



California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
**Business Meeting**

Atlantis, Grand Ballroom 3  
Tuesday, 1 October 2019 (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm)

**Meeting Minutes**

**1. Introduction Start 5:31pm**

- Parliamentarian Appointed
- Verification of Quorum – 30 members
- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
  - Officers: Steve Brumbaugh, Jim Hobbs, Laurie Earley, Rob Titus, Kathleen Berridge
  - Committee chairs: Kelly Souza, Brian Mahardja, Ramona Swenson, Lisa Thomson, Dave Lentz, Christina Parker, Wayne Lifton, Shawn Chase, Shawn Acuña, Gary Sprague, Esther Tracy, Sheena Holley
  - Student Subunits: John Lui (UCD)

**2. Cal-Neva Chapter Update – Steve Brumbaugh**

- Meeting Planning Update
  - Over 1,800 AFS attendees, over 4,000 presentations, minus TWS presentations (i.e., AFS and joint sessions)
- Chapter Update
  - Membership, Exhibits, Awards, and Historian chair positions were vacated recently. Membership and Exhibits remain open.
  - New committee chairs Diversity and Outreach Committee (Esther Tracy), Awards Committee Chair (Zach Bess)
- Membership Update/Diversity Survey
  - As of August 2019, we have 497 members
  - Diversity Survey: 73 participants
  - Jessie Trushenski (Society President): A huge thank you to Cal-Neva to for the success of this meeting
- 2018 Chapter Report – Laurie Earley, Past-President
  - Recently switched from calendar year reporting to presidential term (i.e. national meeting to national meeting/Aug-Aug)
  - Continued efforts include increasing assistance to student subunits, transparency to our membership by developing chapter reports, getting comment letters out and contacting representatives, and initiating online voting to reach more chapter membership.
  - Updated strategic plan for 2016-2017, Chapter revised plan for 2018-2020, Society will release its revised 5 year plan this winter.
- 2018-2019 Chapter Report – Steve Brumbaugh, President
  - Discontinued 2 committees: Fisheries Information Network (formerly Fisheries Action Network) and International Committee
  - Started 2 new committees: Diversity and Outreach Committee and Native Fishes Committee
  - Provided services to IEP workshop

- Provided support for WDAFS Student Colloquium and Placer Nature Bowl
- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay subunit awarded WDAFS and Society Outstanding Student Subunit.
- Comment Letters – Endorsed Pebble Mine letter and WOTUS letter from WDAFS
- Administered first small project grants (two \$1,500 grants)
- Provided over \$20,000 for students, young professionals, and professionals in travel support to National meeting

### **3. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs**

- Account update as of the end August 2019:
  - Checking: \$78,995.99
  - Savings: \$38,772.48
  - Merrill Lynch: \$106,578.78
 Total: \$224,342.25
- Cal-Neva has an MOU that guarantees at least \$50,000 of income from the joint AFS/TWS meeting. Depending on how the meeting does, we could see more income. The Chapters expenses including those for the joint meeting were budgeted to essentially break even for the year. Our normal chapter expenses were budgeted at \$52,2368.00, which includes expenses for the ExComm to travel to the national and WD meetings, support for student subunits, and a variety of fixed expenses such as rent for storage, tax preparation web site fees etc. We also have a variety of “other expenses” for socials, travel support for professionals, a small grants program and other sponsorships and donations. The line item budgets for these are set to be fairly generous and as the year progresses the Ex-Com tracks expenses and makes adjustments to keep the chapter near break-even each year.
- Cal-Neva provided a total of \$12,830.02 to support student sub-units.

### **4. Secretary Report – Kathleen Berridge**

- September Minutes approved
- Election Results: 54 responses
- President-elect – Dave Lentz
- Incoming Treasurer – Jose Setka

### **5. Student Subunits Updates**

- Sacramento-Davis– John Lui
  - Increased student membership
  - Hosted a lot of outreach events
  - Upcoming year trying to align strategic plan with Society’s
  - Reaching out to public schools and young professionals
- Humboldt State University – Michelle Loftus, not present
- Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area– Doriane Weiler, not present

### **6. Committee Updates**

- **Time and Place – Kelly Souza**
  - 2020 Annual meeting: March 15-17, 2020 at Lake Natoma Inn
  - 2021 Annual Meeting: Northern California
  - 2022 Annual Meeting: Southern California
- **Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja**
  - 2019 Meeting – Helped put together continuing education courses with AFS National Society

- 2020 Meeting – 3 continuing education courses on March 15: Intro to Stats with R, ESA Section 7 consultation, one open slot
- **Conservation – Gary Sprague**
  - May 2018 - sent 46 letters to CA representatives in the U.S. House in support for RAWA.
  - September 2018 - reviewed CA Prop 3 and provided a summary to ExComm.
  - November 2018 - sent a letter to U.S. Secretary Zinke requesting continued support for the evaluation of the reintroduction of winter-run Chinook Salmon upstream of Shasta Dam.
  - April 2019 - reviewed and commented on the AFS Western Division letter regarding the Pebble Mine in Alaska.
  - May 2019 - reviewed California Senate Bill 386 on renewable energy.
  - Continuing to monitor RAWA, MSFCMA renewal, ESA consultation for the CVP and SWP.
- **Communications – Lisa Thompson**
  - Distributed 10 E-Newsletters and e-newblasts to membership
  - Regularly update Cal-Neva Chapter website with blogposts, job opportunities, scholarship opportunities, and continuing education workshops
  - Created 5 full page ads in Fisheries for National Meeting
- **Merchandise – Chris Parker**
  - Swag for sale at the Cal-Neva booth
- **Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holley**
  - July 2018 - requested opposition for a policy rider to exempt the BDCP/CA WaterFix from judicial review
  - December 2018 – Discussed changes to the 2015 WOTUS rule with Drue Winters
  - February 2019 through present – review and tracking of the ESA consultation and CESA permit process regarding CVP and SWP
  - August 2019 – Discussed SB1 and changes to ESA with Drue Winters. Vetoed by Newsom
- **Diversity and Outreach Committee – Esther Tracy**
  - 1st Social Mixer in West Sacramento – 32 participants
  - Planning 2nd mixer in November
  - Fish Migration Day: May 16, 2020. AFS will be organizing and hosting a booth
- **Native Fishes – Shawn Chase**
  - Formed in 2018
  - Hosted 2 workshops, 3rd workshop planned for the Trinity River July 15-18
  - Planning a “Native Fishes Field Trip” at Clear Lake to see spawning Hitch

## 7. Awards and Grants

- **Travel Grants – Shawn Acuña**
  - Provided Young Professional, Student, and Professional travel awards
  - Travel awards will be provided for IEP meeting
  - Small Grants to support research of membership (provided support to 3 projects this year)
- **Chapter Awards – Zach Bess**
  - Special contribution awards: Lisa Thompson (communications), Ramona Swenson (Student Social), Maddie Harden (Fundraising), Claire Ingel (Volunteers), Chris Hogle

(General Meeting Planning Chair), Steve Brumbaugh (Program Co-Chair), Laurie Early (Program Co-Chair)

- Conservation Achievement Award: The Walker Basin Conservancy, Matthew Brown (USFWS)
- Distinguished Professional Achievement Award: Gary Scopettone, Patrick Coulston

**8. New or Other Business**

- Cal-Neva AFS/Sac-Shasta TWS social on Wednesday 10/2

**9. Next Meeting – 21 November 2019, 6pm-7:30pm, West Sacramento**

- **Meeting Adjourn 7:06**



**Cal-Neva Core Group Meeting for March 2020 Annual Meeting Planning**  
California Department of Water Resources  
3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 106, West Sacramento, CA  
October 29, 2019 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)

### **Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Rob Titus, Laurie Earley, Kathleen Berridge, Jim Hobbs, Jose Setka, Brian Mahardja, Kelly Souza, Dave Lentz, Ramona Swenson

#### **Focused Discussion**

A Cal-Neva core group met to discuss the possibility of a “Joint” meeting with IEP in March 2020. IEP has already outlined sessions and events for each day of their meeting (March 18-20, 2020). While IEP has some flexibility for overlap, they already have a desired plan in place. A possibility for overlap is on Wednesday, March, 18, during a plenary session with a climate change theme. There are some capacity concerns with a joint plenary or simultaneous presentation sessions with attendance from both groups. Another possibility for overlap is a joint event on Tuesday evening, although that timing is not ideal for IEP presenters.

The core group came to the decision to not have a Joint meeting with IEP in March 2020 due to logistical challenges and capacity concerns at the venue. The two meetings will be back-to-back but will run separately with separate registration fees and registration processes. The core group is open to providing a speaker from Cal-Neva to speak during the IEP plenary session, and vice-versa, invites an IEP member to speak during the plenary session of the Cal-Neva meeting. The core group also discussed extending an invite to IEP members for a social event on Tuesday night, March 17. Cal-Neva plans to host continuing education courses on Sunday, March 15, with presentations (both oral and poster) and banquet events on Monday and Tuesday, March 16 and 17.

Cal-Neva previously agreed to handle the registration fees and other income for the IEP March 2020 meeting. However, there is no agreement currently in place. A no-cost contract will need to be developed.