



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

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

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Verification of Quorum (6:06 pm)

- 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, Brian Mahardja, Lisa Thompson
 - Student Subunits: Doriane Weiler (UCSC)

3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

- Small Grants Review
 - 2 applicants for the small grants program were reviewed. Both were highly scored, relevant projects to Cal-Neva's mission. 1 applicant asked for \$1,899, the other \$1,600. Is the ExComm open to granting both applicants the requested funds for a total of \$3,499? The budgeted amount is a total of \$3,000.
 - Motion: To fund each applicant for \$1,500 and remain in budget – Brittany Davis
 - Second: Ramona Swenson
 - Motion approved

4. Secretary Report – Kathleen Berridge

- Will finalize and send February meeting minutes to Lisa Thompson to be posted to the website.
- Draft and final minutes should be saved to Dropbox.

5. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs

- Account update as of the end of Feb. 2019:
 - Checking: \$94,800.33
 - Savings: \$38,768.56
 - Merrill Lynch: \$102,143.90
 - Total: \$235,712.79
- IEP
 - Meeting was well attended. Thus far we have received payments for \$19,376.43, and have pending \$49,111.36 for a total income of \$68,487.79. The bill for Lake Natoma Inn was \$36,671.73 and that check was put in mail on Tuesday, 3/19/2019. We should clear \$31,816.06.
 - Jim believes we need to put down a deposit of at least \$10K to hold the venue for next year IEP.

6. President Report – Steve Brumbaugh

• IEP Workshop

- Cal-Neva put together poster. People liked our swag: Save the date magnets for Reno and stickers.
- May change the format for a more workshop feel, more interactive.
- Give thought to if Cal-Neva wants to join up with IEP. If Cal-Neva joins, would likely need a new venue. Make a decision on this in April

• Outstanding Chapter Awards

- Put together an outstanding chapter award, looking for review support
- New deadline is April 10th.

7. Past President Report – Laurie Earley

8. President-Elect Report – Rob Titus

• 2019 National Meeting Planning

- 52 total joint symposia applications received. TWS received an additional 17 joint symposia, scored, accepted all symposia, and ready to send out acceptance letters. There was no joint AFS/TWS review of symposia.
- Need the schedule to determine how many of the 52 proposals AFS can accept
- Brian Mahardja suggested dam removal workshop, financial travel support for instructors (Laura Wildman +1, \$1,500 each instructor), or find local instructors
- Cal-Neva could co-sponsor with bioengineering, Cal-Neva budget has \$1,000 for continuing education
- Brian sent out dam removal course description. Cal-Neva will vote at a later meeting
- Student Travel: Budget \$5,000 for subunit travel, additional \$8,000 for travel. Sponsorship form for group applications, individual travel awards
- **To volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Claire Ingle, calnevaafs.volunteering@gmail.com**
- Student activities – Tuesday night joint networking event run by TWS. Is there time, place, budget for other student activities?
- Plenary sessions are scheduled for late morning, not typical
- Registration will open May 1, program deadline is May 15. TWS will open their registration May 15. Need local planning person to head up registration.

• Subunit Banking

- Banking accounts were held under past president's names.
- **Action Item:** Jim will connect with Doriane about connecting subunits to Cal-Neva's non-profit status

9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza

- Cal-Neva is considering awarding Pat Coulston with an award honoring his service to AFS

10. Student Subunits Updates

a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros, not present

b. Humboldt State University – Renay Razo, not present

c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Doriane Weiler

- Finals seasons: hosted fish themed game night, delivered eggs for trout in the classroom, preparing for annual FishTales event

d. Other Student Updates

- Movement from Cal Poly subunit

11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja, no update

12. Conservation – Gary Sprague, no update

13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis

- April newsletter – send suggestions to Lisa, Lisa will put newsletter together April 27th and 28th

14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson

- Looking for candidates for President and Treasurer, would like candidates by mid-April to get statements in April newsletter, nominees noticed for 30 days, elections in May

15. Membership – Heather Benko

- Swag, banners are on the way

16. Grants – Shawn Acuna

17. Merchandise – Chris Parker, not present

18. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holley, no update

19. Finance – Wayne Lifton, not present

20. Exhibits – Maddelyn Harden, not present

21. Chapter Historian – Vacant

22. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy

- Finalizing diversity questionnaire

23. Awards – Pat Coulston

- Pat is stepping down, position will be vacant if not filled

24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase

- Clear Lake is flooded and closed for planned workshop, looking for alternate spot
- 20 people signed up

25. Unfinished Business

26. Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, April 16, 2019

27. Meeting to Adjourn: 7:49pm