



# California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

## Executive Committee Meeting

California Department of Water Resources  
3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 106, West Sacramento, CA  
25 May 2017 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)  
Call In: 916-574-2557

### Agenda

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

#### 2. Verification of Quorum:

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs:
  - Officers: Joe Merz, Laurie Earley, Ramona Swenson, Stephanie Theis, Jim Hobbs
  - Committee Chairs: Norm Ponferrada, Gary Sprague, Steve Brumbaugh, Christina Parker, Naoaki Ikemiyagi, Sean Luis, Maddelyn Harden, Lisa Thompson, Pat Coulston, Brian Mahardja
  - Student Subunits: Brittany Davis, Katie Kobayashi

#### 3. Secretary Report – Stephanie Theis

- April Business Meeting Minutes, motion to approve: Joe Merz
  - Second: Steve Brumbaugh
  - Meeting minutes approved

#### 4. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs

- Checking account balance as of end of February was \$111,166.88
- Savings account balance as of end of February was \$38,754.32
- Merrill Lynch account in March was \$93,752.14
- Profit for the 2017 meeting was \$26,615.09
- Still waiting for payments from DWR for registration dues
- Have a check ready for Kirsten Selheim for travel

#### 5. President Report – Joe Merz

- Attended Western Division meeting last week in Missoula, MT. Had Mayor of the town held the raffle, but not much attention paid during the auction. Maybe 400 to 450 attendees
- Good time for Cal-Neva to take the leadership on getting the word out on why AFS membership is valuable. Make this a part of our annual retreat
- Tried to get help from Parent Society to help with the training certification process, but not successful. Seems to be a big disconnect between value of Chapter membership versus Parent Society membership
- Still a lot of stuff under construction on website. Need to prioritize completion of the website

## **6. President-Elect Report – Laurie Earley**

- Call today with Bethesda regarding our 2019 meeting (Joe, Laurie, Ramona, WD and Parent Society)
  - National will take the lead on the planning
  - Unsure of the split between units based on the larger role the parent society plans to take, but previous meetings have been 70-20-10 (National = 70%, Chapter = 20%, Western Division = 10%) for profits
  - Need to get our roles lined out early enough - after Tampa meeting planning starts to wrap up, likely in June, the Parent Society will start to line out roles and responsibilities for 2019
  - Need to still sign MOU with the Wildlife Society
  - Anticipate approximately 4,000 people
  - Will be good to involve the student subunits more
    - Good time to meet with the Reno Student Subunit instead of waiting until 2018
  - Will be a good idea to make sure these roles are apparent to folks running for President-Elect next year
- Chapter email - sorted through a lot of email. Will be diligent on regularly checking the email
- Recent email from WD student subunit asking for a donation for the Student Colloquium (next is in Idaho in October)
  - Will forward the email to Stephanie to forward to the Ex Com to discuss at next meeting
- Comments on the CDFW scientific collection permit application changes
  - Currently expensive and difficult to get through the permitting process
  - New process will hopefully fix the difficulties and expenses
- Time to start reaching out to Nevada counterparts to get more involved with the Chapter
- 2017 meeting update posted on website
  - Over 300 attendees, 95 presentations, 35 poster presentations

## **7. Past President Report – Ramona Swenson**

- Strategic Plan Update
  - Updated progress report for 2017
  - Shows how we're making a difference
  - Shows how we're strengthening the ExCom and Committees
  - Hutton Scholarship program (internship for high school students)
    - Want to match 2 students in Southern California. Russ Barabe helped, but need more help to find matches

## **8. Time & Place –Need New Committee Chair**

- Folks reaching out to others to fill this role (Kelly Souza and Russ Barabe indicated potential interest in getting more involved)

## **9. Continuing Education – Norm Ponferrada**

- Norm will be taking a break, need a new Continuing Education Chair
- Update on professional training

## **10. Conservation – Gary Sprague**

- Salmon hearing last week precipitated by the report from UC Davis and Cal Trout. Successful and well attended meeting. Gary will provide a blurb on the hearings for the website
- President's budget - Sea Grant program is looking to be removed and cuts to the ESA. Cuts to NMFS and USFWS budgets. Hard to predict what the approved budget will include
  - Is it worth us looking into providing grant money for 1 or 2 students to help bolster the Sea Grant program?
- Look to retired members to help identify folks to help with Conservation Committee (Chuck Knudsen, Rhonda Reed)

## **11. Communications – Lisa Thompson**

- Web site updates continuing
  - Will look for the historical information that was posted on the old website
  - Comment letters can be included as a pdf
  - Newsletters typically emailed out, but should be posted on the website
    - Perhaps the email notifying folks about the newsletter, we instead email a blurb of the highlights and then provide the link to the newsletter. Perhaps we model after the Mavens Notebook?
    - We are already connected to 'Constant Contact'. Must be careful to not send from personal or professional email accounts

## **12. Bylaws and Nominations – Steve Brumbaugh**

- Need to check into online voting for officers next year in addition to voting at the meeting. Acceptable in our bylaws. National used Google Form
- 2018 meeting - working on ideas for conference theme. Common thread is communicating our science outside our circles. Ideas are "Outside the Bubble," "Inspire, Innovate, and Educate," and Breaking Down Barriers." Currently leaning towards Breaking Down Barriers, which allows a bit more diversity of talks for the plenary
- Working on 2018 conference budget - planning to finish by the end of summer
- Looking for folks for the planning committee - will be emailing requests to folks in the next week or so.
- Site visit to SLO venue planned for the near future. Should be joined by AV person. Target mid-June to set visit

13. Membership – Beth Campbell, not present

14. Student/Young Professionals Travel – Shawn Acuna, not present

## **15. Merchandise – Chris Parker**

- Working with Wildlife Society to discuss merchandise
- Ran out of lanyards, used pins, folks not happy with that option - prefer lanyards

16. Policy and Resolutions – Naoaki Ikemiyagi, no update

17. Finance – Wayne Lifton, not present

18. Exhibits – Maddelyn Harden, not present

- Sent out a 'save the date' to the list of potential exhibitors

#### **19. Chapter Historian – Sean Luis**

- Have fliers, struggling with distribution methods. Have contacted universities, but have not heard back from any. Email request not successful, but phone calls might be better
  - Connect with the student subunits to hand out at the schools
- Still scanning information

#### **20. Awards – Pat Coulston**

- All recipients have their plaques
- Buffet format for banquet makes it difficult to then do the award presentation

#### **21. Student Subunits Updates**

- Sacramento-Davis– Brittany
  - End of April - Earth Day event, over 1,000 people checked out display
  - Two weeks ago, spring quarter meeting with professional panel
  - Election coming up soon
  - 10 members presented, 11 attended the Eureka meeting. 2 won awards
  - Need final reimbursement
- Humboldt State University – Kyle Norton, not present
- Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area– Katie Kobayashi
  - 16 students attended, 5 poster presentations, 5 oral presentations, 2 awards for poster and presentations
  - Outreach process going on with high school (AP Chemistry and AP Bio) - what is a watershed, and taking students in the field to collect data, how to use data to make proposals and move forward into restoration projects
    - Take photos to upload to website
  - Loch Lomond - fishing day and bbq in 2 weeks

#### **22. International Committee – Brian Marhardja, no update**

#### **23. Old Business**

- Move subunits to be below Chapter Officers discussion in next meeting

#### **24. New or other Business**

#### **25. Next Meeting – June 2017**

#### **26. Meeting to Adjourn:**

- Motion: Steve
- Second: Norm
- Meeting Adjourned: 7:43 pm