



## California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

### Executive Committee Meeting

Location: California Department of Water Resources  
3500 Industrial Blvd, Room 106  
West Sacramento, CA 95691

Date: February 20, 2020

Time: 6:00 - 8:11 pm

Call-in: [+1 \(916\) 876-4100](tel:+19168764100) ,  
Conference ID: 7122361

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions (Rob Titus) 6:04

#### 2. Verification of Quorum

3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs:

- Officers: Rob Titus, Steve Brumbaugh, Jose Setka, Dave Lentz
- Jim Hobbs (Historian), Stephanie Durkacz (Cont. Ed), Ramona Swenson (Bylaws), Brian Mahardja (Cont. Ed), Kelly Souza (Time & Place), Sheena Holley (Policy)
- Phone - Zach Bess (Awards), Esther Tracy (Diversity/Outreach), Gary Sprague (Conservation), Lisa Thompson (Communications), Damon Goodman (Native Fish), Wayne Lifton (Finance), Laurie Earley (past Past Pres)

#### 3. Agenda Review

No new business to agenda

#### 4. Focused Discussion/New Business

##### a. Helms Briscoe Report for 2021-2023 Annual Meetings - Kelly Souza

- Got 10 responses, only 6 would honor state per diem rates (\$95), which is much lower than federal per diem rates (approx. \$180-190). Only at Irvine, Redding, Yosemite and Fresno.
  - Redding (North) – Gaia Hotel looked good amenities
  - Yosemite (Central)– most frequent site of our meetings. Tenaya Lodge (Yosemite) is more southern in this area. Feedback from TWS which met there recently said amenities were good. Only risk is bad weather early in the year.
  - Other places: Chico- No response. Sonoma and Ventura were also in mix, although the rates might not be met. Mammoth – but winter/spring is their peak time.
- Timing – suggest we consider we get away from our traditional timing in March? Possibly in late Jan/February? 2021 – IEP will be meeting in fall, so not a conflict.
- Site visit – plan this for Time & Place chair, President-Elect.
- We have the Chapter geographic divisions mapped out and Kelly looked at historic distribution of meetings. Most have been on the West. Least in the South (last time San Diego 2012, then SLO 2018). Last time in Redding was 2009.
- Rotation of locations – Steve suggest we have more flexibility in where we go/revisit. That's something in the Procedures Manual. Or go to South to try and recruit more southern members. In past, Ventura has had good attendance.
  - ACTION – Ramona look at membership data by zip code
  - ACTION – See what Ventura proposal yields. Make a priority for decision in April

- b. Potential for Cal-Trout 50th Anniversary/CDFW symposium in 2021.
  - When is a good time of year when things are slower – Jan/Feb timeframe.
  - Place – Davis typically for CalTrout, although CalNeva meeting would usually rotate to another part of state.
- c. Chapter History Display for 150th Annual Meeting.
  - Jim Hobbs is getting our Chapter history table updated by older members
  - How about a timeline? Start with CA/NV statehood, then move forward with major fish events, and the founding of the CalNeva Chapter and onward.
  - “Wearable Otolith” showing rings of events
- d. Committee Review – from the Retreat. We have an opening for the Membership Committee
  - New – Diversity and Inclusion, should update the description on the website
  - Open – Membership
    - Should we roll this into an existing committee, like Outreach? Or have existing Officer (Secretary) handle this? (can’t change the official duties of an Officer without changing Bylaws, though).
    - ACTION – Steve, Rob and Ramona to review the role and tasks of membership duties and functions.
- e. Website Update Needs – we should go through the website and update committee chair names, make sure annual meeting page is current. Sometimes difficult posting “past events”; Lisa Thompson has contacted Bethesda support to help but not heard back yet. Lisa Thompson and Brittany happy to update any material that ExComm members/chairs send to them.

## 5. 2020 Meeting Planning – Dave Lentz and Planning Committee

- a. Award Nominations – Zach Bess
  - Nann Fangué UCD (nominated by Joe Cech) – Distinguished Professional Award. Motion to accept the nomination pending her updating her Chapter membership made by Brian Mahardja, seconded by Jim Hobbs. Motion passes.
  - Damon Goodman USFWS and Steward Reid (nominated by Shawn Chase) – Distinguished Professional Award for joint work on Pacific lamprey. Also Reid’s work on native rare suckers, and his stepping up as a plenary speaker at SLO. Damon has contributed to Chapter with 2019 meeting. Motion to accept nomination Dave Lentz, Kelly seconded. Motion passes.
  - Steve Parmenter CDFW (nominated by Nicholas Buckmaster) – Deacon and Moyle Native Fishes Award. Motion to accept nomination by Steve Brumbaugh, second by Brian Mahardja. Motion passes.
  - Awards as framed fish prints, with a tag on the mat with name of the award.
- b. Registration - discount codes for Planning Committee members, Officers are covered, award recipients and plenary speakers to be comped. Vendors will receive a code too.
- c. Program
  - document preparation – Steve provided template from SLO meeting to Dave, who will put talk titles into a schedule-at-glance grid.
  - Abstract submittal – deadline is Feb 28, few received so far.
  - Symposia – should have the Symposia chairs provide the order for speakers
  - Plenary – we have 3 speakers.

- Registration staffing – each ExComm member needs to sign up for 1-2 hours to help. Humboldt SU will provide student volunteers, but it's finals week for USD and UCSC so student attendance will likely be low.
- d. Announcements – Lisa will send on Tuesday Feb 25 a constant Contact contact email to remind Abstract deadline Feb 28, online registration closes March 4. Also a t-shirt contest at Banquet. Mentor lunch reminder.
- e. Next Planning meeting **March 4**

## 6. Officers

- a. Secretary – Ramona Swenson for Kathleen Berridge - Approved minutes from January 26 retreat from Kathleen, as amended by Kelly Souza and distributed
- b. Treasurer – Jose Setka
  - Bank Account Status: Checking **\$118,924.17**, Business Investment Account **\$38,775.74**
  - All checks have cleared except for the \$500 donation to CDFW symposium.
- c. President – Rob Titus
  - WDAFS meeting in April – Rob will attend
  - WDAFS Outstanding large Chapter Award – Rob submitted a nomination award form. We should remember to fill this out early because it takes several weeks to get all info.
- d. Past-President - Steve - Working on Procedures Manual, and helping with Annual Meeting Program.
- e. President Elect - Dave Lentz – no further report

## 7. Committee Reports - Steve

- a. Time and Place – Kelly Souza. See above under Helms Briscoe
- b. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja, Stephanie Durkacz. All things appear set. Section 7 course will be taught by Shivonne Nesbit NMFS. Brian is transitioning out.
- c. Conservation – Gary Sprague. Nothing new
- d. Communications – Lisa Thompson, Brittany Davis. Feb 25 Tuesday constant contact email about Annual Meeting. Update website on new diversity and outreach committees, new Continuing Education chair. Blog post for volunteering at meeting.
- e. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson.
  - We have a full slate of candidates for our two officer positions up for election:
    - President-Elect: J.D. Wikert (USFWS) and Matt Young (USGS)
    - Secretary: Nicole Kwan (DWR) and Mollie Ogaz (UC Davis)
  - The election opened on March 15 with the following actions:
    - Candidate statements posted on our website: <https://afs-calneva.org/about-2/elections/>
    - Announcement - Constant Contact mailing to our newsletter mailing list announcing election and candidates
    - Ballot - Constant Contact mailing to Chapter members only with online voting instructions and code

- Election by electronic balloting will be open for 30 days, and will close on March 16 at 3pm. This will give members a chance to vote on the first day of the Annual Meeting, and will give us time to confirm results before the Business Meeting on Tuesday March 17.
- f. Membership – before the Annual meeting in August we had 511 members! CalNeva was the largest chapter.
  - g. Student Awards – Shawn Acuna – not present, report submitted by email:
    - We only received one application for the travel award therefore that person is the default awardee. Generally we have presented the award at the banquet but it can also be done at the business meeting during the conference. The awardee is Dr. Muhammad Naeem Khan. Congratulations to Dr Khan. You may recall he had received this award before for the national meeting.
  - h. Merchandise – Chris Parker – Nothing new to report.
  - i. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holley
    - Two letters to USFWS and NMFS regarding the new Biological Opinions (BOR record of decision today, but State is suing). Drue Winters (Society Policy Director) provided advice.
    - Who should receive these letters – CNRA, NGOs, legislative reps.
    - Motion for President to sign these letters and Sheena to distribute by Kelly Souza, second by Jose Setka. Approved with 2 abstentions (Brian and Stephanie) and no “nays”.
  - j. Finance – Wayne Lifton – nothing new to report
  - k. Historian – Jim Hobbs is updating records of past ExComm, Storage unit cleaned out
  - l. Awards – Zach Bess – report above
  - m. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy
    - Diversity - Vancouver WDAFS meeting, there's a move to allow a “virtual presentation” on April 14-15.
    - Mixer - March 25, 5:30 at The Bank
    - Creek Week Cleanup – Saturday, April 18 at Camp Pollack (we need a point person). Announce it on Facebook and a flyer.
    - Sac State Field Biology Group – Rob and Esther plan to meet with them to engage more into the Sac-Davis Subunit
  - n. Native Fishes – Damon Goodman
    - Trinity Native Fishes workshop – July workshop with presentations and overnight rafting. Damon will send first to previous attendees and ExComm.

## 8. Student subunits

- a. Santa Cruz MBA – Laura Goetz
  - Trout in Classroom has grown – have 2x as many coaches, 2:1 ratio. Receive eggs in March to release in April
  - World Fish Migration Day also being advertised
  - Seafood Frau program has tripled – 10 volunteers. Working in the lab and. Have 75 students at harbor High working on this.
  - Wikipedia edit-a-thon event. Will work with undergrads/grads
  - Compete in UC giving day
  - Fish Tales event in May – all proceeds go to Boys and Girls Club
- b. UCD – get report from John
- c. Humboldt – no report

Meeting adjourned at 8:11