

2022 Update for All Star One Governing Council Fall Meeting

The 2022 season saw more returning Shoalers than in 2021. The SIC staff did a great job establishing testing and masking policies at the start of the season and monitored the situation closely at the start of each conference to determine if masking policies could be amended. Also very much appreciate the efforts made to expand outdoor areas for gathering, eating and meeting. While we are not quite at pre-pandemic 'normalcy', the island was able to provide a place to relax, rejuvenate and enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Notable highlights:

- As of September 15, 2022 we had 3,391 registrations representing 17,095 bed nights (89% of our 2022 budgeted goal of 19,140). The primary reason for not meeting our bednight goal was related to COVID-19 – people not registering or cancelling because of concerns, and people cancelling because they tested positive immediately prior to coming to the island (as required per testing policies). SIC implemented a forgiving, low stress cancellation policy, which permitted registrants to cancel up to the day before the conference start date to receive a full refund.
- As of August 31, the 2022 Annual Fund had realized \$374,938 in gifts, with a pledge balance of \$48,975, for a total of \$423,913 (61% of our 2022 goal of \$690,000), with 199 Sustaining Star (recurring) donors. We believe we are on track to achieve our 2022 goal.
- In addition to donations, we have received two additional grants this year: \$25K from the McIninch Foundation, in support of our cottage boardwalk project (to be completed prior to the 2023 conference season), and \$6K from the Fuller Foundation, in support of 2022 arts programming on Star. We are grateful for the ongoing support from these two foundations.
- With regards to island improvements, work on the EMB capital project progressed – due to the out of the way/not in conference areas nature of this project, work was able to continue throughout the conference season.
- An upcoming large project is the repairing/refurbishing of the three breakwaters at Gosport Harbor by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The project has received federal funding and work that directly impacts Star Island (including having equipment on the island itself) is scheduled to be completed this spring, prior to the start of our 2023 regular conference season. Work on the breakwaters connecting Cedar to Smuttynose and Smuttynose to Malaga is expected to continue throughout the summer.
- We advanced the Beloved Community Project this season in meaningful ways, and we were pleased to welcome Christana Wille McKnight to her first conference season as our Island Minister/BCP Manager. Now that the season is

ending, Christana will work with the BCP Task Force and others on prioritizing areas of focus for next year.

- Many of our fellow All Star I family members provide leadership in the greater Star Community. This includes four SIC board members: Liz Erickson, Dr Rev Leon Dunkley, Caroline Quijada and Patricia Coleman (ISA-UU President ex-officio). Additionally, we provide leadership and technical expertise on numerous staff and operating committees including the following: Permanent Trust- David Yermack (chair), Liz Erickson, Bill Peterson; Nominating- Tricia Coleman; Membership – Marlene Smurzynski and Caroline Quijada (chair); Conference Services - Liz Erickson; Finance – Bill Peterson; Committee on Appointments – Scott Stewart; Strategic Facilities – Jill Loewer; Fund Development – Barbara Peterson; Rutledge Marine Lab – Gabrielle Prochaska, Cyndy Parr (chair); Island Heritage and Artifacts – Adam Osgood (co-chair), Sarah Mills, Lois Williams; Health Committee – Marlene Smurzynski; Outreach & Engagement Committee – Ali Walton.

SIC staff are gearing up for Starry Night, which is scheduled to take place at the Discover Portsmouth Center on November 19th. This will be the first in-person Starry Night since 2019, and they are currently working through if/how to incorporate an online auction, which has been a successful endeavor for us in 2020 and 2021. [Isaac Fitzgerald](#), New York times bestselling author and former Pelican, will be the speaker at Starry Night this year. If you have any auction items you would like to donate, or if you have friends who you are willing to invite to donate items that you think would be profitable, please let Joe Watts know.

Finally, I wanted to share that board minutes and Joe Watts' CEO reports are posted monthly on the SIC website.

In Star Spirit,

Caroline Quijada, Board Member