



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

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

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

#### 2. Verification of Quorum

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
  - Officers: Steve Brumbaugh, Kathleen Berridge, Rob Titus, Jim Hobbs, Laurie Earley
  - Committee chairs: Kelly Souza, Heather Benko, Brittney Davis, Sheena Holley, Ramona Swenson, Gary Sprague, Esther Tracey, Shawn Chase, Zach Bess, Lisa Thompson, Dave Lentz, Wayne Lifton, Claire Ingle, Brian Mahardja
  - Student Subunits: Doriane Weiler (UCSC), John Lui (UCD), Arthur Barros (UCD)

#### 3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

- Final decision re: 2020 IEP Joint Meeting
  - IEP has soft hold for last 2 weeks of March 2020.
  - IEP wants workshop to be Wed.- Fri., AFS could take Mon.-Tue. with continuing education on Sunday. There would not be days with overlapping sessions.
  - Need to work out registration fees: joint, separate, daily rates, etc.
  - Lake Natomas Inn capacity is around 350
  - Motion: To hold 2020 Chapter meeting in conjunction with IEP meeting, 2 days prior to IEP meeting at Lake Natoma Inn (Ramona)
  - Second: Jim
  - Motion passes
  - Kelly Souza and president-elect will be contacts with IEP
- 2019 Meeting Member Support
  - Student Support: \$5,000 for student support in approved budget
  - Can't comp registration for volunteers. Bethesda is paying \$10/hour for student volunteer time.
  - General member support: \$8,000 in approved budget
  - ExComm: \$7,800 for ExComm in approved budget
  - Regular travel awards still apply
  - **Action Item:** student sub units reach out to members to poll who plans to present, needs financial help to attend. Steve and Kelly will put together a cost estimate for the May meeting.
- AFS/WD/Cal-Neva MOU
  - Outline roles and profit sharing
  - In past AFS receives 70% of profit, hosting chapter – 20%, Western Division - 10%
  - Revised MOU proposes AFS 85% of profit, hosting chapter – 10%, Western Division - 5%

- WD has been operating on a budget that they would get about \$40k, WD plans to make a counter offer
- Cal-Neva proposes \$60k minimum or 15% of net meeting revenue, whichever is greater

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

- Received and made edits to March edits, will finalize and send to Lisa and Brittany

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

- Account update as of the end of Mar. 2019:
  - Checking: \$88,347.40
  - Savings: \$33,879.22
  - Merrill Lynch: \$103,188.12
  - Total: \$230,304.74
- We have two outstanding balances for the IEP meeting, DWR Invoice 45006718 for \$15,015 and CDFW invoice 17846 for \$9,550. The net for the meeting once we receive these payments will be \$31,621.06. Jim has not heard back about putting money down for next year's meeting.
- Jim sent tax documents to Pamela Manini, our tax accountant on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Jim has yet to hear back from her. We will likely have to file an extension. Our taxes are due May 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. President Report – Steve Brumbaugh**

- Outstanding Chapter Awards- Steve submitted award

#### **7. Past President Report – Laurie Earley**

- Working on the Program Committee and focusing efforts on getting prepared for abstract review.

#### **8. President-Elect Report – Rob Titus**

- WDAFS ExComm: Instead of large banquet Wednesday night, there will be associated networking events and a general networking event by pool. Rob would like to coordinate a Cal-Neva mixer with Sacramento-Shasta TWS chapter.

#### **9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza, will provide update at later meeting**

#### **10. Student Subunits Updates**

##### **a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros**

- Will provide list of abstracts and presenters
- Other Grants: John E. Skinner and Emerging Leaders Mentorship Award

##### **b. Humboldt State University – Renay Razo, not present**

##### **c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Doriane Weiler**

- Will provide list of abstracts and presenters
- Plan to do fundraising events for National meeting support
- Hosting tri-subunit retreat
- Abalone farm tour

##### **d. Other Student Updates**

#### **11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja**

- Bethesda sent out list of 8 approved classes at National meeting: Conflict management, Ecohydraulics, eDNA, Electrofishing, HACCP/Invasive species, Peer review, Beginning statistics, Webmasters

- Bioengineering section of AFS national will provide \$1,000 to instructor Laura Wildman, would like Cal-Neva to provide \$500. We will discuss and vote over e-mail.

## 12. Conservation – Gary Sprague

- Working with WD, Resource Policy and Environmental Concerns Committee (RPECC) to respond to the Pebble Mine (Alaska) DEIS A draft letter is being prepared. The Deadline is May 30.
- The CVP/SWP reconsultation BiOp is expected July 13, 2019.
- No action is expected on modifying the **Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act**.
- The **Modern Fish Act** was signed on December 31, 2018. It addresses recreational fishing and data.
- Headquarters is mostly focused on the **Waters of the US** rule making. AFS has developed a paper and a fact sheet.
- Introduction of **Recovering America's Wildlife Act** in the House is expected in the near future.
- AFS and NOAA are working to host a briefing during the Capitol Hill Ocean Week (first week of June). The focus is aquaculture.
- AFS is starting a climate working group to update AFS climate polices. If anyone is interested, they can contact Drue Winters (AFS staff).
- AFS is working to establish the **National Fish Habitat Partnership** for Co-op units (law and funding).

## 13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis

- Been assigned to do an ad for Fisheries magazine through September
- **Action Item:** Send E-newsletter information to Lisa by evening of April 27<sup>th</sup>. E-newsletter to go out at end of April: national meeting update (Brittany and Lisa), elections (Ramona), travel awards currently advertised, Presidents message (Steve), re-new your membership (Heather).

## 14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson

- Candidates and Elections (President and Treasurer)
  - Ramona has reached out to several potential candidates, many are not currently members
  - Looking for other nominees ASAP, send out notices via social media, website post
  - Nominee bios submitted to Ramona no later than May 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Elections will be held electronically early June

## 15. Membership – Heather Benko

- 2 posters, pens, and pins on the way

16. Grants – Shawn Acuna, not present

17. Merchandise – Chris Parker, not present

18. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holley

19. Finance – Wayne Lifton, not present

20. Exhibits – Maddelyn Harden, not present

**21. Chapter Historian – Vacant**

**22. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy**, will update next meeting

- **Action Item:** Rob will forward diversity notes form National Meeting planning call

**23. Awards – Vacant**

**24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase**, not present

**25. Unfinished Business**, no update

**26. Next Meeting:**

- **May 16, 2019**

**27. Meeting to Adjourn: 7:42pm**