

Board Liaison Report to the All Star One Governance Group

Dear Friends,

It is a privilege to report to you on SIC Board activities for 2018. This has been a very successful year in many ways. Some notable highlights are:

- ★ Joe Watts, Justina Maji, and the rest of the senior staff have done a “stellar” job this season. They also have expressed gratitude to All Star One for our leadership role in SIC membership, conference attendance, Annual Fund contributions, donation of auction proceeds, and overall commitment to Star Island.
- ★ 2018 was a full, vibrant year with 72 total discrete events including 52 “Blue Book” conferences, with a total of over 20,000 bed nights as of 11 September 2018. The Island lost some bed nights due to inclement weather during the first week of September.
- ★ The Island physical appearance and condition is the best it has been in years. Much needed work on the Oceanic, Cottages, Newton, Vaughn, Parker, and Shack (staff housing) will not only preserve our built infrastructure, but prevent more expensive repairs and future rebuild. Projects included interior and exterior walls and siding, replacement of Lawrance Hall, installing electrical outlets in many guest rooms, and renovating the Lobby Alcove.
- ★ Accessibility has been improved by hardening the Chapel path, installing a Chapel handrail, building a path/ramp to Cottage E, installing improved access to Lawrance Hall, handrails in motel units, transition ramps to cottage entrances, among others.
- ★ Operations were greatly aided by return of senior staff such as Roger Trudeau, Dwayne Aljets, Mark Nash, Bob Austin, and Don Kirlis. Not only do these people possess the corporate knowledge to operate and maintain the Island, their care and dedication to training and motivating Pelicans promotes both high morale and work standards. Roger Trudeau, our own, is largely responsible for this efficiency and high motivational standard.
- ★ Food Service has been successful and well received. John Bynum has made a concerted effort to recruit experienced cooks and supervisors, a challenge in this employment market.
- ★ All Star One continues to provide a leadership example in the Star Community. Out of thirteen SIC board members, we have contributed four - Mary Trudeau, Jeff Loewer, Louise Williams, and Tom Coleman. Additionally, we provide both leadership and technical expertise on numerous staff and operating committees such as **Nominating**- Annie Stewart (chair), Pam Pierce; **Membership** - Nancy Wood (chair), Marlene Smurzynski, Tom Coleman; **Health** - Mary Trudeau, Marlene Smurzynski; **Conference Services** - Mary Trudeau; **Finance** – Jeff Loewer (chair), Louise Williams; **Committee on Appointments** – Patricia and Tom Coleman, Deb Weiner Soule; **Strategic Facilities** – Dick Case; **Fund Development** – Carol Weisman; **Rutledge Marine Lab** – Bill Gimpel, Katie Martell, Cyndy Parr; **Island Heritage and Artifacts** – Adam Osgood (chair), Sarah Mills, Lois Williams
- ★ Brookfield and the Rutledge Marine Lab will have extensive renovations this winter. This is due to the generous beneficence of Lois Williams.
- ★ The wastewater treatment plan will be replaced this winter with a state of the art facility that includes recycling of treated effluent for such uses as flushing toilets. The plant will be online in the spring of 2019.

- ★ Upcoming projects for 2019 include Underworld renovations, which will include renovations and inclusions of office space, social areas, and alternate exits. Many of these projects are in the interest of fire safety.

- ★ As always, I remind you that board minutes (ably written by the SIC Clerk, Mary Trudeau) and Joe Watts' CEO report are posted monthly on the SIC website. These minutes are available at <https://starisland.org/members/>, and contain five years of monthly meeting minutes and CEO reports as well as descriptions of committees and organizational documents.

Submitted by Tom Coleman, 14 September, 2018