

**MONITOR NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY**  
**Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

March 5, 2015  
10:00 am to 12:05 pm  
Phone Conference Meeting

**Meeting Objectives:** (1) Receive an update on *Monitor* artifact conservation funding; (2) address vacant SAC seats; (3) introduce the draft SAC work plan for 2015; and (4) brainstorm ways to reach constituents through meet-and-greet or speaking events.

**Attendance:** (see attached attendance roster)

9 voting seats present (of 13 filled seats).

4 voting seats absent (of 13 filled seats): Heritage Tourism  
Recreational Diving  
U.S. Navy Underwater Archaeology  
Virginia Department of Historic Resources (alt.)

All 10 members of Sanctuary staff attended.

1 additional NOAA official attended.

No public members attended the meeting.

**2015 Dates to Note:**

- ★ March 7-8: Annual [Battle of Hampton Roads Festival](#) at The Mariners' Museum
- ★ March 31: SAC [Vacant Seat Application](#) Deadline (Fishing and Education seats open)
- ★ April 10-11: Diving Symposium at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, NC
- ★ April 30: SAC Seat Application Review Deadline
- ★ May: Lecture at Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C. (details TBA later)
- ★ May: *Monitor* Anniversary Celebration in New York (details TBA later)
- ★ June: "Meet the Sanctuary" Event at Kelly's Tavern (details TBA later)
- ★ July 9: SAC Meeting (LOCATION)
- ★ Nov 5: SAC Meeting (LOCATION)

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## **Administrative Business and Announcements**

### ★ Chair's Welcome

Jim Bunch welcomed everyone to the meeting, noting that it is an exciting time for the Advisory Council: there is a management plan in place and the sanctuary may be on the brink of expanding its boundaries. Going forward, it is more important than ever to reach out and listen to Council members' constituents. A plan of action is being developed as of the meeting. Katherine Van Dam has done some work on it; to be discussed further at a later time. He thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

### ★ Approval of Minutes from Previous Meeting

Wayne Smith made a motion to approve the draft meeting minutes from the December 3, 2014 meeting; Stuart Katz seconded the motion. The meeting minutes were unanimously approved as final. The final minutes will be posted at <http://monitor.noaa.gov/advisory/meetings.html>.

### ★ Superintendent's Report

David Alberg noted that the SAC has done a great job in setting a calendar for its meetings and sticking to that schedule. Having an occasional phone meeting is a good alternative to an in-person meeting considering sanctuary budget constraints. Congratulations to the new SAC officers on their first meeting, the last meeting being transitional.

#### ○ **Budget**

The Sanctuary received its final budget two weeks ago. The fiscal year budget is \$726,500. This budget is pretty good. It includes an additional \$70,000 for vessel operations and maintenance which is important for the SRVX which is the workhorse for the site's research. The budget also includes money for travel and printing documents. All of the budgets for the sanctuary program have been tight in recent years, but this seems to be opening up after the budget shutdown and continuing resolutions, which is exciting.

#### ○ **Personnel Updates**

*(Handout: See attached 2015 Staff Organizational Chart at the end of this document.)*

Lauren Heesemann left our office in February to move to Oklahoma with her husband and will be having her first child in April. The vacancy of her position prompted the office to review the site's staffing needs and opportunities. In addition, the increase in the site's funding level allows the office to provide some part-time opportunities to qualified professionals in this field.

Looking at the staff organizational chart, Paul Ticco and Katherine Van Dam work within our office, reporting directly to Reed Bohne, on *Monitor*-related efforts. Paul

will be focusing his efforts on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) that is federally required in the process of potentially expanding Sanctuary boundaries. Katherine is a policy analyst for the region. Working with David Alberg, Katherine will take over as the primary point of contact for the SAC after today's meeting, as well. Shannon Ricles has done an amazing job as SAC Coordinator. With the increased demands of education and outreach, she will focus on that core job of her position. David Alberg thanked Shannon for her hard work and for formalizing the Council.

Jim Bunch noted that Shannon has been extremely friendly and helpful. She has offered her assistance since his first contact with the SAC.

Susan Langley noted that Shannon will certainly be missed as SAC Coordinator and has gone above and beyond the call of duty in this capacity.

Stuart Katz stated that Shannon has been the glue holding the SAC members together.

David Alberg reiterated that Shannon will not be going anywhere and will be attending future meetings. She will be focusing her efforts on doing the things that she loves, namely education and outreach.

A newer staff member is Pasquale DeRosa. He is the captain of the SRVX and also works with AUVs. For the first few years of operating the SRVX, which is arguably the most sophisticated in the sanctuary system, the site had to work with a company in California and fly out the captain and crew. With an increased use of the vessel, it is more economically efficient to maintain a captain and field operations coordinator on site. Pasquale is extremely qualified in this capacity.

The site has two new part-time maritime archaeologists as of January, as well: Kara Fox and William Sassorossi. They both will receive their master's degree within a matter of weeks from East Carolina University with a focus on North Carolina shipwrecks as part of their dissertation. Both have also been involved with us in some capacity in the past few years. Joe Hoyt has secured additional funding for our site that makes these two positions possible.

Will shared that his dissertation is on WWII wrecks and that he is developing a website database for public use for other wrecks in the North Carolina area. David Alberg noted that this project gives the site a clearinghouse for all of the data the Sanctuary has amassed (i.e., video, photo) to make that more easily accessible by the public. The website will be a one-stop shop for any old and newly discovered wrecks, covering location, background, and other information. It will be jointly hosted by the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries and East Carolina University's Coastal Studies Institute. This project ensures that the Sanctuary is doing its best to share its work with the public and may even evolve into a shipwreck trail project.

Kara stated that she was involved with *Monitor* last summer for mapping the *Caribsea* wreck. She used that research to develop her models for her dissertation. Since she came on board last month, she has been working on a project which partners with dive shops to teach them to how to be better stewards of their sanctuary resources. There is a similar program in the Florida Keys called “Blue Star” from which she is modeling *Monitor*’s program with appropriate adjustments. This site’s program will be named ANCHOR: Appreciating North Carolina’s Historic Ocean Resources. She has already contacted a dive shop in Manteo as the first shop to get involved. In June, the Sanctuary will give the shop a bit of funding to do surveys off Nags Head and then develop some dive slates from that data. She hopes to expand this program along the coast.

David Alberg noted that both Will and Kara have jumped in with both feet since they arrived. Both have given talks on the Outer Banks already. The dive shop that Kara is working with is excited and cannot wait to get started. The Sanctuary has wanted to do this project for years, addressing access concerns and changing the dynamic between the Sanctuary and dive community in the area. Will and Kara are both working on a brochure about the North Carolina diving area, including the laws that impact them and diving practices, as a promotional piece for diving North Carolina for heritage tourism. They will also tweak a few brochures about diving sanctuaries with a *Monitor* twist to be ready in the summer, although printing will be decided based on budget allowances.

Stuart Katz asked whether the diving brochure will be available for the [Dare Day Festival](#). Kara will find out the date of that festival.

David Alberg also noted that Kara is taking over as volunteer coordinator from Lauren Heesemann’s responsibilities. *Monitor*’s volunteer base has been growing. SAC members will hear from Kara with regards to reporting on hours, and she will work with new individuals to get them on board and increase our volunteer hours.

Will is also going to be managing the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation, an important job as the Foundation provides funding for SAC materials and materials for the site’s partners, among other things. If any SAC members need new sanctuary shirts, we can put in an order now while Land’s End is running a promotion for logos at no additional cost.

The site also has a NOAA Corps officer for the first time in our management history. Linh Nguyen arrived a few weeks ago and immediately went to a training conference in California. She will serve as vessel operations officer and *Monitor*’s representative on the Climate Change Committee.

Linh noted that she previously assisted with vessel operations in the Pacific. She was also involved with the SAC process down at the Florida Keys site. She is looking forward to improving the *Monitor* and NOAA Corps working relationship with regards to vessel operations. She is happy to be onboard!

David Alberg underscored that this is an important partnership. Integrating what *Monitor* does with its “white fleet” can open new doors for the site.

David Dodsworth continues to be the Information Technology Coordinator and is shared by Florida Keys and Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuaries. These two sanctuary sites also assist in his funding, an agreement that has easily saved \$250,000 each year among the three sites.

Shannon Ricles will continue as Education and Outreach Coordinator. She will also take on the role of Media Coordinator from Lauren Heesemann’s responsibilities, which is a natural extension of her outreach efforts. She has been doing great work on curriculum that focuses on maritime heritage.

Tane Casserly will also be joining the staff at *Monitor* in March. He was with *Monitor* during the recovery years and has been at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary for the past few years helping with their boundary expansion. He has done impressive work at both *Monitor* and Thunder Bay, as well as with other wrecks around the world. Tane has also been a core player with Joe Hoyt’s Battle of the Atlantic team over the past eight years, so he has also been in the field with us recently, as well. Once he is at *Monitor*, his first priority will be to complete the *Monitor* final report on recovery since he was the last person involved with the recovery who is still with the sanctuary program and has most of the files. The completion goal for this report will be the end of the year, barring any unforeseen events. It will be a team effort to pull it all together and get it across the finish line. His next project, as Research Coordinator, will be to write a condition report for the site with an expected completion date of the end of the year.

Joe Hoyt continues as our lead Maritime Archaeologist and will serve as Permit Coordinator to get as many individuals and groups out on *Monitor* as possible. As a sign of growth, our site did not have a cleared NOAA diver for over thirty years; now, we have five in-house sophisticated divers. Tane Casserly also comes to our office with a great deal of influence on the dive program.

Jim Bunch welcomed Kara and Will and offered any assistance that he can provide. He is glad Kara is working with Pam Landrum in Manteo because she is excited. Kara said she is also very excited and anticipates that the program will happen by June.

- **“Meet the Sanctuary” Initiative**  
(*Note: Originally slated for a later time on the agenda.*)

David Alberg mentioned that, in a January meeting, he and Jim Bunch discussed looking for new and creative ways to get involved in the community. One idea to better engage the community is to have a “Meet the Sanctuary” event in the evening

once or twice a year in an informal local setting such as Kelly's Tavern, owned and operated by Mike Kelly.

Jim Bunch has already discussed this idea with Mike Kelly; Mike said just to let him know the date and time.

David suggested that the staff give a general presentation about what everyone is doing, give the community a chance to meet us and get to know our staff, and learn more about our activities. Kelly's is one venue we would love to use, but we can also host these events at other local businesses. If any SAC members have suggestions for other venues, please let David know. This one event will pay dividends for us as far as our public outreach.

Jim said there is a lot of public interest in the Sanctuary and also quite a bit of misinformation. We can address both by having someone speak freely with community members, off-the-record.

David said the projected date for this event right now is June. He wants to make sure it is well advertised and set up for success.

- **Status of *Monitor* Artifact Conservation Funding**

David Alberg mentioned that Dan Basta is speaking next Tuesday, March 10, 2015, with The Mariners' Museum (TMM) Board of Directors. TMM has drafted the documents to create a not-for-profit 501(c)3 foundation with the primary responsibility of raising funds for conservation. The foundation will be led by leaders in the community. These documents have been sent to NOAA in draft for approval. If all goes well, it should be established within the next few weeks. It will operate in conjunction with NOAA and TMM to generate money and is an excellent step in collectively solving the problem of conservation funding. TMM Board of Trustees has also voted to loan this new foundation \$500,000 from their endowment as seed money to get up and running. A new position, Director of Development, has been created for the foundation. This individual will work to raise money specifically to fund *Monitor* artifact conservation. Dave Krop from TMM and David Alberg will be reviewing applicants beginning next week. Applications are coming in now and there may be some strong candidates. TMM has taken the lead on this funding issue and is wedding private and public funding. The way TMM will receive money from NOAA will also change. Funding from *Monitor* has always gone through a grant process and is typically a lengthy, cumbersome, and costly process. Now, Joe Hoyt and David Alberg are creating a five-year contract of services between NOAA and TMM for time and materials. This contract will not require an annual renewal but provides a minimum of \$250,000 each year for the first three years. This allows for a larger amount of money to be provided if it is available since the mechanism will already be in place. The contract also demonstrates NOAA's commitment to this project and gives TMM management some breathing room to find other funding, as well. This news is all good news.

Dave Krop echoed David Alberg's thoughts; particularly that these efforts represent the team approach that *Monitor* artifact conservation has always needed.

★ The Mariners' Museum Artifact Conservation Update

David Krop announced that this weekend, March 7-8, 2015, is the annual Battle of Hampton Roads festival at TMM. There will be historical interpreters, relevant speakers, a behind-the-scenes tour, a ticketed evening event of Civil War food tasting, and even a beard contest. TMM would love to see NOAA representatives at the event to demonstrate our partnership.

Dave also stated that TMM applied for a maritime heritage grant through the National Park Service in the last quarter of 2014 to acquire a piece of equipment that would use dry ice technology (a \$200,000 value) that could potentially shave time off of conservation work without sacrificing quality. TMM is waiting to hear back from the Secretary of Interior on whether they will receive this grant. Should TMM receive the grant, they would shift their conservation agenda for a week or two in order to update systems such as corrosion controls and verify the condition of the artifacts. In the meantime, they are responding to the funding efforts in-house by jump-starting their most critical need: skilled staff who can hit the ground running in the lab. Existing staff are working on smaller objects that are still important to the *Monitor's* story but are more feasible with smaller staff numbers. Will is working on pumps that are the oldest surviving style of that pump as far as they can tell and is getting a working Worthington pump replica that can be hands-on and on-the-road tool for the *Monitor* story. Kate Sullivan is working on organic artifacts such as wood, leather, rope, food stuffs, textiles, and more. She is addressing two of the wood components of the gun carriage. They are also in the midst of an organic survey to ensure all items are in the condition that they need to be in; once completed, they will roll into an iron survey for the same purpose. The lab is also working on safety certifications and other public relations opportunities such as a research project in collaboration with the Smithsonian Museum on a loggerhead turtle bone found among a group of wood in order to identify the type of bone. They are working with student interns through hands-on application. In addition, the lab is updating storage for items not loaned or on display in order to accommodate the latest on scientific information on storage and care in their environment for long-term preservation. Dave will keep the SAC updated on funding and how they can assist in the work TMM is doing with NOAA.

★ Greenpoint, New York Trip by *Monitor* Staff

David Alberg noted that he, Dave Krop, Anna Holloway (formerly of TMM), and James "Jim" Delgado will be giving lectures at the Smithsonian Museum in May 2015 as part of their lifelong learning series. He will send the dates out to the SAC.

David also stated that he just returned from a trip to Greenpoint, New York in January where he gave a presentation to elementary school children at [P.S. 110 – The \*Monitor\* School](#) in Brooklyn, New York. The children were dressed up in Civil War clothing for the visit and their response to the presentation reminded him of the mission and purpose of this Sanctuary.



In addition to celebrating the *Monitor* Sanctuary's designation anniversary, the visit gave support to friends of the site who have a museum without a building. This group, [The Greenpoint Monitor Museum](#), was originally an education program that was given a site to build a USS *Monitor* Museum in 2003; however, the city then proposed to acquire the site for another use through eminent domain. The site is the original Continental Iron Works location where the USS *Monitor* was built and launched in January 1862. This trip also supported the owners of the adjacent land to demonstrate what the bigger vision of the museum is and can be, as well as what partnership opportunities may be available. In a meeting at the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, our staff's goal was to get the borough of Brooklyn excited about the museum and help break through the issue of eminent domain. Overall, it was a successful trip and a good show of NOAA's support of the museum. Another opportunity to get a group of divers out on the wreck this year also presented itself during the trip. David learned that the Public Affairs Representative for Exxon Mobile is a tech diver at the New York Aquarium. He is interested in doing a trip to the *Monitor* this summer for the Sanctuary's 40th anniversary of its designation and will be working with the Harbor School CS110 where David spoke to create a formal proposal to dive at the first national marine sanctuary on its designation anniversary.

★ Vacant SAC Seats

Jim Bunch noted that both Recreational / Commercial Fishing seats are vacant, but that there is one applicant for who will most likely be approved. The applicant, Ernie Foster, is a well-known waterman in Hatteras, North Carolina. Local people listen to him and he has extensive information to share with the SAC. There has not been an applicant for the Education seat so please recommend any qualified people to fill this position.

David Alberg stated that the two Local Government seats which are vacant were originally created to balance the national level seats that provide expertise for the larger country. These can be government seats or quasi-government seats. We are really hoping to get someone from Dare County or a city manager and need to reach out and encourage them to fill those seats.

Shannon Ricles noted that the two SAC applications for the Fishing and Youth seats were reviewed by the SAC committee and are at Office of National Marine Sanctuaries Headquarters waiting to be signed off on. The Fishing and Education seats are still open through March 31, 2015. Please encourage qualified people to submit applications. Susan Langley suggested one applicant for the Education seat previously.

★ Maritime Archaeology Staff Update

Joe Hoyt stated that most of the maritime archaeology work at *Monitor* over the past five years has been funded under an inter-agency agreement with BOEM at \$100,000 per year to cover operating expenses for field operations. This funding was supplemented by additional

grants but served as the core of the archaeology work's funding. The agreement expires this year. Fortunately, MNMS was just cleared by BOEM, awaiting NOAA approval, for a new agreement that would double the previous amount at \$200,000 each year for field operations. This additional funding has also allowed the site to bring on Will and Kara on a part-time capacity. It is also easier to plan for the next few years in terms of research and get additional funding in smaller amounts from other grants. BOEM's interest is in wind studies off of the coast of North Carolina so the site will steer its efforts to address that interest, as well.

Joe has also been working on entering a partnership with NBC Peacock Productions to do a documentary on the German U-boat 576 and the freighter *Bluefields* found off the coast of North Carolina. This project would cost about \$500,000 in order to do a quality job. We are waiting to hear back from NBC.

Over the past few years, *Monitor* has also been operating with the Nautical Archaeology Society in the United Kingdom regarding their dive training program. This partnership allows our site to focus really heavily on education materials for divers and tools of the trade that is a great public relations and marketing tool for us. Two more trainings are lined up for the spring which gives our site an additional training project than we have done in the past. Kara and Will are going to cover the tanker *Dixie Arrow* off of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, which WWII casualty people get really excited about. They are doing a full site plan of that wreck with the goal of getting people actively engaged in what our site does and our process of maritime archaeology.

Another project is in conjunction with Roanoke Island Outfitters. Will and Kara will spearhead this project to map a beach site that is popular in Nags Head known as "Triangle Shipwrecks". The intent is to develop interpretative materials. This is a great site for a number of reasons but primarily because the three wrecks (freighter *Carl Gerhard*, tanker *Kyzickes*, and the USS *Huron*) are 100 yards off shore and easily accessible by the public (e.g., snorklers), so we are excited to expand into that area.

Using our first year of the BOEM funding, we signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Coast Guard to interpret the *Diamond Shoals* shipwreck that sunk towards end of WWI. It is our first foray into looking into WWI shipwrecks as we cap off WWII wrecks in the area. As of now, it is the only known site to which we have access. It is 200 feet below the surface, so in order to do a survey we need to put our dive team through a rebreather course which will allow them to get to that depth of water. This capability will then allow us to do a whole host of other wrecks adjacent to *Diamond Shoals*, including *Monitor*.

The Sanctuary staff members will be visiting *Monitor* again this year, as they try to do every few years.

Jim Bunch asked whether any U-boats made it to the National Register of Historic Places. Joe responded that four (the 352, 85, 781, and 576) are all under review but have not been officially cleared. Also under review now is the HMS *Bedfordshire*.

★ Education Staff Update

Shannon Ricles noted that she is primarily focusing on maritime heritage curriculum now. The first curriculum guide she will be focusing on relates to maritime archaeology and heritage, primarily how we document shipwrecks and why it is important. The second guide will probably be a *Monitor* guide in order to get all of the site's education materials in one place.

Shannon recently attended a North Carolina sciences conference and gave a "needs" survey to identify what teachers' needs are as they relate to the topic of maritime archaeology.

There is a new brochure for *Monitor* that is very modern in its design, designed by an ONMS Headquarters' designer. Shannon also revamped the *Monitor* poster that does not only apply to the 150th anniversary. It should be here in time for the Battle of Hampton Roads at TMM this weekend.

Shannon requested any ideas or updates for the website since she manages the content, particularly as it relates to the SAC members' information page. Facebook is another focus of Shannon's outreach work; please become a fan of the *Monitor*'s page if you are not one already. She posts a lot of historical and valuable information about the site and other sanctuaries on that page, including yesterday's post on the cutting edge technology for monitoring national sanctuaries.

The site is keeping its hands in the fire with Crittenden Middle School and is going forward with the [maritime heritage class](#) that was created in partnership with the MNMS. Shannon applied for and received a "Hands on the Land" grant, one of only three NOAA sites to become a member. This grant provides funding to get the children on the SRVX for a few hours each semester and is good for this year. The children already went out on the boat last fall and will go out again in April.

There is a full-day outdoor event in New York in May 2015 that will celebrate the 40th anniversary of the *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary with vendors and reenactors. More information will come on this event later.

★ Regional Director's Report

Paul Ticco stated that he has had many conversations with individuals and organizations for new site nominations. Two sites currently in the [NOAA Inventory of Successful Nominations](#) (the repository for sites that have cleared NOAA review and are available to be considered as new sanctuary sites) are in the Northeast Great Lakes region: Mallows Bay in the Potomac River, Maryland, and a new site in Lake Michigan that was nominated by the state of Wisconsin and is heavy in maritime heritage resources.

At *Monitor*, the focus is on boundary expansion efforts and one of the primary tasks is to develop a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) as a requirement for any governmental action that will change sanctuary boundaries. It is being developed as a team at *Monitor* to prepare for possible expansion in the future as a follow-up to the SAC meeting in

which the working group presented the recommendation of boundary expansion or a new sanctuary in the Graveyard of the Atlantic.

Reed Bohne stated that Paul covered the current efforts for the region well. Reed said it is great to hear all of the good things happening at *Monitor* and noted that the folks on the SAC have very interesting years ahead.

### **Council Work Plan Discussion**

Jim Bunch stated that the draft work plan was developed in response to the SAC's Charter requirement to come up with a plan about what the Council would like to accomplish in the upcoming year. It is a formalized list of the SAC's efforts for anyone in the public who would like to know what the SAC is doing. Katherine Van Dam sent out the draft work plan for your review earlier this morning. One suggestion in the draft plan to note now is that each SAC member pledge to attend a scoping meeting for boundary expansion. The other suggestions more or less follow the seven remaining points in the Final Management Plan and what we can do as SAC members to help fulfill these goals. Please review this draft work plan and provide any feedback to either or both Jim Bunch and Katherine Van Dam. We will carry on a discussion about it in the very near future once everyone has had an opportunity to review it.

Joe Poe requested the anticipated dates for the scoping meetings. David Alberg responded that the dates have not yet been set. Last June, everyone was geared up for sanctuary boundary expansion efforts, with scoping meetings beginning in the fall; however, the sanctuary program made the decision to wait until Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary finished their expansion efforts. Those efforts have just recently been completed and then *Monitor's* artifact conservation funding needed to be addressed before the site could proceed with any expansion efforts. Hopefully the site will get the green light to publish a Notice of Intent in the near future and scoping meeting dates can be set at that time.

Reed Bohne noted that everyone is eager to get started and that we are close to doing so.

Susan Langley requested the month that those dates may be expected in order to help with planning schedules. Jim Bunch asked where the meetings would be held. David Alberg responded that in the past, scoping meetings were held in Roanoke Island, Raleigh, Pine Knoll Shores, Southport, Cape Hatteras, Jeannette's Pier, and at The Mariners' Museum. The next scoping meetings will be held at fewer locations; these locations will most likely be Raleigh (the state capital), Jeannette's Pier (a large venue in a central location), and Beaufort. TMM meetings in the past have had low attendance numbers, with as few as three people at one meeting, but David welcomes thoughts on whether to continue having the meetings there, as well. If the site was given approval tomorrow to begin potential expansion efforts, the scoping meetings would not be until the fall. Reed Bohne concurred and stated that it was not possible to give any more specifics until authorization to begin publicly through the Federal Register. Jim Bunch agreed that narrowing the meetings to three or four locations, at most, would be better in

terms of attendance and effectiveness. David Alberg reiterated that the office will work hard to get the word out far in advance and make sure everything is lined up to be as effective as possible in these meetings. One suggestion for those with less flexible schedules is to send Jim Bunch and Katherine Van Dam an email with general times in the summer and fall of this year (for example, the second half of September) that would not work with SAC members' schedules. If the SAC can also review the draft work plan, it can be voted on and implemented at the next SAC meeting. Katherine noted that once it is approved by the SAC, it will be posted to the *Monitor's* website.

David Alberg stated that the site is two years into the five-year Final Management Plan and has accomplished some great things. Now is a good time to revisit the plan and its remaining action items and begin a review process internally as a staff. He encourages the SAC members to look at the action items and ask questions about what future actions either the SAC or the staff can take. For example, there is quite a bit of interest in mooring balls which is a feasible goal but also a complex, multi-faceted task. David suggested that he make a presentation at the next SAC meeting on the Plan to provide more information for SAC member discussion.

## **New Business**

### ★ Relevant Events

Joe Poe announced a diving symposium at the Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum in Hatteras, North Carolina, to be held April 10-11, 2015, from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, free of charge. Jim Bunch stated that the symposium will consist of continuous talks on diving topics and that both Joe and Jim will be participating, as well as Gary Gentile. Joe said the agenda has not been finalized. Jim noted that there will be about ten to twelve divers speaking about different diving topics and that there were a few people he knew would be speaking. Captain Bobby Purifoy from Morehead City will speak about his father and his father's business, as well as what he is doing today. Pam Landrum of Roanoke Island Outfitters in Manteo, North Carolina will be there, and Larry Cox will have a large group of folks with him. Joe said the topics will most like cover wrecks and the *Monitor*. David Alberg said that Gary Gentile is going to speak about the *Monitor*. Jim said that although Gentile has had some scrapes in the past with different groups including NOAA, he is still an interesting, knowledgeable speaker who is enjoyable to hear. Jim believes that Gentile has done more in the diving line than most and written twenty-five books on different waters – he is a character. Joe said this symposium will be a good opportunity for the Sanctuary to reach many divers. David Alberg said that the site's staff will be attending the symposium.

### ★ Monitor Trail Signs and CHOW

David Alberg noted that Stuart Katz has been working on a number of projects in support of the site's initiatives, including finding locations for *Monitor* trail signs. The Sanctuary is also dedicating another *Monitor* trail sign in New York. Stuart had a neat idea: Walter B. Jones,

Sr., a congressman from North Carolina, was very instrumental in the designation of *Monitor*. His son, Walter Jones, Jr., is a long-standing member of the U.S. Congress and is interested in the site's work and the U-boats off of North Carolina. As this year is the 40th anniversary of the site's designation, there may be an opportunity to reach out to him and do something that involves him. Jones, Jr. has an interest in the local economy and strongly supports maintaining access for fisherman in federal waters. Supporting livelihoods in the Sanctuary's community is one of the site's goals, as well, particularly in terms of the Graveyard of the Atlantic work our staff has recently done (for example, with heritage trail signs). This year may be a good opportunity to come up with something before [Capitol Hill Ocean Week](#) (CHOW), to be held June 9-11, 2015, that Congressman Jones can implement, possibly around August since that was the month of the wreck's discovery.

★ Speaking Opportunities

Jim Bunch suggested contacting the [North Carolina Humanities Council](#), a state governmental agency which sponsors community members, if any SAC member is interested in giving a thirty minute talk for the public. The Humanities Council will make all the arrangements for the event and provide compensation for your time and efforts. Jim has done this for the U-85 and other speakers cover *Blackbeard's Revenge* and other topics. Many people attend these talks, including museum and library representatives. Please contact this agency if you are interested in speaking on *Monitor*.

Joe Poe suggested that SAC members also speak at Civil War roundtables which have regular meetings, usually monthly, as another opportunity to provide information to the community and the SAC members' constituents.

David Alberg stated that these are fantastic ideas and that with staff changes, the site can also engage in more of these efforts. Stuart Katz has also mentioned Rotary and other civic organizations as avenues of communication. If anyone requests a speaker, please let the site know and we will send someone.

★ Economic Growth and Education

Stuart Katz asked where the Crittenden Middle School children load the SRVX for their trips mentioned earlier in the meeting. Shannon Ricles responded that they load in Norfolk. Stuart suggested the marina in Newport News and contacting the City to provide funding to transport the children to the marina. David Alberg noted that the expense lies in moving the SRVX boat from Little Creek to Newport News, a cost of about \$2500. Although the SRVX has met the children here in the past, it is more economical to take the children to the boat.

**Public Commenting Period**

No public comments were made during this opportunity.

**Adjourn**

Adjourned by Jim Bunch at 12:05 pm. Motion made by Stuart Katz, seconded by Susan Langley; all agreed.

### **Meeting Close-Out**

#### Actions to Take:

- ✓ Review the draft 2015 SAC Work Plan sent out on March 5, 2015 for any revisions and contact Jim Bunch and/or Katherine Van Dam with any feedback. Council members will vote on whether to adopt it as the official 2015 SAC Work Plan.
- ✓ Volunteer to review any applications received for the vacant SAC seats; three Council members are needed to review applications in the month of April. Please contact Jim Bunch and/or Katherine Van Dam if interested and willing.
- ✓ Contact Jim Bunch and/or Katherine Van Dam with any dates in the fall of 2015 that any SAC member will be unavailable to attend a scoping meeting (for example, the second half of September).
- ✓ Contact Shannon Ricles to request a new MNMS shirt.
- ✓ Contact David Alberg if you have any ideas on an initiative that NC Congressman Jones, Jr. could implement that speaks to both *Monitor* and the local economy surrounding the Graveyard of the Atlantic by June 2015.
- ✓ “Like” the MNMS Facebook page.
- ✓ Consider speaking in the community on topics related to *Monitor* and the Graveyard of the Atlantic, either sponsored by the state Humanities Council, at Civil War roundtables, or to a civic organization.

**Appendix I: Meeting Attendance Roster**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Seat</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
<b>Current Community Members &amp; Alternates</b>		
Joe Poe	Citizen-at-Large	Present
Wayne Smith	Conservation	Present
Stuart Katz	Economic Development	Present
VACANT	Education	-----
James (Jim) Tobin	Heritage Tourism	Absent
Susan Langley	Maritime Archaeological Research	Present
VACANT	Recreation / Commercial Fishing	-----
VACANT	Recreational / Commercial Fishing	-----
James (Jim) Bunch	Recreational Diving	Present
Debby Boyce	Recreational Diving	Absent
Dave Krop	The Mariners' Museum	Present
Jay Moore	The Mariners' Museum (Alt.)	Present
VACANT	Youth Seat (Non-Voting)	-----
<b>Current Government Members &amp; Alternates</b>		
Steve Claggett	North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources	Absent
John (Billy Ray) W. Morris, III	North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources (Alt.)	Present
VACANT	North Carolina Dept. of Environmental & Natural Resources	-----
VACANT	North Carolina Dept. of Environmental & Natural Resources (Alt.)	-----
VACANT	North Carolina Local Government	-----
VACANT	North Carolina Local Government	-----
LCDR Patricia Bennett	U.S. Coast Guard	Sub: LT Mike Jarbeau
LCDR Elizabeth A. Buendia	U.S. Coast Guard (Alt.)	Absent
Robert Neyland	U.S. Navy, Underwater Archaeology	Absent
Alexis Catsambis	U.S. Navy, Underwater Archaeology (Alt.)	Absent
VACANT	Virginia Department of Historic Resources	-----
Joanna Wilson	Virginia Department of Historic Resources (Alt.)	Absent
Dave Conlin	National Park Service	Absent
VACANT	National Park Service (Alt.)	-----
<b>Sanctuary Staff</b>		
David Alberg	Sanctuary Superintendent	Present
Paul Ticco	NEGL Regional Coordinator	Present
Pasquale DeRosa	SRVX Captain	Present
David Dodsworth	IT Coordinator	Present
Kara Fox	Maritime Archaeologist	Present
Joe Hoyt	Maritime Archaeologist	Present
LT Linh Nguyen	Vessel Operations Coordinator	Present



<b>Name</b>	<b>Seat</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Shannon Ricles	Education and Outreach Coordinator	Present
William Sassorossi	Maritime Archaeologist	Present
Katherine Van Dam	NEGL Policy Analyst	Present
<b>Others</b>		
Reed Bohne	NOAA ONMS NEGL Regional Director	Present

Appendix II: MNMS Staff Organizational Chart 2015

