



# E-SLATE

## American Academy of Underwater Sciences (AAUS)

### EDITORIAL NOTE – May 2013

Welcome to the May E-Slate! In this issue we open voting for the 2013 AAUS BOD elections, continue registration for the 2013 AAUS/EDSP International Science Diving Symposium, and announce the AAUS/OWUSS 2013 intern. Submit an electronic version of your poster from 2012 poster night and we will highlight your program in the coming months! We welcome news, announcements, job postings, and images of underwater work at [aaus@disl.org](mailto:aaus@disl.org). Current and past issues of the E-Slate are available at [www.aaus.org](http://www.aaus.org).

### NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### AAUS 2013 ELECTION

The 2013 AAUS election opens May 01 and closes June 30. This year the academy will elect a President-Elect, Secretary and Director-at-Large. The term will start on the January 01, 2014. The President-Elect and Secretary will serve a two year term and Director-at-Large will serve a three year term. The election is open to Full Voting Members (individual and OM Reps) in good standing (dues paid, etc.). Ballots are accessed via the AAUS website, [www.aaus.org](http://www.aaus.org), by logging into your individual account and selecting 'Voting and Polling.' To write in a candidate for any office, send an email with the name of the candidate and position for which you are voting to two of the election committee members ([cmcdonald@ucsd.edu](mailto:cmcdonald@ucsd.edu), [dpence@hawaii.edu](mailto:dpence@hawaii.edu), [steven\\_sellers@nps.gov](mailto:steven_sellers@nps.gov)). Candidates' biographical sketch and answers to the election questions are at [https://secure.aaus.org/2013\\_aaus\\_bod\\_election](https://secure.aaus.org/2013_aaus_bod_election).

The Academy thanks the candidates for their willingness to serve the scientific diving community.

#### AAUS/ESDP 2013 Curaçao Joint International Scientific Diving Symposium

The American Academy of Underwater Sciences and the European Scientific Diving Panel Symposium is open for registration. Please register and reserve lodging early to ensure availability! [www.aaus.org/annual\\_symposium](http://www.aaus.org/annual_symposium).

#### Membership Review AAUS-ITI Initiative

The 60-day review and comment period regarding the AAUS-ITI initiative and proposed standards revision officially closed on April 30, 2013. Membership feedback received during this time will be considered by the ad-hoc committee and presented to the AAUS Board of Directors

on May 06. If you missed the opportunity to comment, please contact Christopher Rigaud ([crigaud@maine.edu](mailto:crigaud@maine.edu)). Stay tuned to the E-slate for additional information and progress reports in the coming months.

#### 2013 Organizational Member Dues

2013 OM dues are now due. Please login to your profile at [www.aaus.org](http://www.aaus.org) to be sure all of the information is correct.

#### Call for Abstracts

The OCEANS' 13 San Diego MTS/IEEE Conference has opened the Call for Abstracts. The deadline for abstract submission is May 03, 2013. The event is scheduled for September 23-26 and will be held at the Town and Country Resort Hotel. <http://www.oceans13mtsieeesandiego.org/>

#### Survey

Please help out a Master's student with a quick online survey concerning underwater technology. Follow the link below to participate.

<http://fluidsurveys.com/surveys/kristen-richards/kristen-richards-master-s-thesis-survey/>

#### AAUS Member Statistics Submission

2012 AAUS OM statistics were due 31 March! Please submit immediately to remain an organization in good standing. Forms for your 2012 summary submissions are available at [http://stats.diveaaus.org/User\\_Login.asp](http://stats.diveaaus.org/User_Login.asp). More information and collection criteria at [www.aaus.org/statistics\\_committee](http://www.aaus.org/statistics_committee).

### AWARDS

#### 2013 AAUS/OWUSS Internship



Teresa Tymon, University of South Carolina, has been awarded the 2013 AAUS/OWUSS Scientific diving internship. The Oregon Coast Aquarium will host this year's intern. More information at [www.aaus.org/2013\\_aausowuss](http://www.aaus.org/2013_aausowuss)

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

Full information and application instructions for the following jobs can be found at [www.aaus.org/job\\_board](http://www.aaus.org/job_board)

### Broward County Florida

*Natural Resource Specialist II*

## STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

### HMSC 2013 Scholarships

The Hatfield Marine Science Center is pleased to announce 2013 opportunities for various scholarships to assist students in research and other scholarly endeavors. Please refer to the HMSC website for detailed information, including application requirements, for each award.

<http://hmsc.oregonstate.edu/awards.html>

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Chamber Day

Help support the USC Catalina Hyperbaric Chamber in its 39th year of service to the Southern California diving communities at Chamber Day, Wednesday, May 01.

[www.ChamberDay.org](http://www.ChamberDay.org)

### FSU Panama City's Dive Symposium

Florida State University Panama City will host "Deep Submergence: Past, Present, and Future of Oceanic Exploration" on Thursday, June 20. The symposium will give dive, engineering, math, technology, and science enthusiasts the opportunity to interact with professionals in the oceanic exploration industry as they discuss how they have redefined the scope of deep sea exploration.

<http://www.aaus.org/announcements#FSU>

### 2013 Maritime Archaeology Field School

Saint Mary's College of California (SMC) and the University of Rhode Island will be offering a joint Field School in Maritime Archaeology in Bermuda during July 2013. Training leading to AAUS qualification as a Scientific Diver-in-Training will be provided in advance of departure for Bermuda. For more detailed information, visit [www.aaus.org/announcements#mafs](http://www.aaus.org/announcements#mafs) or contact the SMC DSO at [ses13@saintmarys-ca.edu](mailto:ses13@saintmarys-ca.edu).

## 'Titanic' Director Donates Deep-Sea Craft to Institute

William J Broad



The Hollywood director James Cameron is donating the craft that he built and last year rode into the sea's deepest spot to the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, as part of a new collaboration meant to speed ocean exploration, the partners announced early Tuesday.

The undersea craft, which cost Mr. Cameron, the maker of hit movies like "Titanic" and

"Avatar," roughly \$10 million of his own money, will be used mainly to aid the design of advanced vehicles and technologies, rather than for routinely carrying scientists into the sea's depths. Published: March 26, 2013, New York Times. Full article available at

[http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/26/science/earth/james-cameron-to-donate-deep-sea-craft-to-woods-hole-institute.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/2013/03/26/science/earth/james-cameron-to-donate-deep-sea-craft-to-woods-hole-institute.html?_r=0)

The mission of the American Academy of Underwater Sciences is to facilitate the development of safe and productive scientific divers through education, research, advocacy, and the advancement of standards for scientific diving practices, certifications, & operations.

American Academy of Underwater Sciences  
101 Bienville Boulevard, Dauphin Island, AL 36528

Tel 251 591 3775 Fax 251-861-7540

[aaus@disl.org](mailto:aaus@disl.org) [www.aaus.org](http://www.aaus.org)

**Editor:** Heather Fletcher - [aaus@disl.org](mailto:aaus@disl.org)

**Editorial Board:** Michael Dardeau,  
Michael Lang, Amy Moran

## AAUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael Lang	President
Amy Moran	President-Elect
Lora Pride	Secretary
Mike Dardeau	Treasurer
George Peterson	Director-at-Large
Pema Kitaeff	Director-at-Large, Membership
Christopher Rigaud	Director-at-Large
Marc Slattery	Appointed Director (AD), Standards
Elliott Jessup	Appointed Director (AD), Finance
Diana Steller	AD, Scholarship
Cheryl Thacker	AD, Statistics