



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 November 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, Jim Hobbs, Dave Lentz, Rob Titus, Kathleen Berridge
 - Committee chairs: Lisa Thomson, Kelly Souza, Christina Parker, Wayne Lifton, Shawn Chase, Gary Sprague, Laurie Earley, Stephanie Durkacz (incoming cont. ed.), Brian Mahardja, Brittany Davis, Zach Bess
 - Sac Davis: John Lui, Aaron Sturteant, Emily Jacinto
 - Santa Cruz: Doriane Weiler, Laura Goetz (incoming president)
3. FOCUSED DISCUSSION AND NEW BUSINESS
 - AFS/IEP Annual Meeting update
 - Core group met and determined we were not going to do a joint meeting, but instead a back to back (see meetings at end of Nov. minutes).
 - Still need a No-cost agreement with CDFW so Cal-Neva can process their registration.
 - 2021 IEP will be joint with Bay Delta science conference.
 - Outstanding with IEP; IEP opted to not use poster boards that have been used in years past (stored in Lodi USFWS office). If Cal-Neva wants to share use and cost of private company IEP reserved, Cal-Nevas share would be ~\$1,555. Cal-Neva will compare use of the original poster boards verse purchasing new, portable poster boards.
 - **Action Item**: Dave Lentz will put together planning committee. The planning committee will determine schedule of events (banquet, raffle, poster/tradeshow social).
 - Incoming president usually determines theme. IEP is doing climate change.
 - Need to determine timeline for notification of abstract submission (mid-February?). Symposia mid- January. Need approximately 3 weeks from deadline of submission to meeting.
 - Need to fill Exhibits chair. Duties include: reaching out to vendors, donors, consultants, and agencies to contribute booth or make donations.
4. Secretary Report – Kathleen Berridge

- October meeting notes accepted.
5. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs
- Account update as of the end October 2019:
 - Checking: \$60,693.45
 - Savings: \$38,773.78
 - Merrill Lynch: \$NA
 - Total: \$NA
 - Need to update Merrill Lynch account, deposit checks into account.
 - Need to get treasury passed to Jose.
 - **Action Item:** Kathleen will send business meeting minutes documenting election results.
6. President Report – Rob Titus
- Reno Meeting review
 - AFS registration: 2,141 total attendees
 - Revenue \$923,000 from registration alone.
 - Western Division minimum goal was \$40k
 - Cal-Neva minimum \$50k, possibility we'll get more
 - Western Division (WD) Meeting in Boise, Idaho
 - WD suggest we have a WD representative be a part of Chapter meeting plenary session, have WD representative (Todd Pearsons) be a part of the plenary session
 - Cal-Neva is hosting Western Division in 2026
 - 150-year celebration of AFS this year in Columbus, Ohio. Opportunity to display history of WD. WD would like the Cal-Neva to provide material for history of the Chapter by the end of November, early December.
 - Cal-Neva annual retreat
 - **Action Item:** Rob will send out a doodle poll for availability.
7. Past President – Steve Brumbaugh
- Ready to begin work on procedure manual
 - Talking to Columbus folks about Confex (software program)
8. President-Elect Report – Dave Lentz
- See Focused Discussion above
9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza
- Exploring 2021 annual meeting locations
10. Student Subunits Updates
- a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros
 - Fully funded 4 students to attend annual conference with funding from Cal-Neva. Sent write up to ExComm for inclusion in next Newsletter.
 - Held Carpe Carpio event.
 - Collaborating with other clubs on campus (ex. UCD SEEDS and Marine Science Club)
 - Working with UCD WCFB to put together workshop on science communication for AFS and other environmental clubs
 - b. Humboldt State University – Michelle Loftus

- c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Doriane Weiler/Laura Goetz
 - Participate fly fishing festival, hosted a booth.
 - Hosted game/welcome night with fish Pictionary and trivia
 - Participating in Giving Day through USCS to fundraise for subunit
- d. Other Student Updates, none

11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja

- Stephanie Durkacz will be taking over as Committee Chair
- Annual Meeting Continuing Education courses will be held on Sunday, March 15. Courses include 1) Beginning Statistics with R, 2) Endangered Species Act with some component of Section 7, 3) Effective Presenting.

12. Conservation – Gary Sprague

- Letter out on Recovering America’s Wildlife Act to 8 California congress members, response back from 1 member. Trying to get bill passed by end of the year.
- BiOp for CVP and SWP.
 - Chapter to provide comment. Overarching concerns – no jeopardy clause, propose RPMs which are not operational focused and vague in operations. Findings are more policy driven than science driven.

13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis

- Need to send out save the date notice for Annual Meeting
- Due for quarterly newsletter: provide information on travel awards, call for abstracts, outgoing president message, incoming president message, accepting applications for new awards
- CC Brittany on meeting communications so website can be updated.

14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson, not present

15. Membership – Vacant

16. Grants – Shawn Acuna, not present

17. Merchandise – Chris Parker, no update

18. Policy and Resolutions – Sheena Holly

- See Conservation section above.

19. Finance – Wayne Lifton, no update

20. Exhibits – Vacant

21. Chapter Historian – Vacant

- Rob appoints Jim Hobbs to Chapter Historian

22. Diversity and Outreach – Esther Tracy, not present

23. Awards – Zach Bess, no update

24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase

- Would like to establish award: Deacon Moyle Cal-Neva Award

- Motion: To add the Deacon Moyle Native Fishes award to procedure manual as a standard award given on an annual basis and lead by Native Fish committee. –Steve Brumbaugh
- Second: Laurie Earley
- Amend: Award based on Native Fish Committee nomination(s) not necessarily an annual basis. Excomm votes to distribute award.
- Motion approved
- Amendment approved
- Next workshop: Trinity River July 15-17
 - Camp at Hoopa campground, raft Trinity River stopping to discuss natural history and native fishes
- Shawn Chase is retiring at end of year, Damon Goodman will take over as Committee Chair.

25. Unfinished Business

26. Next Meeting:

- Chapter Business Meeting – December Date TBD

27. Meeting to Adjourn: 8:08pm