

## **Diving Control Board Meeting Minutes 17 December 2012**

### **In Attendance:**

Stephen Jewett  
Brenda Konar  
Katrin Iken  
Max Hoberg  
Dave Christie  
Jerry Phillips  
Ginny Eckert  
Sherry Tamone  
Elizabeth Siddon

### **UA Dive Manual Revision:**

We discussed the updates and revisions of the manual. Stephen will get these finalized in 2014 and will send out the final revision to us when he sends it to AAUS for approval.

### **Membership:**

Student Representative: Terril Efird will step down as he is graduating. Alexandra Ravelo will be asked if she would like to serve.

Dave Christie will be retiring in 2013. It was discussed whether he should be replaced. We will address this later.

Stephen Jewett may be retiring in 2014 Spring. This will be discussed when the time is closer.

### **2011 stats:**

These were sent out in April. It was noted that 2011 was the lowest numbers in a while (similar to 2000/2001). Stephen thinks that 2012 will be even lower. These numbers are still higher than they were in the 90s but they are experiencing a dip. More research funding and more diving students would be nice. These stats were submitted to AAUS. We are still about “middle of the road” compared to other programs.

### **Hosting a AAUS Symposium:**

AAUS is still looking for venues for 2014 and 2015. If we do it, it could be in Anchorage, Juneau, Seward, or Homer. We just need someone to take the lead. The lead would then determine where it would be located. A field trip to Kasitsna Bay is an option for diving. We need to associate diving with the conference. Stephen says that there is interest in coming to Alaska.

Ginny is volunteering to look into it (a joint venture with Alaska Department of Fish and Game). She will see what kind of help and partnerships she can find and will let us know. If there are too many roadblocks, Brenda will look into it. Brenda also can help with the drysuit training. Proposals are due sometime prior to February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Program Review and Site Inspection:**

This program seems to have died down. Hopefully, it will remain a non-issue..