



California-Nevada Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Executive Committee Meeting

California Department of Water Resources
3500 Industrial Blvd., Room 106, West Sacramento, CA
23 October 2018 (6:00 pm – 7:30 pm)
Call In: 916-574-2557

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions

2. Verification of Quorum (6:02 pm):

- 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
 - Officers: Steve Brumbaugh, Laurie Earley, Jim Hobbs, Rob Titus, Kathleen Berridge
 - Committee Chairs: Heather Benko, Brittany Davis, Lisa Thompson, Esther Tracy Ramona Swenson, Gary Sprague, Brian Mahardja, Wayne Lifton, Christina Parker, Kelly Souza
 - Student Subunits: Zachary Bess (UNR), Arthur Barros (UCD/Sac), Jessica Weidenfield (Sac/UCD), John Lui (Sac/UCD), Kat Dale (USCS)

3. Focused Discussion and New Business

- Travel Guidelines and Reimbursement Form
 - Formalize what is reimbursable and how to make standard guidelines to include in procedure manual.
 - Based on federal per diem rates.
 - Make sure we have receipts for all travel expenses.
 - Include in draft procedure manual and vote on procedure manual later
- Student Colloquium Sponsorship – 2nd week of November in Oregon
 - Last year we sent \$500 to colloquium and \$500 to student travel
 - Nov. 15-18th outside Portland, OR Municha conference center
 - Total expenses \$9,000. Student registration \$25 per student covers lodging, food and conference. Travel to and from not included
 - Sac/Davis has 5 students interested in going. Kat (UCSC subunit) will go, other UCSC members haven't showed much interest.
 - Motion: To approve \$500 to Western Division colloquium and provide \$500 towards student travel to colloquium.
 - Second: Gary Sprague
 - Motion approved
- Cal-Neva ExComm Retreat
 - E-mail discussion topics to Steve. Example: Upcoming Reno meeting
 - Plan on Rancho Cordova for location, use Hobbs Lab in Davis as backup
 - **Action Item:** Steve will send out calendar invite for Sunday, December 2nd
 - **Action Item:** Lisa will follow up on building logistics

4. Secretary Report – Kathleen Berridge

- Acceptance of September Minutes, no edits for September minutes

5. Treasurer Report – Jim Hobbs

- Account Update as of the end of Sep 2018:
 - Checking: \$85,467.76
 - Savings: \$38,765.35
 - Merrill Lynch: \$103,383.78.00
 Total: \$227,616.89
- Meeting with Laurie and Steve on Saturday, Oct. 27, to work on budgets. Anyone else can join.
- Needs to get check out to Nature Bowl
- Waiting for Tidewater Goby check to come in (\$1,866.31)

6. President Report – Steve Brumbaugh

- Called into Western Division meeting
 - Focus on setting up logistics for mid-year meeting Nov. 3rd

7. Past President Report – Laurie Earley

- Review updated format for report card
 - Discussion of small grants program at ExComm retreat

8. President-Elect Report – Rob Titus

- 2019 National Meeting Planning in Reno
 - Call with AFS staff, planning tasks are moving forward
 - Connecting AFS staff with TWS staff and committees
 - Fundraising has a plan for unrolling fundraising process, Maddy should be sending out an e-mail soon
 - Draft MOU between parent society and Chapter, need to review
 - Need formalized planning between AFS and TWS
 - Issues getting CA state biologists to Reno, trying to put into place mechanisms to get biologists to meeting. Getting attention of hire ups, they want to have the agency represented.

9. Time & Place – Kelly Souza, no update

10. Student Subunits Updates

- a. Sacramento-Davis – Arthur Barros
 - Held fall quarter meeting on Oct. 1st at Woodstocks in Davis
 - Oct 26th Carpe Carpio event in UCD arboretum
 - Nov. 10th Salmon snorkeling event
 - Liability forms, AFS does not have. Get template from rafting company
 - Minors attending trip will need parent to sign liability form
 - Nov. 21st graduate school panel
 - Jessica Nichols at CSU (grad-student) is trying to set up a meeting at Sac State. She will be contacting professors and trying to find prospective students
 - New Twitter account- check it out

- Jan/Feb holding a Women in Fisheries panel
- b. Humboldt State University – Aubrey Arevaki, not present
- c. Santa Cruz- Monterey Bay Area – Kat Dale
 - In the middle of elections. Incoming President Doriane Weiler
 - Hosted fish printing event, had a high turnout of undergraduates
 - Have fundraisers coming up
 - Hosted table at Fly Fishing Club event
- d. Reno – Zach Bess, no update
- e. Other Student Updates, no update

11. Continuing Education – Brian Mahardja

- Tide water goby workshop was a success
- Seeking workshop ideas for National Meeting. Ideas: Native fishes, systems unique to California

12. Conservation – Gary Sprague

- Drafted Cal-Neva ExComm position letter for recovery of winter Chinook above Shasta
- Edits were made in regards to studies on success of reintroduction: Continue funding/implementing the RPA to start with feasibility and pilot study. Make long term recommendations based on pilot studies.
- **Action Item:** Gary will send out final letter to ExComm, ExComm will do a final review and vote via e-mail.

Note: Motion to approve changes to the letter, signed by Steve Brumbaugh, and send to Dept of Interior was made by Gary Sprague, seconded by Sheena Holley. The motion passed on 11/2/2018 (ayes: 12, nays: 0).

- Presidential memo about new Biological Opinion for CV Project. BA from Reclamation by the end of January. There is no Proposed Action.
- Interested to hear Western Division thoughts. Make a statement that we are opposed to executive order.

13. Communications – Lisa Thompson and Brittany Davis

- Will connect with communications committee for National Meeting

14. Bylaws and Nominations – Ramona Swenson, no update

15. Membership – Heather Benko

- Example of stand up posters, about \$82 per poster on VistaPrint
- **Action item:** Circulate designs for pens, pins, and stand up banner
- **Action item:** Time to renew your membership!
- Retreat item: Chapter used to help cover new student membership fee (about \$30), discussion about continuing to support new student members at ExComm retreat

16. Student/Young Professionals Travel – 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 – Sean Luis, not present

22. International Committee – Esther Tracy, no update

23. Awards – Pat Coulston, not present

24. Native Fish – Shawn Chase and Zach Bess

- Shawn and Fred Fyrer are exploring throwing a 2nd native fishes workshop at Clear Lake next spring

25. Unfinished Business

- Discussion about 2020 annual meeting at ExComm retreat

26. Next Meeting:

- Combine November and December meetings at ExComm retreat

27. Meeting to Adjourn:

- Meeting adjourned at 7:10pm