



California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Executive Committee Meeting

California Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 106, West Sacramento, CA
21 February 2019 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Call In: 916-574-2557

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs:
 - Officers: Steve Brumbaugh, Kathleen Berridge, Rob Titus, Jim Hobbs
 - Committee chairs: Chris Parker, Zach Bess, Wayne Lifton, Lisa Thompson, Ramona Swenson, Gary Sprague, Dave Lentz, Shawn Chase, Maddy Harden
 - Student Subunits: Doriane Weiler (UCSC), Katiana Ramos (HSU)

2. Verification of Quorum (6:11 pm)

3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

- Funding for Native Fishes Workshop
 - Funded workshop last year. This year's workshop is in Clear Lake April 4th and 5th. Requesting \$1,000 to cover costs of venue, camping fees, BBQ.
 - We have general events liability insurance.
 - **Action Item:** Jim will forward liability insurance to Shawn Chase. **Completed.**
 - Motion: Cal-Neva to support Native Fishes Clear Lake workshop for \$1,000 (Christina).
Second: Kathleen.
Motion approved.
 - Advertise workshop on website, Facebook, and other social meeting.
- **Request from Paul (president at Utah chapter) for chapters to promote 1-day, free sucker submit on March 12th in Utah.**
 - Cal-Neva will post information on Facebook page. Steve will send Lisa e-mail with more information for blog post on website.

4. Secretary Report – Kathleen Berridge

- Finalize January meeting minutes.
- **Action Item:** Send out updated ExComm contact list.

5. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs

- Account update as of the end of Jan. 2019:
 - Checking: \$82,836.34
 - Savings: \$38,767.31
 - Merrill Lynch: \$100,563.72
 - Total: \$222,168.03
- The System for Awards Management aka SAMS registration was completed. Provided notarized letter but it was sent back stating Jim wasn't an authorized signatory. Jim is working to resolve that this week.

Note: Beware of SAMS scams.

- Starting to get checks for the IEP meeting. Everything seems to be running smooth. Registration is full, there is a waitlist of about 60 people.

6. President Report – Steve Brumbaugh

- IEP contracts are finalized.
- Annual Meeting Planning Guide
 - Meeting on 2/20/2019. Lengthy discussion about how field trips would work. Landed on 4 field trips, potentially scheduled during the week.
 - Tim Cadwell is in charge of field trips. Field trip ideas include Pyramid Lake, Truckee River tour, Lake Tahoe tour, Little Truckee restoration/fishing tour.
 - Steve will provide Zach Bess with information to be involved in field trip coordination discussions.
 - Program schedule is being developed. Need to submit room requests for Cal-Neva and Western Division (WD) business meetings.

7. Past President Report – Laurie Earley, not present

- Strategic Plan and Report Card Approved and on the website

8. President-Elect Report – Rob Titus

- WD ExComm Meeting
 - Retiree registration rates for annual meetings: Wyoming/Colorado chapter allows retirees to attend free of charge, Montana charges \$50, Cal-Neva offers \$75-100 off registration, Cal-Neva gets a low number (about 1 to 2) retiree registration, if provided lower registration rates maybe could increase retiree attendance.
 - Promote AFS national membership recruitment presentation, <https://vimeo.com/314830648>, at chapter meetings, via website, social media, etc.
 - 100th anniversary history project: WD would like chapters to participate. Cal-Neva decided we would provide something during January meeting.
 - Other chapters are putting together annual chapter meetings. WD plans to send representatives.
- 2019 National Meeting Planning
 - Rob developed draft schedule via e-mail on 2/21/2019. (See end of notes).
 - Conclusions on Sunday Welcome social and Wednesday (joint) social haven't been made.
 - Student judging is occurring at the national level. If we want Cal-Neva level student judging, Tom Keegan is willing to put it together, however need to confirm the Society doesn't have a conflict with chapter level awards. Concern there could be competition for applicants between chapter verse national awards. **Action Item:** Steve will reach out to student subunits via e-mail to gage student's interests in participating in chapter verse national award.

For student presentations need to decide if we need a room request or symposium submittal. If Cal-Neva decides to host a student symposia, an abstract needs to be written and submitted before the March 1st submittal deadline.

- Katrina Martin Memorial Award. A Cal-Neva award that may be presented at the Chapter business meeting.
- Joint student social on Tuesday night. Kick off speaker from each society, then dynamic event for students to network to professionals.

- **Question for next National meeting planning call:** Are there other student activities the student events committee needs to be aware of. Is there a budget for student events? They will potentially need rooms and refreshments
- There will not be fees for sessions. (Discussed at January meeting).
- Registration opens late May. Early reg: \$550, late reg: \$600. Peppermill and Atlantis have room blocks and are available for booking. Code on website.
- Fundraising: Committee chairs received template contact letters for potential donors and vendors. TWS requests went out. AFS requests should get sent out ASAP. Does AFS have a fundraising obligation?

9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza, not present

10. Student Subunits Updates

a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros

- Joined together with the UC Davis TWS subunit this past Saturday for a joint field trip to the Nimbus Hatchery that went really well. We've been able to meet some of our counterparts in their subunit, and the same people we will be working with leading up to the national conference.
- National conference: In the first stages of planning the spawning run. According to Elise Irwin last years national AFS conference had 179 people, so we are planning on roughly double that for the joint conference. It has been narrowed down to two possible locations: Bartley Ranch, about 1.7 miles from the venue and Virginia Lake, which is adjacent to the venue
- Still haven't gotten any info on whether or not the student social will be joint AFS/TWS, we need to have some estimate of how many folks we are dealing with before we can plan much more.
- Future subunit events: Movie night 2/21/2019 watching "The Meg"; Fisheries Career panel 3/14/2019 in Davis; Inclusion in Fisheries Panel and Workshops 4/4/2019; UC Davis Picnic Day 4/13/2019; AFS subunit retreat in Santa Cruz, late May or early June

b. Humboldt State University – Katiana Ramos

- Several students are attending the Oregon chapter conference in Bend, OR.
- Students are attending World Aquaculture Conference in New Orleans.
- Planning to host fisheries research symposia

c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Doriane Weiler

- Tide pooling event, "student caught a Cabezon with his bare hands!"
Upcoming events: Classroom teachers and coaches training: 3rd grade to high school. Fish eggs will be delivered to classrooms March 7th; San Lorenzo river clean up, followed by happy hour; Fish printing class; Workshops aimed at gradstudents for publication and reviewing. Undergrads- fisheries brown bag lunch with agency and local guest speakers.

d. Other Student Updates

11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja, not present

- Continuing Education for 2019 Meeting
 - Lauren Maza from HQ is still trying to find instructors for some of the CE courses. Brian has been helping out with a couple but no bites yet. If anyone has suggestion for someone who's available and willing to be an instructor for Stable Isotope analysis, please let Brian know.

- Upcoming IEP Workshop
 - The Workshop is fully booked, which caused some problems because some speakers were not able to sign up in time.
 - The good news is this means we are pretty much guaranteed to make profit from this (which is a relief because that was a concern due to the federal government shutdown).
 - The possibly bad news is because the workshop is at capacity, with at least 60 people still waitlisted, IEP managers seem to want to move the venue next year if possible. This may affect us because having a joint 2020 meeting with IEP next year would be easier if we just do the same venue as the IEP Workshop this year at Lake Natoma Inn.

12. Conservation – Gary Sprague

- Magnuson-Stevens Act- AFS National is following reauthorization act.
- Delta tunnels: CA governor, Gavin Newsom, wants to go down to 1 tunnel
- Public Policy Institute of California (PPIC) published article by Ellen Hanak et al. Water and the Future of the San Joaquin Valley. Article focused on ground water management actions. Quality and quantity of San Joaquin River water. Summary: <https://www.ppic.org/publication/water-and-the-future-of-the-san-joaquin-valley/>
- California's snow pack is 144% of average.

13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis

- Symposia deadline March 1st

14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson

- Looking for nominations for officers. A good approach is through direct contacts.

15. Membership – Heather Benko, not present

- If we are not able to get a photo donated for our banner, we may have to pay

16. Grants – Shawn Acuna, not present

17. Merchandise – Chris Parker

- Who are the merchandise contacts for TWS and WD? What are they selling at 2019 Reno meeting? Need space for merchandise at Reno meeting
- Ideas: trucker hats sold well, athletic hats, buffs, phone grip stands, meeting specific patches/stickers, species specific patches/stickers, artistic clothing, dry bags, duffle bags, backpacks

18. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holly, not present

19. Finance – Wayne Lifton

- Looking at different investments for income opportunities

20. Exhibits – Maddelyn Harden, no update

21. Chapter Historian – Vacant

22. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy

- Draft Charter is final and ready for Procedure Manual
- Diversity questionnaire – incorporating feedback that was provided via e-mail

- WD diversity and inclusion meeting – WD offers Diversity and Inclusions travel grant for \$1,500. Deadlines on WD website

23. Awards – Pat Coulston, not present

24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase

25. Unfinished Business

26. Next Meeting:

- March 21, 2019

27. Meeting to Adjourn: 7:48 pm

Draft 2019 Reno Schedule

TIME	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
8:00		Concurrent technical sessions	Concurrent technical sessions	Concurrent technical sessions	Concurrent technical sessions	Departure, or Fishing field trip?
8:30		08:00 - 10:00	08:00 - 10:00	08:00 - 10:00	08:00 - 10:00	
9:00						
9:30						
10:00		Joint plenary	AFS plenary (+ TWS technical sessions?)	TWS plenary	Joint plenary	
10:30		10:10 - 11:40	10:10 - 11:40	10:10 - 11:40	10:10 - 11:40	
11:00			10:10 - 11:40			
11:30		1.5 hour lunch	1.5 hour lunch	1.5 hour lunch	1.5 hour lunch	
12:00		11:40 - 13:10	11:40 - 13:10	11:40 - 13:10	11:40 - 13:10	
12:30						
13:00		Concurrent technical sessions	TWS plenary (+ AFS technical sessions?)	AFS plenary (+ TWS technical sessions?)	Concurrent technical sessions	
13:30		13:10 - 17:00 with an afternoon break at some point	13:10 - 14:50	13:10 - 14:50	13:10 - 17:00 with an afternoon break at some point	
14:00			Concurrent technical sessions until 17:00	AFS (National) business meeting		
14:30						
15:00						
15:30						
16:00						
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17:30		Trade Show/Poster		TWS affiliation/alumni meetings + open poolside social?		
18:00	Welcome social?	Social Networking				
18:30		Event 17:30 - 19:30				
19:00			Joint student networking			
19:30						
20:00						
20:30						
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