



# California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

## Executive Committee Meeting

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

### Meeting Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order and Introductions

#### 2. Verification of Quorum (6:05pm)

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
  - Officers: Steve Brumbaugh, Kathleen Berridge, Rob Titus, Jim Hobbs, Laurie Earley
  - Committee chairs: Heather Benko, Brittney Davis, Ramona Swenson, Gary Sprague, Esther Tracey, Shawn Chase, Lisa Thompson, Dave Lentz, Wayne Lifton, Christina Parker, Brian Mahardja, Russ Perry
    - Student Subunits: Doriane Weiler (UCSC), John Lui (UCD), Arthur Barros (UCD), Michelle Loftus (HSU)

#### 3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS

- Dam removal Continuing Education vote
  - Provided funding for each instructor: \$500 from AFS HQ continuing education, \$1,500 from bio-engineering and 1 night of lodging for guest speaker. Total \$2,500 each instructor
  - Laura Wildman finalized course outline and included instructor Thomas Hepler. Asking for \$1,000 for additional funding.
  - Motion: Cal-Neva sponsor the continuing education dam removal course for Reno meeting by providing \$1,000 for instructors. –Laurie Earley
  - Second: Lisa Thompson
  - Motion approved
  - Discussion: Ask if Cal-Neva gets acknowledgement, write-up in newsletter, class registration in return.
- 2019 Meeting Student Support (Separate from ExComm travel budget)
  - Steve put together cost estimates for student expenses, need to keep in mind what we budgeted for students verse other members.
  - Prioritize active members of student subunits.
  - Motion: Cal-Neva will provide funding for registration for 5 professional, 5 early career, and active student subunit members. Remainder of budgeted travel funds will be divided amongst student subunits to supplement travel costs (lodging, etc.)- Laurie Earley
  - Second: Rob Titus
  - Motion approved
  - Student subunits will provide an article for newsletter
  - **Action Item:** Laurie will connect with Shawn Acuna about advertising travel awards and update the ExComm via e-mail.
  - **Action Item:** Student subunits provide names and presentation titles of presenting members

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

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

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

- Account update as of the end of April 2019:
  - Checking: \$89,347.40
  - Savings: \$33,769.86
  - Merrill Lynch: \$105,569.38
  - Total: \$233,530.66
- All outstanding checks from IEP meeting have been received and were deposited, total \$25,545
- Mailed check to Lake Natoma Inn for 2020 meeting deposit of \$11,500. Check for the small grants have been mailed, Henry Baker \$1,500. Theresa Bersin \$750 and Elizabeth Brauer \$750.
- We filed an extension for our 2018 federal taxes, have until August 2019. The accountant will file shortly; she has all the documentation she needs from us.

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

- Outstanding Chapter Update
  - Oregon won it. Cal-Neva needed to include more detail and actions of diversity committee

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

- Working on Reno meeting program
- Need moderators for contributed paper sessions

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

- Reno Site Visit (5/3) – included representatives from AFS Western Division and TWS
  - Submitted room request for 300 people Cal-Neva/Sac-Shasta joint networking on Wednesday night. Beverages and food not included, would come from Cal-Neva
  - Budget includes \$5,000 for Cal-Neva sponsored social
  - Donations: Sierra Nevada, others?

#### **9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza, not present**

- Signed sales contract for Lake Natoma to hold dates for 2020
- How and if AFS/IEP will organize joint session? IEP planning will begin in June

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

- a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros
  - Retreat in Santa Cruz, tour of Bodega Marine Lab. Local fishing class, Boy Scouts outreach event
- b. Humboldt State University – Michelle Loftus
  - Just held elections, suite of new officers. Meeting to plan upcoming events
- c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Doriane Weiler
  - Hosted annual Fish Tales event, post-grad plan workshop, fish printing night, peer review workshop, abalone farm tour, participating in art event with fish prints
- d. Other Student Updates

- Emma Barton (Cal Poly) – Fisheries club reached out to Steve about how to get started with AFS. Doriane will connect with Cal Poly

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

- Thinking about 2020 joint IEP meeting. Currently no assigned day for continuing education, Brian is exploring options

#### **12. Conservation – Gary Sprague**

- Senate bill 386, an act to amend Section 399.30 of the Public Utilities Code, relating to energy.
  - Wayne- suggest Cal-Neva takes a pass on this because there isn't much benefit for fish.
  - Gary will continue to monitor and we can revisit if needed.

#### **13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis**

- Next E-newsletters: moderators for contributed paper sessions, student activities (Quiz Bowl & networking social) at National conference, election nominees, grants for students, professionals, and early career professionals
- Aim to get E-newsletter (candidates and travel grants) out May 31<sup>st</sup>

#### **14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson**

- Have 2 candidates for each position we are flying (President and Treasurer)
- Need to post candidates for 30 days before elections, open elections June 3<sup>rd</sup> to July 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **15. Membership – Heather Benko**

- Will send out membership lists monthly
- Would like to send out email to AFS members that live in CA or NV but are not Cal-Neva members.
- Received posters, hope to have rest of merchandise at next Excomm meeting

#### **16. Grants – Shawn Acuna, not present**

#### **17. Merchandise – Chris Parker, no update**

#### **18. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holly, not present**

#### **19. Finance – Wayne Lifton, no update**

#### **20. Exhibits – Maddelyn Harden, not present**

#### **21. Chapter Historian – Vacant**

#### **22. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy**

#### **23. Awards – Vacant**

#### **24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase**

- Planning continues – Booked Sonoma Water Education Center, reserved group camp site. 18 people signed up for symposium

#### **25. Unfinished Business**

#### **26. Next Meeting:**

- June 20, 2019

#### **27. Meeting to Adjourn: 8:07pm**