



**California-Nevada Chapter
of the American Fisheries Society
Executive Committee Mid-Year Retreat**

Location: Regional San/SASD
10060 Goethe Rd., Sunset Maple Room,
Sacramento, CA 95827

Date: January 26, 2020

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

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Conference ID: 7122361

- 1. Call to Order and Introductions (Rob Titus) 9:09**
- 2. Verification of Quorum (Kathleen Berridge)**
 - 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs:
 - Officers: Rob Titus, Steve Brumbaugh, Jose Setka, Dave Lentz, Kathleen Berridge
 - Jim Hobbs, Stephanie Durkacz (Cont. Ed), Wayne Lyfton, Ramona Swenson, Lisa Thompson, Brian Mahardja, Laurie Earley, Kelly Souza, Zach Bess
- 3. Agenda Review**
- 4. President's 2020 Plan of Work**
 - Attending WD meeting in Vancouver, and Dave and Rob will attend 150 year meeting in Columbus, OH
 - Priority Activities:
 - 1) Build membership through recruitment, retention, and reactivation
 - Poll broader list serve for topics members AND non-members would like to see at an annual meeting. For example, hatcheries, sportfish, reservoir management, marine fisheries, aquaculture, Urban Creeks
 - Reach out to society level committees
 - Engage with Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW)
 - Potential for additional committees. Other AFS Chapters have marine habitat committee, coastal committee, etc.
 - 2) Expand outreach activities
 - Student Subunits: Connect with Southern California UCSD? SDSU? UCSB? Connecting with Fisheries professionals
 - Participate in local events. For example, Creek Week, Earth Day, World Fish Migration Day
 - Expand Diversity and Outreach Committee in other parts of CA and NV
 - 3) Expand conservation activities
 - 4) Continue work of Past President(s)
- 5. Budget Review (Jose Setka, Jim Hobbs, Rob Titus)**
 - Account update as of January 1, 2020:
 - Checking: \$106,911.53
 - Savings: \$38,760.20

- Merrill Lynch: \$105,137.68
- Total: \$250,809.41
- Review 2020 budget
 - Expected income of additional \$37k from Reno Annual Meeting to be divided between Cal-Neva, National, and Western Division. Not reflected in Budget.
 - Moving e-Data from Dropbox to Google Drive.
 - Increase Discretionary line item.
 - Annual Meeting Income/Loss is lower because we are acknowledging uncertainties in meeting profits.

Motion: To approve 2020 budget (Steve)

Second: Kathleen

Motion passes.

6. 2020 Meeting Planning

- Information on website, abstracts for posters and talks is open, and registration is open.
- Plenary session: Doug Willett (LCT in Pyramid Lake), IEP speaker, Potential 3rd speaker (Bill Sommer, CDFW retired)?
- **Action Item:** Steve to reach out to Maddie for Donations and Sponsorship contact list.
- **Action Item:** Dave to reach out to student subunits to request information about participation in the annual meeting.
- **Action Item:** Brian will ask IEP about who might have a fisheries success story to add to the plenary (Steve Culberson or Larry Brown are potential options).
- Present Chapter awards at Banquet, not the Business Meeting.
- Next Planning Committee meeting **February 11th** at 980 Riverside Parkway, Suite 110, West Sacramento.
- **Action Item:** Kelly or Dave will need to adjust the Schedule at a Glance to accommodate for more plenary speakers.
- **Action Item:** All ExComm need to start “shaking trees” for talks. The call for symposia only yielded two.
- Naoaki knows someone who can handle the AV role. **Action Item:** Brian or Jim to confirm.
- We have 4 projectors, which will limit the concurrent sessions to 4. It would be good to have back up projectors and bulbs. **Action Item:** Lisa will check to see if they have access to an extra projector.
- There may not be a lot of student volunteer this meeting, since the time slot overlaps with finals. ExComm members should be prepared to help out more than usual.

7. 2021 – 2022 Meeting Venue Selection

- Continue to use Helms Briscoe services to get Cal-Neva opportunities at venues and hotels for chapter meetings, instead of negotiating with the help of the parent society, which would cost a minimum of \$750 regardless of the size of the meeting.
- RFP for Chico, Mammoth, Irvine, Fresno, Santa Barbara, Long Beach opens this week. **Action Item:** Kelly will ask Helms Brisco for the matrix of responses in time for the February ExComm Meeting.
- **Action Item:** Kelly to create a map with regions to decide how the meetings rotate regionally

8. Chapter History Display for the 150th Annual Meeting

- Provide material for WD historical video. Jim and Rob to coordinate.

9. Committee Review

- Expand Conservation Committee and Diversity and Outreach Committee
- Membership and Exhibits are still vacant. Consider consolidating the responsibilities of the Membership Committed into another person's role, since is a small task. Perhaps the Secretary?
- Potential for new committees. Examples, Marine Fisheries Committee, Fish Culture, Habitat committee

10. New Business

- ExComm swag: Men's and Women's fit T-shirt

11. Officer Updates

- Secretary (Kathleen Berridge)
 - Finalize November Minutes, no December meeting.
 - **Action Item**: send out updated ExComm mailing list.
- Treasurer (Jose Setka)
 - Need to develop alternatives for excess money in Checking Account with Finance Committee. Follow up discussion at business meeting.
- President (Rob Titus – WDAFS Update), no update
- Past President (Steve Brumbaugh)
 - Plans to work on Procedure Manual
- President-Elect (Dave Lentz)
 - See Item 6, 2020 Meeting Planning
 - After 2020 meeting, work on updating Strategic Plan

12. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza), no update
- Continuing Education (Brian Mahardja)
 - Continuing Education information is posted on Eventbrite
- Conservation (Gary Sprague), not present
 - Prepare Thank You letters for Recovery America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) congressional persons.
- Communications (Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis)
 - Items for quarterly newsletter: travel awards, call for abstracts, message from past president (Steve), president message (Rob), accepting applications for new awards, small grant, President and Secretary nominations
 - **Action item**: Add Dr. Deacon Moyle Native Fish award to website
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson)
 - President Elect and Secretary positions are open for nominations. Need to post candidates on website no later than February 14 (30 days before the annual meeting).
 - **Action Item**: All ExComm to provide Ramona with two potential candidate names for each position (President Elect and Secretary) by January 31, 2020.
- Membership (Vacant)

- Student Awards (Shawn Acuña), not present
- Merchandise (Chris Parker), not present
- Policy and Resolutions (Sheena Holley), not present
 - Draft letters for NMFS and USFWS on BiOp for SWP and CVP
- Finance (Wayne Lifton), not present
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs), no update
- Awards (Zach Bess)
 - Sustainable awards: provide options to recipients (ex. fish art, gift cards, plant a tree, etc.). Follow up at next ExComm meeting.
 - Zach received a nomination for an award, without any qualifying explanation for the award.
 - **Action Item**: Zach will reach out to the nominator and ask for justification for the award. Without the supporting information, the ExComm doesn't have the necessary information to inform their decision.
- Outreach and Diversity (Esther Tracy), not present
- Native Fishes (Rob Titus on behalf of Damon Goodman)
 - Developing nomination for Dr. Deacon Moyle award
 - Ongoing planning for 2020 native fish committee workshop – developing a proposal for \$1,500 to support food and supplies.

13. Student Subunit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Rob Titus on behalf of Laura Goetz)
 - Trout in the classroom will resume soon. Recruited more coaches to give teachers more support.
 - Involved with UC Santa Cruz giving day. Putting together video about “What They Do”.
 - Help Fish Bio host a Fish Migration Day.
- UC Davis/Sacramento (John Lui)
 - Quarterly events: Working with other clubs on campus, held winter quarter general meeting, 1st seminar series to introducing undergrads to graduate student research, movie night: Artifishal by Patagonia, tour of Aquarium of the Bay, tour of CA Academy of Science
 - Website improvements
 - **Action Item**: John will query the subunit and find out how many students are planning to attend the annual meeting and on which days.
- Humboldt, not present
- New Subunit Creation (Status of Cal Poly, Long Beach, etc.)
 - Following up on involvement.

14. Next Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2020

ADJOURN (4:00pm)

January 16th, 2020

California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) requests support from the AFS Cal-Neva Chapter for tea and coffee service at the Department's Science Symposium in late February. The request is in the amount of \$500, which is in-line with previous amounts approved by the ExComm for CDFW.

Motion: To provide the \$500 to help support CDFW's Science Symposium (Steve).

Second: Dave Lentz

Motion Passes.