



California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Business Meeting

Embassy Suites Hotel
San Luis Obispo, California
March 1, 2018 (12:00 pm – 1:15 pm)

Meeting Minutes

1. Introduction

- Parliamentarian appointed: Ramona Swenson
- Verification of Quorum (20 members in good standing) - Quorum verified
- Meeting Start: 12:01

2. Cal-Neva Chapter Update

- Chapter Update - Laurie Earley
 - Revising and moving towards a 5-year Strategic Plan, and looking for feedback from members
- Membership Update - Heather Benko
 - Low numbers from Nevada
 - Membership update will be posted on the website
 - Requested recommendations on how to expand the membership base
- 2017 Report Card - Joe Merz
 - Report card can be found on the website and includes the following information:
 - Planned and conducted meeting in Eureka
 - Planned and conducted meeting in SLO
 - Working with Wildlife Society for joint meeting in Reno
 - Key fisheries issues - letters provided
 - Provided donation to Miller and Lea
 - 5 continuing education courses with over 100 attendees
 - Promoted certification program - talked with parent society to figure out how to improve the process
 - Worked with agencies to help increase attendance by government employees
 - Working towards 5 student chapters
 - Ex Com members have met with student subunits to help build leadership skills
 - Website has been revamped
 - Jobs getting posted on website
 - Co-sponsored the delta smelt workshop
- 2018 - 2021 Strategic Plan - Laurie Earley
 - Working towards a 5 year plan

- We provide a yearly report to Parent Society, working on getting our strategic plan to be complementary to the society report
- Looking to develop a small grants program for the chapter

3. Treasurer Report - Jim Hobbs

- Finance Update:
 - Checking Account: \$97,195.54
 - Savings Account: \$38,762.20
 - Merrill Lynch: \$105,137.68
- Last year's meeting took in over \$26,000.
 - Profits are rolled over to the next year to provide funding for student and professionals to travel to meetings,
 - Funding available for small grants
 - Continuing education courses outside the annual meeting brought in additional funds
- Look to make a profit of approximately \$10,000/annual meeting
- Investment account - earning an extra \$4K to \$5K per year due to market conditions
- 2018 Budget
 - Money is spent on sending Ex Com officers to Western Division and National meetings
 - Provide student support - spent \$1,500 last year for seed money to each subunit
 - Money is set aside to sponsor events
 - Set money aside for socials (e.g., with the Wildlife Society)
 - Added 2 new line items to this year's budget
 - \$8,000 set aside to support travel to the 2019 meeting
 - \$5,000 set aside for a social and full-day symposium
 - Contingency budget was set up so that we can cover unexpected requests
 - Budget Approval:
 - Motion to approve: Jim Hobbs
 - Question regarding small grants program - increased from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Jim explained that money was available to increase
 - Second: Doug Rischbieter
 - Motion Approved: Approved

4. Secretary Report - Stephanie Theis

- February Meeting Minutes were revised based on comments from the Executive Committee
 - Motion to approve: Stephanie Theis
 - Second: Steve Brumbaugh
 - Motion Approved: Motion Approved

5. Election and Bylaws

- Election Update
 - 5 candidates for positions, electronic voting
 - 3 president-elect candidates: Rob Titus, Damon Goodman, and Chris Hogle

- 2 secretary candidates: Kathleen Berridge, Mike Davis
- o Voting polls open until 5 pm
- o New officers will be announced at Banquet
- o Bylaws - changes made - up for vote
 - Elected officers could not serve consecutive terms. New bylaws changing this requirement
 - Approved by parent society
 - Will be forwarded to governing committee

6. Awards and Grants

- Chapter Awards - Pat Coulston (Awards Committee Chair)
 - o 8 chapter awards to be presented tonight
 - o Award will be presented for the student subunit for Santa Cruz
- Travel Grants - Shawn Acuña (Travel Awards Committee Chair)
 - o Hard to get people to apply for travel grants - looking for recommendations on how to recruit more applicants
 - o Offered to students as well as early professionals
 - o 2 travel awards will be given at the banquet
 - o 2 \$750 travel grants are up for grabs to attend the national meeting
 - o Comment provided about clarifying how the money can be used
 - o 2 travel grant programs -
 - Student subunit travel grant program
 - Individual travel award, member in good standing, do not have to be giving a talk or poster, but it does weigh into the selection
 - Cal-Neva meeting - 2 \$500 awards are available
 - Semi-annual travel award - 2 \$750 awards are available

7. 2019 Reno Meeting Update - Dan Cassidy (AFS Deputy Executive Director) and Jesse Trushenski (AFS Vice President)

- Heavy lifting usually done by chapters is now being conducted by National staff
- Biggest concern is the depth of what needs to be done, not just the breadth
- Planning for an annual meeting begins 4 or 5 years in advance
- Meeting will be held at the convention center in Reno
- Looking to ensure it will be a joint meeting rather than seeming to be 2 separate meetings
- Anticipated attendance of around 5,000 people
- Currently looking to make sure all the agreements and understandings are in place
- Volunteers will be supported by National staff
- National planning staff is inviting the Cal-Neva planning committee members to join the calls for the Atlantic City meeting preparation to get a heads up on what will be expected
- Looking to set up talks with different perspectives for conservation

- Chapter nexus is through the programming chairs and programming committee
 - Looking to get volunteers at the meeting on Friday to help with the meeting planning

8. Time & Place Update – Kelly Souza (Time and Place Committee Chair)

- 2019 - 149th Annual AFS Meeting - Reno, planning in progress
- 2020 - Sacramento area - have not started looking at venues yet
- 2021 - Western area - location still to be determined
- 2022 - Sacramento and Tacoma are being considered for National

9. Student Subunits Updates

- Sacramento-Davis - Sean Luis (Subunit President)
 - 11 members attending, 5 presenting
 - Hosted tour of Nimbus Fish Hatchery 25 to 30 attendees
 - 'Salmon Confidential' film viewing
 - Hosted tour of the Bay Model
 - Upcoming UC Davis Picnic Day - will have live fish display and wet labs
 - Will be hosting a river cleanup
 - Subunit led a career panel - successful, so will repeat in spring
 - Have a facebook page
- Humboldt State University - Aubrey Arevalo (Subunit President)
 - 30 student members
 - 13 members attending conference
 - 10 members presenting or posters
 - Redtail Rumble - fishing competition
 - Sturgeon aquaponics facility - set up to also harvest herbs (basil)a
 - Held annual tuna mixer - largest fundraising event - \$200 to \$300 worth or raffle prizes donated
 - Raised \$200 profit
 - Won second place in dodgeball championships
 - Representatives at the Oregon chapter meeting in 2 weeks - 16 students will attend (5 or 6 are freshmen)
 - Fish printing workshop will be hosted at university
 - Annual spring-run mixer coming up soon
 - Annual fisheries vs wildlife soccer game
 - Fishing buddy day - foreign exchange students get to learn about local fisheries
- Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area - Kat Dale (Subunit President)
 - Monthly cleanups and workshops
 - Fish Story Telling event - Fish Tales!
 - Film viewing event
 - Collaboration with other groups
 - Classroom events (raise trout)
 - Seafood genetics fraud project with HS students
 - Coastal Watershed Commission - post newsletters

- Geocaching project for larval fish
- Museums
- Boys and Girls Clubs
- o Invited to present at National meeting about lessons-learned while establishing a new student subunit
- o New workshop ideas and outreach ideas are flowing
- o Won best Student Subunit Award from Western Division
- Reno Subunit
 - o Reno subunit picking back up, bylaws being finalized

10. New or Other Business

11. Next Executive Committee Meeting

- April 19, 2012, 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm, West Sacramento

12. Meeting Adjourn

- o Motion to adjourn: Laurie Earley
- o Second: Ramona Swenson
- o Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm

13. Final Election Results (announced at the March 1, 2018 Banquet):

- Rob Titus - President Elect
- Kathleen Berridge - Secretary