

OUTER BANKS LIGHTHOUSE SOCIETY (OBLHS) BOARD

Twenty-second Annual Meeting

Saturday, May 13, 2017

**Dare County Public Library
Manteo, North Carolina**

Final draft as of Feb 10, 2018

Board members who were present:

Diana Chappell, Robert DaVia, Nicole DaVia, John Havel, Cyndy Holda, Gayle Kerese, Richard Meissner, Judy Moon, Jim O'Donnell, Mabry O'Donnell, Bett Padgett, Bill Padgett, Bruce Roberts, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, Marjorie Spruill, and Kelly Waller

No Board members were absent.

No ex-officio or honorary Board members attended.

Other Outer Banks Lighthouse Society members who were present:

Doug Stover

President Richard Meissner called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Nominating Committee Chair, Mabry O'Donnell, presented names of Board members up for election/re-election with a unanimous vote to elect. Doug Stover joined our group much to our gladness, and secretaries Jim and Mabry O'Donnell retired from The Board after two decades of outstanding service to The Society, much to our regret but with our understanding.

Many thanks were offered to Cyndy Holda for having invited members of The Board and spouses/friends to the "OBLHS Board's Sunset on the Croatan Sound and Board Buffet" at our pre-meeting social the evening before. The time spent at an informal gathering prior to the annual Board meeting allows for more focus on business at the official Board meeting. A special welcome was offered to our retiring secretaries of twenty years, Drs. Jim and Mabry O'Donnell. They are original Board members and have been significant in helping to shape the projects and accomplishments of The Society. The O'Donnells did not allow the physical distance between their beloved North Carolina Outer Banks and their home in Marietta, Ohio, to keep them from participating, supporting, and encouraging the progress of The Society. During challenging times, they offered sound advice, which they have volunteered to continue when asked. As The Society's secretaries since 1997 and founding members of The Board, we Board Directors are grateful for their efforts to fulfill their responsibilities in keeping accurate records on The

Society to establish its place in history. Vice President Diana Chappell arranged to have a Seiko Regulator clock created for them that is reminiscent of the classic "banjo clock" once placed at each American light station; attached was a plaque expressing The Society's appreciation for their perceptive leadership over the years of their Board participation.

Roll call was performed by Secretary Mabry O'Donnell. A list of Board members with their home addresses, e-mail addresses, and phone numbers was circulated during the meeting for verification and any necessary corrections. An updated version of this list has been sent to all Board members. The secretary sends updated versions of this document via e-mail each time there is a change.

Gayle Keresey moved and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts seconded to approve the 2016 OBLHS Board minutes as presented; this passed by a unanimous decision.

Kelly Waller, Marjorie Spruill, and Cyndy Holda received efficiency stars in accordance with the 1912 U.S. Bureau of Lighthouses system. Kelly Waller received the Blue or Commissioner's Star for three years of Board of Directors service. Marjorie Spruill and Cyndy Holda received the Red Inspector's Star for one year of service on The Board. Thank you to Vice President Chappell for keeping track of these awards and presenting them.

The clear and concise **officer's reports** were presented with enthusiasm using written and oral communication formats.

- Education Committee report by Gayle Keresey, Chair
 - A. Gayle Keresey has researched both the Chesapeake Chapter of the USLHS (CCUSLHS) and Tybee Island's Scout Patch programs. She found that the Tybee Island program is not related to lighthouses but that the CCUSLHS's program is a good program to use as a basis for our scout patch program. She sought advice from this organization and discovered that CCUSLHS used the patch as a way to engage Scouts in the subject of lighthouses and to expose them to the lighthouse organization. One of their members, Maria Alvarez, designed the patch and ordered them from Pinsource beginning in 2012. The number of Scouts earning this lighthouse patch has steadily risen since the program began from fifteen Scouts and two leaders to forty-two Scouts and nine leaders in 2016.

Mabry O'Donnell moved and Bett Padgett seconded that OBLHS proceed with developing a Scout (applicable to either Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts) Patch. The motion was passed unanimously.

NEXT STEPS: Gayle Keresey will work with John Havel to design a patch. The patch design will be available for review during the October event and for approval by September 30, 2017. Gayle Keresey will develop the requirements to earn the patch. The

patch program should be ready for production during Nov/Dec and to be ready for presentation January 1, 2018 (including patches designed, created and on hand).

- B. Gayle Keresey has reviewed the links on the “Kids’ Corner and Teacher Resources” page of the newly designed website. She announced that the education links are valid; however, some of the links within the "Lesson Plans and Resources" do not work. She and John Havel have discussed adding more word searches to the online Teacher Activities.

NEXT STEPS: Gayle Keresey will find new websites to include in the Education section of the website and update the document.

Continued discussion of added word searches to the online Teacher Activities will be placed on the agenda for the May 5, 2018, meeting agenda.

- C. Creating a Traveling Lighthouse Box (Trunk) similar to one that the National Park Service (NPS) at Cape Lookout has had. This would include items with information about lighthouses, lighthouse keepers, etc. for a 4th grade age group. Richard Meissner is familiar with the Cape Lookout box and can be a resource for ideas. Cape Lookout National Seashore has a list of contents of their box that is accessible.

NEXT STEPS: The Education Committee will oversee this project.

- Fundraising report by everyone
 - A. Volume 2 of the Bound Newsletters are now available for sale. Thirty-six copies were created at a cost of \$17.11 per book, nine of which have been sold as of this meeting. The selling price originally was set at \$60 which included shipping and handling, but The Board suggested to reduce and sell these for \$40 to members and \$50 to nonmembers at the Annual Keepers Dinner Weekend and online. We will promote them on the website but members receive precedence in purchasing a volume.
 - B. Raffle for fall event can include the following.
 1. Judy Rosson is to be contacted about donating a week at her Nags Head cottage in the off season. It was acknowledged by The Board that the Rossons have donated this cottage for several annual raffles. To further show recognition, Judy Moon will assist Shelton-Roberts by contacting Mrs. Rosson about a special highlight in the newsletter about her and her late husband. "Ebb," for their years of support to The Society.
 2. The Roberts will donate a framed Carey Plemmons’ print of Cape Hatteras.
 3. A Lifetime Membership will be offered in The Society.
 4. John Havel will ask White Doe Inn owners to donate a two-night stay.

- C. Live/Silent auction at fall event – possibilities are listed below.
1. Iron Fence post finial from John Havel
 2. Hand-painted wine glasses by Nicole DaVia
 3. A Bruce Roberts photograph
 4. Fleece blanket by Judy Moon
 5. Cape Lookout basket from Richard Meissner
 6. Beach Bum basket from Shelton-Roberts
 7. Set of beach/lighthouse related books from Shelton-Roberts, the majority of these donated by Kathy Paisley
 8. Two personally autographed books for use in any basket by Doug Stover
 9. John Havel or Bett Padgett to contact Kevin Duffus about donating one of his new *Bald Head Island* books
 10. Friends and Family basket from Diana Chappell
- D. 50/50 Drawing and the winner receives money.
- E. John Havel has contacted the artists from the Bodie Island coloring book that was created for the 2013 keepers' descendants' homecoming and received permission to reproduce the pictures and sell the book. A discussion was held regarding the cost of printing and the large number of coloring books on the market these days. It was decided not to pursue this fundraising opportunity at this time.
- F. Diana Chappell inventoried twenty-six lighthouse models held by OBLHS to be sold as a fundraiser. These include Harbour Lights, Danbury Mint, Cat's Meow, and Scaasis that people have donated to The Society. This inventory has been priced by Diana Chappell, Gayle Keresey, and Bill Padgett. We have offered these for sale to our Board members. After offering to our Society members followed by our Facebook members, we will entertain other reasonable methods for selling them.

NEXT STEPS: Diana Chappell will share a list of available models via email with The Board.

- Grant Committee Activity report by Mabry O'Donnell, Chair
 - A. For 2016, two grants were awarded.
 1. Student Travel grant: Mt. Carmel Methodist Youth Fellowship in Manns Harbor received up to \$125 for the youth to visit and climb Bodie Island Lighthouse.
 2. NC Coastal Pines Junior Girl Scout Troop 921's three-day weekend

trip

to study and climb Bodie, Cape Hatteras and Currituck Beach Lighthouses will receive a grant for up to \$1,000 depending on the

number of students and receipts received.

- B. There were no Special Projects Applications received.
- C. All reports have been received, although last year's recipient for the Special Projects Grant was several months in submitting the report.
- E. At the suggestion of the current Grant Committee Chair, Mabry O'Donnell, a clause will be added to the Grant Applications that will stipulate that an applicant must respond with mandatory information within six months; failure to do this will result in the applicant's loss of opportunity to apply for a Society grant the following year. This is to help The Society to keep its accounting in good order.

NEXT STEPS: Newly elected Grant Committee Chair, Cyndy Holda, will confer with her committee to add this requirement to The Society's Grant Applications (also to be posted on the new website).

- The Keepers' Store report from Kelly Waller, which included an inventory of items, indicates that the cancellation of the 2016 Keepers' Weekend due to weather hurt sales from the store. The report covers July 1, 2016 through May 13, 2017.

A. Keepers' Weekend Sales were reported as:	\$ 0.00
Other Store Sales/Flyers:	\$ 302.70
Sales of Bound Newsletters	\$ 352.56
Total Store Sales:	\$ 655.26
Total Inventory on Hand:	\$5,780.00

- B. Kelly Waller will be placing an order for polo and denim shirts.
- C. Kelly Waller is working with John Havel to set up the store on the new website. She will be able to add items and sizes available. She is considering promoting the store on our Facebook page which will link to the website and the ability to access the Keepers Store from there.

NEXT STEPS: Kelly Waller will explore getting our domain name as an email address to reflect a more businesslike presence for The Society's website.

- Media Manager report by Bob DaVia
 - A. Since 2011 when the OBLHS Facebook account was established at www.facebook.com/#!/groups/oblhs/ and our Twitter account @OBLHS, our presence has been acknowledged.

<i>Social Media</i>	<i>2017⁶</i>	<i>2016⁵</i>	<i>2015⁴</i>	<i>2014³</i>	<i>2013²</i>	<i>2012¹</i>
FACEBOOK	2,170	1,500	761	325	201	141
TWITTER	46	46	44	41	17	32

¹As of May 16, 2012

²As of May 16, 2013

³As of May 16, 2014

⁴As of May 15, 2015

⁵As of May 2, 2016

⁶As of May 5, 2017

NEXT STEPS: Bob DaVia will put a link on Facebook to the new website and Keepers Store: no pictures, just a link to avoid someone taking advantage of the link.

- Membership report from Judy Moon

- A. Active Members:

- 2009---470

- 2010---354

- 2011---449

- 2012---429

- 2013---370

- 2014---389

- 2015---333

- 2016---212

- 2017---222

The Board expressed gratitude for the fine job Judy Moon does to maintain the membership. She recently enticed twenty-six members to renew their memberships. All of this was accomplished with personal correspondence, and no membership drive ever having been made by The Society. For a member who receives the emailed newsletter, she sends a postcard as a reminder to renew. This helps to compensate for lack of a renewal date that normally is received with a U.S. postal mailed newsletter.

- B. Lifetime Members – *16.

- Diana Chappell

- David Fraley

- John Gottshall

- Kim Gottshall

- John Howard, Jr.

- Gayle Keresey

- Lauren Liebrecht

- Paula Liebrecht

- Leah Loar-Mays

- Richard Meissner

- Jim O'Donnell

- Mabry O'Donnell

- Sarah M. Rankin

- Judy Rosson

Kendra Sykes
Rebecca Taylor

*NOTE: Lifetime member W.R. "Bill" Dowe asked to be removed from the membership rolls. Jack Goodwin and Wendy Brewer are deceased.

- OBLHS Newsletter report from editor, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts
 - A. During 2016, we printed 500 copies of the Summer newsletter (sixteen pages) at a cost of \$1,274.52 plus \$77.58 postage (202 mailed).
 - B. 221 copies of the annual Raffle/Fundraiser/Keepers' Weekend communication were mailed.
 - C. 225 copies of a 12-page Fall/Winter newsletter were distributed. Along with the newsletter, a voting card to approve proposed changes to our Bylaws was sent.
 - D. A less expensive printer that can handle the entire newsletter layout, printing, and use of its bulk mailing permit has not been found. If anyone knows of one, please let Shelton-Roberts know so that she can investigate it.
 - E. Cheryl Shelton-Roberts is exploring the process of digitizing the newsletter layout with the help of John Havel. He has a template for this task. We desire to increase our contact with members: the email list originates with Membership Chair Judy Moon and goes to Diana Chappell to disperse the pdf version to members indicating they will receive a digitized format of the newsletter. We can now create a color version to send out.
 - F. The Board approved mailing a multipurpose microfiber cloth to members with the fall/winter newsletter as a gesture of appreciation.

NEXT STEPS: President Richard Meissner will write an end-of-year letter to members and Vice President Diana Chappell will order microfiber cloths to be included in the mailing. This is always a good opportunity to ask for end-of-year, tax-deductible donations from members.

Cheryl Shelton-Roberts and John Havel will explore creating a color version of the newsletter for posting on the website and distributing as an e-newsletter.

The Board suggested that a list of Lifetime members is to be listed in the newsletter.

- Public Outreach report from Bett Padgett, Chair
 - A. Bett said that she and the Roberts gave talks about NC lighthouses and The Society to five schools during 2017 in Raleigh and Charlotte.

- B. OBLHS plans to once again participate as volunteers for the OBXmas event in December 2017; the Park acknowledges that the event would not be possible without our volunteers. OBLHS volunteers also are to participate in the Old Baldy Foundation's marking of keepers' graves that served at its lighthouse during the annual meeting in October.
- C. By September 1, Angie Wright, Senior director of the office of grants and strategic advancement for Wake County Public Schools will send information to all schools within her district about the grants OBLHS offers to students.
- D. Bett continues to work on the difficult task of adding audio to our PowerPoint presentation. She has added audio to 32 slides and wants to add more slides. Once completed, she will put the file on YouTube for The Board's review and comments. After our review and any needed corrections are made, it will be presented for the public.
- E. Cyndy suggested having a one-page "About Us" document in the PowerPoint program informing communities that The Society offers speakers for interested groups.

NEXT STEPS: Bett Padgett said she would complete an "About Us" section of the PowerPoint program and to include information about OBLHS grants available to students. Cyndy Holda said that she and Doug Stover would visit local schools to make them aware of our speakers and available grant applications. The Society currently offers up to \$4,000 for grants each year with no grant being larger than \$1,000.

- Treasurer's report from Robert (Bob) DaVia

A. Our balance as of April 30, 2016	
General Fund	\$32,204.10
Our balance as of April 30, 2017	
General Fund	\$30,447.64
YOY Variance	(\$ 1,756.46)

- D. Donations received this year include two from students at East Clayton Elementary School.
- E. There were no CPA fees this past year because Diana Chappell performed our financial review, offering her professional expertise at no cost to The Society. Her meticulous review of The Society's records is significant in keeping our organization dynamic. Richard Meissner expressed The Board's appreciation to Bob DaVia and Diana Chappell for watching over our finances to ensure that they are adequately protected.

(A complete OBLHS Treasurer's report is available upon request.)

- Website Report by John Havel
 - A. The original date for completing the new website was September 1, 2016, powered by Webydo (still hosted by GoDaddy), but due to other commitments, John Havel missed this deadline; however, he surged forward during March and April 2017 and had a good start of the site to present to The Board at our meeting. Everyone greeted the new site with expressed appreciation and enthusiasm. John Havel will teach us to make content changes; Bett Padgett and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts will provide main content edits/additions, but everyone is asked to check the site from time to time and make suggestions. One suggestion is for John Havel to digitize a virtual tour of North Carolina lighthouses. Cyndy Holda and Marjorie Spruill were involved in exploring the possibility of The Society hosting tours of North Carolina lighthouses; but, Cyndy Holda pointed out that obtaining an incidental business permit is difficult and to control a tour group with no gate to enter/exit would be even more difficult. The discussion continued with much attention given to our new website, what it should look like, and how to make it interesting.
 - B. John Havel will provide graphic help if we want to make additions. If he sees a section where changes are needed, he will put a note in blue to indicate more information or updates are forthcoming.
 - C. The online membership form needs a review to determine if it needs revision.
 - D. Bett Padgett will provide information on range lights for an addition to the site.
 - E. Kelly Waller will explore the store that is powered by "Ecwid" and will learn to make additions/changes. She will handle anything related to the Keepers Store including linking Square as an optional venue for buyers to pay for items bought at the website.
 - F. Richard Meissner volunteered to help create news items as a story for the website along with suggestions from Gayle Keresey and Cyndy Holda, which can come from newsletter articles. Cheryl Shelton-Roberts will check for consistency in the stories that are suggested to be composed of four-or-five paragraphs.
 - G. It is suggested that John Havel place a notification on the landing (main) page of the website to draw website visitors' attention to news stories, such as "Notice to Keepers."
 - H. Diana Chappell and Bob DaVia will discuss obtaining a charge card for The Society to handle Society-related expenses including payment for a

website domain and host. For now, John Havel pays the fees and he is subsequently reimbursed. Bob DaVia will also help with changing and posting articles that he gathers as media manager.

- I. The Board approved a one-time payment of \$3,000 for John Havel's services to create and maintain the website (webmaster); this is a standard fee quoted by another web developer. The agreement includes the stipulation that John Havel will keep the website information updated and train other members of The Board to assist.

NEXT STEPS: Havel will continue to complete and improve the new website; he will add updates provided by Bett Padgett, Cheryl Shelton-Roberts, Gayle Keresev, and other contributors including suggestions from The Board including changing the name "Scavenger Hunt" to "Trivia Quizzes." He will continue to address the issues having to do with viewing the website on various devices, which affects the format he uses in coding the website pages.

Unfinished and New Business:

- Richard Meissner, Keeper of the Archives, completed the archives to be entrusted to the Outer Banks History Center (OBHC). As planned, one of the two sets of The Society's historical documents will remain with the current president to be transferred to the succeeding presidents for their reference. We thanked Richard Meissner for this time-consuming work to preserve important historical documents for future researchers. Everyone is encouraged to search for and send to the president all appropriate documents and pictures that might be added to the archived materials. The Board has the right to decide where the archives will be entrusted should a site change be needed. The Board suggested that a one-page document be added as an introduction to the archived materials to give a brief overall summary of the history of OBLHS. Doug Stover offered to take the archives to the OBHC with the condition that if the archives were to be moved, that the archives would come back to us. Diana Chappell moved for this last statement and Bob DaVia seconded.
- A brief discussion followed with Bruce Robert's questioning that we should consider East Carolina University for our archives, but Doug Stover assured The Board that he would include language that contains a stipulation of the return of the archives if for any reason there was a question as to the OBHC remaining open. Any additional items to the archived materials will go to Doug Stover and he will see that they are properly placed and protected.
- Richard Meissner announced the final status of members' approval by mail-in vote of the Bylaws change. The changed article now reads: **ARTICLE IV: BOARD OF DIRECTORS: B. NUMBER AND TENURE** now reads: *The*

number of directors of the Corporation shall be no fewer than eight and no greater than sixteen including our Founders, Bruce Roberts and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts. Each Director (except for the Founders who shall hold Board membership in perpetuity) shall hold office for a three-year term. In the event of a tie vote on any issue, a tie shall signal "No."

- Diana Chappell, our omnipresent and attentive vice president, reported that between May 2016 and May 2017 we shipped approximately 26,205 brochures to the North Carolina Welcome Centers/Visitor Centers and Chambers of Commerce. We had 25,000 brochures printed in August 2016 for a cost of \$2,049 plus shipping (approximately \$.082 each). We currently have about 6,200 remaining in inventory which should cover our demand through the end of the year. We plan to reprint at the beginning of 2018, when printing costs tend to be lower.

The year-to-year comparative rate of distribution is:

26,205 in 2016
 22,080 in 2015
 2,825 in 2014
 22,000 in 2013
 8,900 in 2012
 17,400 in 2011
 13,050 in 2010

We expressed gratitude to Ralph Burroughs for his assistance in updating, printing, and shipping of these brochures. Distribution of these brochures meets our mission to preserve and share information with the public on North Carolina's historic lighthouses.

- Richard Meissner met with John Griffith, a board member at Chicamacomico Life-Saving Station Historic Site. He reported that things are going well after the former station managers were dismissed and new management took over. The Society exchanged memberships with this organization. He also met with staff at the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center and, like Chicamacomico, exchanged memberships with no money involved. Mutual support is the significance of these exchanges.
- John Havel met with Cape Hatteras National Seashore Supt. Dave Hallac and staff members. Supt. Hallac would like to have a meeting with OBLHS liaisons twice a year. His interest is in working more closely with us on joint projects. John Havel presented estimated costs for a complete restoration of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse at roughly \$2.5 million. We thanked John Havel for his involved time to research and prepare his report. Doug Stover commented that grants are available for funding a project like this. John Havel will research a grant, possibly from the Maritime Initiative in the form of an education grant. Doug Stover stated that these grants are available in amounts ranging from \$25,000-\$50,000 and could be used for printing

brochures, grants for kids to climb lighthouses, and other of The Society's projects. In the case of a matching grant, this can be claimed in the form of gratuities including photography or designer or contractor services. Doug Stover and John Havel plan to work together to apply on behalf of The Society. Cyndy Holda offered to help Doug Stover in the initial research for these grants.

- Fort Macon State Park Supt. Randy Newman invited OBLHS to visit with the state park director to discuss building a reproduction of the Bogue Inlet Front-Range Light. There is no money at the state level at this time, and this would be a large fundraising project for The Society. The Board tabled this idea for another year.

New Business

1) Nomination of Directors:

We welcomed new Board Director, Doug Stover.

Next, the following Directors were voted on by The Board for another three-year term: Bett Padgett, Bob DaVia, Diana Chappell, Gayle Keresey, and Kelly Waller. Mabry O'Donnell moved that all be elected unanimously; Bruce Roberts seconded.

- 2) **Nomination and Election of officers/chairs:** Mabry O'Donnell moved that all be unanimously elected, Gayle Keresey seconded with The Board in agreement. The following are the OBLHS Board Officers and Committee Chairs:

Officer/Chair	Nominee	Length of Term
President	Richard Meissner	2 years
Vice President	Diana Chappell	2 years
Secretary	Cheryl Shelton-Roberts	1 year
Treasurer	Bob DaVia	1 year
Education Chair	Gayle Keresey	1 year
Fundraising Chair	<Open>	1 year
Grants Chair	Cyndy Holda	1 year
Graphic Artist	John Havel	1 year
Media Manager	Bob DaVia	1 year
Membership Chair	Judy Moon	1 year
Newsletter Editor	Cheryl Shelton-Roberts	1 year
Nominating Chair	Richard Meissner	1 year
Public Outreach Chair	Bett Padgett	1 year
Special Events Chairs	Marjorie Spruill & Richard Meissner	1 year
Store Keeper	Kelly Waller	1 year

Website Chair	John Havel	1 year
Partner Liaisons	Richard Meissner	1 year

- John Havel gave an update on the marker at the original location of the Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. He has completed a design, has shown it to the NPS at the Outer Banks Group, and will tweak it as the Park suggested. This led to his discussion of a project he is leading as a proposal to the NPS to do four key restoration components: 1) An acrylic reproduction first-order lens at approximately \$750,000 and a pedestal at about \$250,000; 2) replacement pediments over the exterior windows for a more authentic appearance for the tower; 3) a reproduction iron fence that was once part of the original landscape; and, 4) two sets of reproduction wooden interior doors. He reported further that an informative exhibit about the successful lighthouse relocation project is a high priority for the Outer Banks Group at Cape Hatteras National Seashore in preparation to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the move. He would also like to see a more in-depth exhibit about the relocation project, perhaps to be housed in the back room of the Double Keepers Quarters. To accomplish this, John Havel called for suggested sources for large donations. Cyndy Holda suggested that a subcommittee be nominated to work with John Havel. Congress is strapped for cash and this type of large project will not happen quickly. Bill Padgett is interested in sharing his connections as possible funding sources. The first step is to meet with Supt. Hallac and discuss how the project can be done in phases. Diana Chappell moved for the appointment of a subcommittee and Bill Padgett seconded.
- Cyndy Holda further pointed out that gaining the attention of state-level representatives is growing more difficult. Alton Balance of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching (NCAT) on Ocracoke Island has removed any programs on or sponsored by the NPS. She emphasized that the state wants to hear about state parks, not national parks. This is a significant loss: four NC lighthouses are owned by the NPS and it is through this program that many teachers across the state learn about these lighthouses that can be part of their curriculum. The challenge is greater but The Society will continue to contact teachers with offers of speakers and materials to enhance their studies.
- Society Awards:** *Note--*Awards will be given only when deemed appropriate by The Board. The awards are expensive, but they are an excellent means of showing appreciation to those who have upheld the values of The Society. Our four newest Fresnel Prism Award recipients are listed below with 2017 beside their names.

President's Awards:

Betty Parrish

1997

Bill Parrish	1998
Betty Shelton	1998
John Gaskill	1998
Tom Yocum	1998
Connie Jones, Bodie Island	1999
Tim Harrison	2000
Bett Padgett	2000
LERC (maker of Coastal Cubs)	2000
Sandy Clunies	2000
Rick Polad	2001
Henry and Chris Gonzales	2001
Roy's Folks (Roy Ackland & David Weatherly)	2001
John Howard	2001
Bank of America	2001
Lynn Jennette	2001
Charlie Votaw	2002
Shirley Votaw	2002
Bruce Roberts	2002
Jack McCombs	2002
Sandy Semans	2003
Richard Meissner	2003
Ralph Burroughs	2003
Judy Castleberry	2004
Nancy D' Andrade	2004
Nick Johnston	2004
Brent Westwood	2004
Diana Chappell	2005
Lana Beth Deese	2005
Virginia Chadwick Howell	2005
Ross Tracy	2005
Larry Belli (former Supt. Cape Hatteras National Seashore)	2006
The Dare County Tourist Board	2006
Julia Hollenbeck	2006
Cheryl Shelton-Roberts	2006
Bill Schneider	2006
Robert DaVia	2007
Ed and Judy Rosson	2007
Doward Jones	2007
James Charlet and Linda Molloy	2007
Doug Stover	2007
Rick and Teresa Ward	2007
Ann Mills	2008
Washington County Waterways Commission	2008

Courtney Whisler	2008
Nicole DaVia	2009
Judy Moon	2009
Gary and Judy Studer	2009
Janice Thomas	2009
Kelly Waller	2009
Marjorie and Dallas Spruill	2010
Judy Basnett	2011
Laddie Crisp, Jr.	2011
Rebecca Taylor	2012
Archer Daniels Midland	2013
Cyndy Holda	2013
Bob and Kathy Paisley	2014
Clayton Elementary School Fourth Grade Team	2014
Barbara Basnight Rawl	2014
Gayle Keresey	2016
Kim Gottshall	2017
(approved after the Board meeting)	

Founders' Award:

Senator Marc Basnight	1997
Bill Younger	1998
Bill and Betty Parrish	1999
Governor James Hunt	2000
Tim Harrison	2001
Outer Banks Conservationists, Inc.	2002
Jim and Mabry O'Donnell	2003
Kim Younger Andrews	2004
Bruce and Cheryl Shelton-Roberts	2005
Ralph Burroughs	2006
Bett Padgett	2007
Rick Hardesty	2008
Diana Chappell	2009
Rick and Theresa Ward	2010
Doug Stover	2013
John Havel	2014
Mabry M. O'Donnell	2015
Richard Meissner	2016

Cape Hatteras Award:

Russell Berry	1997
Dr. Ellis Cowling	1998
National Park Service Cape Hatteras Seashore, Outer Banks Group	1999
Joe Jakubik of International	2000

Chimney

Charlie and Shirley Votaw	2001
Glenn Eure	2002
Bett Padgett	2003
Kevin Duffus	2004
Graveyard of the Atlantic Museum	2005
Lynn and Windsor Jacques	2006
None	2007
None	2008
Jinx Caylor	2010
Audrey Conner	2010
John Havel	2012
Congressman Walter B. Jones, Jr.	2014
Matt Finlayson	2015
Hatteras Island Genealogical & Preservation Society	2016

Bodie Island Award:

Cullen Chambers	1997
John McPherson	1998
RAI Associates	1999
Lloyd Childers	2000
Patty Lockamy	2001
John Gaskill	2002
Doris and Dave Reed	2003
Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2004
Nick Johnston	2005
Representative David Price	2006
Sandy Semans	2007
Lighthouse Lampists	2010
Bill Padgett	2011
Lighthouse Lampshop	2013
United Builders LLC	2013
Diana Chappell	2014
Sandy Clunies	2014
(Received the honor but declined the physical award.)	
Bruce Roberts	2014
Cheryl-Shelton Roberts	2014
Bob and Diana Long	2015
Pat Taylor	2016

Currituck Beach Award:

Lloyd Childers	2002
Outer Banks Conservationists	2003
John Wilson	2004

Melody Leckie	2005
Meghan Agresto and Luis Garcia	2006
Pat Riley	2007
Connie Wirtz	2008
Ed Cox	2009
William Parker	2009
Bob Rahnes	2011
Tracy Norris	2012

Cape Lookout Award:

Bob Vogel	2004
Richard Meissner	2005
Margaret Gilliken	2006
None	2007
None	2008
Sandy Clunies	2009
(Received the honor but declined the physical award.)	
Kay Hagan	2011
Dallas and Marjorie Spruill	2015
Erica Spruill	2015
Sam Spruill	2015
Emily Catherine Spruill	2017

Old Baldy Award:

Jane Kerr Oakley	2004
Ann Mills	2005
None	2006
Marilyn Ridgeway	2007
Kim Gottshall	2008
Chris Webb	2009
Phil Fravel	2017

Oak Island Award:

Town of Caswell Beach	2005
Friends of Oak Island Lighthouse	2006
None	2007
None	2008
Tom Kitchings	2011
Bob Ahlers	2012
E. Gifford Stack	2014

Ocracoke Award:

Paula and Lauren Liebrecht	2006
Jane Morgan	2006

Roanoke River Lighthouse Award:

Edenton Historical Commission	2011
Brenda Skiles (1866 Plymouth)	2015
Madison Phillips (1886 Edenton)	2015
Doward Jones (1866 Plymouth)	2016
Bob Germaine (1886 Edenton)	2016
Jim "Jimbo" Jackson (1866 Plymouth)	2017

- Sites for future fall weekends

2018	Cape Lookout
2019	Currituck Beach
2020	Cape Hatteras Lighthouse (150 th Anniversary)

- Our next Board meeting will be on May 5, 2018, 9:30 a.m. Cyndy Holda suggested holding the meeting in the conference room at the Coastal Studies Institute in Wanchese, North Carolina. She will contact Robert McClendon to see if it is a possibility.
- Bill Padgett moved and Gayle Keresey seconded to approve a \$50 donation to the Friends of Dare County Library for use of their facilities; this passed by a unanimous decision.

Bob DaVia moved that the meeting be adjourned and Bill Padgett seconded.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Shelton-Roberts