

**Minutes**  
**Internal Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**National Center for Caribbean Coral Reef Research**  
**February 16, 2006**

**Members present: Peter Swart (Chair) (PS), John McManus (JM), Jay Blaire (JB), Robert Ginsburg (RNG), Peter Glynn (PG), Chris Langdon (CL), Diego Lirman (DL), Andrew Baker (AB)**

Meeting started at 10:30am.

1. Approval of Minutes

The members approved minutes of IAC meeting, Sep. 19, 2005.

2. Next NCORE sponsored workshop

Effects of CO<sub>2</sub> on Coral Calcification in early Apr. 06

AB volunteered to a workshop in Sep. on molecular methods applied to understanding coral biology.

JB suggested putting together a proposal to the dean to request funding to create a seminar series with a coral reef theme that would run for one year.

3. New members

It was agreed that Andrew Baker and Diego Lirman would become new members of the NCORE IAC.

Marilyn Brandt will become the new student representative on the IAC.

All incoming graduate students with a coral reef emphasis will be invited to become NCORE student members with their pictures and research interests appearing on the NCORE web page.

4. Creating an NCORE Coral Reef Publications List with contribution numbers

DL suggested that contribution numbers be assigned to all coral reef related publications coming out of UM.

AB suggested that a work study student be hired to organize a bibliography of all reef papers going back to the earliest days of RSMAS and assign them all numbers. New contributions would then pick up where ever the existing list left off.

5. NCORE funded projects

CL suggested that all funded coral reef projects at UM be listed on the NCORE web page.

6. Rotate director and chairman positions

The rotation of the NCORE Director and chairman position was briefly discussed. It was agreed that further discussions would be tabled until a later date.

7. Deep reefs initiative

RG discussed his view that a good opportunity existed to establish a deep reefs initiative at RSMAS that would take advantage of the unexplored reef communities at intermediate (70-80 m) and deeper depths in close proximity to RSMAS.

8. BLAGRRA

RG described his new BLAGRRA “bleaching” AGRRA survey method.

Meeting ended 11:33 am