



# National Association of Marine Laboratories

October 7, 2005

**PRESIDENT**

Jeffrey M. Reutter

F. T. Stone Laboratory  
Ohio State Grant College Program  
Ohio State University  
Box 119, Put-in-Bay, OH 43456  
p 614-292-8949 · f 614- 292-4364  
reutter.1@osu.edu

**PRESIDENT-ELECT**

Anthony Michaels

Wrigley Institute for  
Environmental Studies  
University of Southern California  
P.O. Box 5069  
Avalon, CA 90704  
p 213-740-6780 · f 213-740-7620  
tony@usc.edu

**PAST PRESIDENT**

Madilyn Fletcher

Baruch Institute for Marine Biology  
& Coastal Research  
University of South Carolina  
Columbia, SC 29208  
p 803-777-5288 · f 803-777-3935  
fletcher@sc.edu

**TREASURER**

Alan M. Kuzirian

Marine Biological Laboratory  
7 MBL Street  
Woods Hole, MA 02543  
p 508-289-7480 · f 508-540-6902  
akuziria@mbi.edu

**SECRETARY**

William M. Wise

Marine Sciences Research Center  
Stony Brook University  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-5000  
p 631-632-8656 · f 631-632-9441  
wwise@notes.cc.sunysb.edu

**WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE**

Joel Widder

Lewis-Burke Associates LLC  
1000 Vermont Avenue, NW, 11<sup>th</sup> Fl  
Washington, DC 20005  
p 202-289-7475 · f 202-289-7454  
jwidder@lewis-burke.com

Dr. Arden Bement

Director

National Science Foundation

4201 Wilson Boulevard

Arlington, VA 22230

Dear Dr. Bement:

On behalf of the membership of the National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML) I am writing to express our collective concern about the damage many gulf state marine science facilities have suffered as a result of Hurricane Katrina and Rita and ask NSF for additional assistance.

Our colleagues in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Texas have all been adversely impacted by the hurricanes, and as a community, NAML has come together to offer help and assistance to the students, the faculty, the support staff, etc. This following website provides more information on our activities - <http://www.utmsi.utexas.edu/outreach/katrina.asp>.

In recent days, NSF has announced a variety of actions it has taken to assist its grantees who have been adversely impacted by Katrina and Rita. These are all very helpful and we are grateful for the assistance being provided. I would like to ask NSF to consider providing some additional targeted help for our marine science colleagues in the gulf coast region. For example, perhaps NSF might be able increase its support for the Field Stations and Marine Laboratories infrastructure program (FSML) and target those additional resources - via the competitive, merit-based review process - for the unique challenges faced by the gulf coast marine laboratories. At the same time, perhaps some special assistance might be provided through the major research instrumentation program, the EPSCOR program, through the new office of cyberinfrastructure or other relevant NSF programs.

As a national organization that represents the varied interests of a wide variety of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes research, education and outreach institutions, we are united in our collective concern for both the personal and professional well being of our colleagues in the affected states. We hope that NSF might be able to find one or more ways to help our marine science colleagues in the gulf coast as they move to recover from the damage they suffered at the hands of Hurricane Katrina. NAML stands ready to assist you and the NSF in anyway that we might be helpful.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey M. Reutter  
President

---

*The National Association of Marine Laboratories (NAML) is a nonprofit organization of over 120 member institutions representing coastal, marine, and Great Lakes laboratories in every coastal state, stretching from Guam to Bermuda and Alaska to Puerto Rico. Members serve as unique "windows on the sea," providing information on the rich environmental mosaic of coastal habitats as well as offshore oceanic regions and the Great Lakes. NAML member laboratories conduct research and provide a variety of academic, education and public service programs to enable local and regional communities to better understand and manage the ocean, coastal and Great Lake environments. NAML is comprised of three regional associations: the Northeastern Association of Marine and Great Lakes Laboratories (NEAMGLL); the Southern Association of Marine Laboratories (SAML); and the Western Association of Marine Laboratories (WAML).*