



CERF 2025
28th Biennial Conference
9–13 November 2025 / Richmond, Virginia

FALL 2025 SEERS BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 11TH, 2025



28th Biennial CERF Conference
Estuaries: Tradition and Transition
Join us in Richmond, Virginia, USA, 9-13 November 2025

A stylized, colorful illustration of a coastal scene. The background is a light blue gradient with a pattern of small, light blue circles. In the foreground, there are several layers of water and rocks. The water is depicted with various shades of blue and green, and some areas have a white dotted pattern. There are two white, conical shapes that look like waterfalls or fountains. On the left side, there are yellow and green plants with white dots. On the right side, there are blue and white plants. The overall style is modern and artistic.

SEERS BOARD

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Note from the President

Celebrating and Honoring the Legacy of Estuarine Science as We Progress into the Future

Spring 2025 Meeting, March 6-8

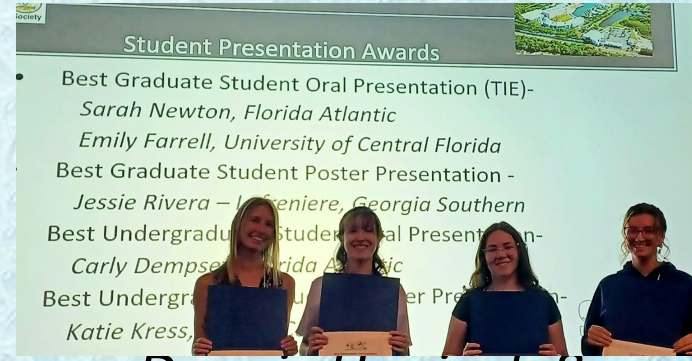
Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, Fort Pierce Florida



- Thanks for a great Spring 2025 meeting!!!
- Local hosts, Rachel and Jordan, FAU HBOI
- Keynote Speakers, Brian Lapointe & Cassondra Armstrong:
Honoring work and legacy of

Enrique Reyes

- Sponsors & swag contributions & great silent auction organized by Loren at the



- **TOTAL SPONSORSHIPS: \$2,000**
 - LEVEL 1 (\$250): HBOI-FAU, UNF, GA-SEAGRANT, SC-SEAGRANT,
 - LEVEL 2 (\$500): THALASSAS- \$250 & GOODS
 - LEVEL 3 (\$750): XYLEM/YSI & GOODS
 - GOODS: CCA, WATERLUST, FREE FLY, WALKING TREE BREWERY, SAILFISH BREWERY, MANATEE LAGOON, BREVARD ZOO, MARINE DISCOVERY CENTER
- **SILENT AUCTION PROFIT & MERCHANDISE SALES NET: ~\$2,000**
 - THANKS STUDENT REP!
 - ANY NEW SWAG ITEMS YOU WANT TO SEE AT THE NEXT MEETING?

- **Currently in coffers: \$48,432.85**
- **Estimated 2025 meeting costs: \$20,731.81**
 - + 8 travel awards @\$250 = \$2,000
 - + 4 presentation awards @\$30 = \$120
- **2025 Registration income: \$16,785**
 - 115 Registered
 - 55 students & 60 regular
- **Spring 2026 Joint Meeting with AERS in Moorehead City, NC: cost estimated ~\$28,000**
 - Planned 50/50 split of expenses, sponsorships, & profits
 - AERS pays up front & we reimburse them
 - We'll provide a check for half of costs up front
 - All proceeds will be split 50/50 after the meeting by a predetermined date



SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025
Regular	144	150	64	58	80	92
Student	98	71	60	32	38	39

- Before Spring 2026 meeting, the minutes for previous business meeting will be sent to membership for approval at Spring business



COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS

Board Members 2024– 2026

- Treasurer: Rachel Brewton (will continue for 2026 - 2028 Board)
- Program Chair: Laura Treible (will continue for 2026 - 2028 Board)
- President: Amanda Kahn (will rotate to Past President)
- President-Elect: A. Loren Mathews (will rotate to President in 2026)
- Past-President: Jessica Reichmuth (will rotate off Board in 2026)
 - *Looking for nominations for SEERS President-Elect (6 year Board term)*

Board Members 2025 -2027

- Student Representative: Zach Czoer
- Secretary: Hans Prevost (continuing as Secretary)



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STUDENT PROMOTIONS

- Student Promotions Committee includes President Elect (Loren), Member-at-Large (Eric), & Student Rep (Zach)
- 14 applications received this summer for CERF Travel Awards
- Students were required to be SEERS members; Preference went to CERF members and students who have not received award in past 2 years
- Rubric used to evaluate application completeness and clarity of abstract, budget, as well as, financial impact and professional benefit of award
- 4 travel awards in the amount of \$500 each are being given.
- And the winners are...



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Congrats to the CERF Travel Award Winners!

- Emily Hill, *University of North Florida*
- Alex Hoey, *Florida Atlantic University*
- Paul Okrah, *University of Georgia*
- Zach Czoer, *Georgia Southern* (SEERS Student Rep) - perk of the job! :)

Please come forward to accept your check and be in a group picture!



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CERF Rising TIDE Scholarship Recipients in the SEERS Region:

- *Saia Bennett, Agnes Scott College, Undergraduate*
- *Mak Perry, Georgia Southern University, Undergraduate*
- *Tyler Pyatt, University of South Carolina, Master's student*

Congrats!



SPRING March 19-21 2026

JOINT SEERS/AERS

Morehead City, NC

Working together to support our estuaries!

Abstracts Due: January 31

Early Bird Registration Ends: February 18

NOTE: Registration and abstract submission are separate actions. Instruction will be also be included in announcement & webpage

Student Travel Award Applications due: January 30

Hotel Block at Hampton Inn

Information on the web:

<https://seers.org/seersnews/2026-seers-meeting/>

STOP BY AND SAY HI IN THE EXHIBITION HALL



North
Carolina
Here we come!

