register for the 2015 NMEA Conference, please go to:

We encourage Conference participants to stay at our designated host hotel, the Newport Marriott. Conference meetings, plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, exhibits, and the evening auction and dinner, will be held at this venue. In addition to reserving lodging at the Conference location, those staying at the Newport Marriott will also have access to the hotel's first-class accommodations, luxury spa, an indoor swimming pool, fitness center, and on-site restaurant. The Conference hotel also offers a convenient harbor-side location close to numerous restaurants, shops, and attractions such as the Cliff Walk, Newport Mansions, and Castle Hill Lighthouse.

The deadline for all lodging reservations associated with NMEA 2015 is June 10, 2015. The negotiated group rates, starting at $229/night, are incredibly reasonable given this hotel's downtown location and the proximity in time to the 4th of July holiday. Please note, any reservation made after the June 10th deadline will be at a higher rate. Additionally, given the proximity in time to the 4th of July holiday, room availability will no doubt be limited. We therefore encourage you to make your hotel reservations at the Newport Marriott as soon as possible.

To make your hotel reservation at the Newport Marriott, please visit:
The NMEA 2015 group code will already be inputted, with associated group rates indicated.
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SENEME AWARDS

Would you like to recognize a fellow SENEME member for their contribution to marine and aquatic science education? Nominations are being accepted for the awards below. Further information can be found at: SENEME.org > Grants & Awards.

SENEME Marine Educator of the Year: For effective and innovative teaching, and/or distinguished performance by either a classroom teacher or professionals who are not classroom teachers. This nomination requires completion of a nomination form and a letter of recommendation from at least one active SENEME member. Recipient receives one-year membership to SENEME and registration to the annual Fall Conference.

SENEME Life Member: Life membership is the highest recognition the Association offers and is reserved for those individuals who have demonstrated a distinguished career in teaching, research or service in marine education. This nomination requires completion of a nomination form and letters of recommendation from at least three active SENEME members. The Awards Committee will present its recommendation to the SENEME Board for consideration. Upon endorsement by the majority of the Board, the successful nominee shall be declared a Life Member and will receive lifetime membership in SENEME.

SENEME BOARD - CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The SENEME Nominating Committee is seeking candidates for the SENEME Board position of Membership Secretary. The Nominating Committee invites SENEME members to submit qualified names for consideration.

This is a two year position starting in October 2015.

Please contact Amy O’Neal, Nominating Committee Chair at amy@jason.org for more detailed information about the position and to submit nominations. Nominations are due by August 1, 2015.

THANK YOU TO OUR SENEME ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERS FOR THEIR SUPPORT!!
Southeastern New England Marine Educators (SENEME)

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

☐ New  ☐ Renewal (check one)

Name: ____________________________________________  Today’s Date: ____________________________

☐ my information has not changed

School/Business Address: ____________________________ Street

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Position (check all that apply)

☐ Teacher  ☐ Retired  ☐ Scientist  ☐ Consultant
☐ Principal  ☐ Professor  ☐ Dept. Head/Chair  ☐ Other__________
☐ Student  ☐ Superv./Coord.  ☐ Administrator

Disciplines (check all that apply)

☐ Biology  ☐ Environmental  ☐ Computer Science  ☐ Other__________
☐ Physics  ☐ Science  ☐ General Science
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Which grades do you teach? (check all that apply)

☐ K – 5th Grade  ☐ 6th – 8th Grade  ☐ 9th – 12th Grade  ☐ College

Send SENEME e-mailings to (check one):

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Please consider joining one or more of our 5 standing committees (more information can be found on our website).

☐ Membership  ☐ Nomination  ☐ Publicity/Publication  ☐ Conference/Special Events  ☐ Financial Advisory

SENEME is considering sponsoring the NMEA conference in 2015. Would you be interested in helping? ____________

Membership Category (check one):

☐ Active Member (1 Year $15)
☐ Active Member (2 Year $25)
☐ Active Member (3 Years $35)
☐ Organizational Memberships (Non-Profits Only $100)
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Please note: regardless of which membership option you choose, your membership will begin immediately and expire on December 31st.

Total Enclosed: $__________

Please return this form with check payable to SENEME.

Mail to SENEME

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