



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

Location: Zoom Call
Date: February 16, 20221
Time: 6:00 – 7:51
Call-in: Zoom invitation sent via email

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Verification of Quorum (Nicole Kwan) – 6:05
 - 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
 - Elected officers: Matt Young, Dave Lentz, Jose Setka, Rob Titus, Nicole Kwan
 - Standing committee chairs: Gary Sprague, Chris Parker, Ramona Swenson, Zach Bess, Kelly Souza, Lisa Thompson, Steve Brumbaugh
 - Student sub-units: Kat Dale
3. Agenda Review (Dave and ExComm)
4. Focused Discussion/New and On-Going Business
 - Annual Business Meeting
 - Dave suggested that he and Rob tag-team the meeting with Dave adding new material on top of what Rob had prepared for last year
 - Dave, Matt, and Rob discussed if it should happen live or be pre-recorded and how much time it may take
 - Dave suggested just the officers would give reports and cover the committee reports in PowerPoint slides
 - Rob shared that in Reno, Steve was the sole presenter with officer and chair updates in the slides
 - Rob also suggested having the opportunity for a live Q&A session

- Matt suggested that moderated Q&A might be simplest and Ramona pointed out that this would allow for people to ask questions anonymously
 - Gary suggested that the moderator can mute-all if necessary
 - Emily Chen (WDAFS) needs a time to give an update and this will be folded into the introductory session, not the business meeting
 - Zach received no award nominations
 - **Action:** Rob & Dave need to send Matt their PowerPoint in advance of the meeting
 - **Action:** officer, committee chairs, & student sub-units send Rob & Dave a brief report in advance (anything new since August, since Rob also collected a report there)
 - **Action:** Nicole send update on chapter membership and full AFS (Cal/Neva area) membership; Jose will overview the original budget slide
- Honoring the memory of Larry Brown and Cay Goude
 - Both Larry and Cay are past AFS Cal-Neva presidents who both passed away this year and the ExComm would like to recognize them in some way
 - Steve suggested adding it to the President's message, thinks the professional meeting will not have the same attendance
 - Ramona suggested a way to acknowledge their contribution with ties to AFS
 - Rob suggested dedicating the meeting in their honor, Matt will do so in his remarks
 - Decision to include this in the opening remarks as a dedication and bring it back up again during the Business Meeting, asking for suggestions for other ways to honor Larry and Cay

5. Officer Updates

- Secretary (Nicole Kwan)
 - Recent membership update as of 2/10: 297

- Approved January meeting minutes
- Nicole asked about reporting election results
 - Ramona clarified that since we are finishing this after the business meeting, Nicole can provide the election results (just winners, not tallies) in an email to ExComm and then help with sending out an update to membership
- Treasurer (Jose Setka)
 - Account balances:
 - Bank of America Checking Balance as of 2/16/2021: \$125,090.78
 - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 2/16/2021: \$38,781.23
 - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 2/16/2021: \$132,827.52
 - Total: \$296,699.53 (increase of \$1,547.05 over January 2021)
 - IEP 2020 Update
 - There are 9 checks that have yet to clear totaling \$4,070
- President (Dave Lentz)
 - Many Western division chapter meetings are happening on the same week
 - Idaho Chapter got a record number of submitted talks
 - RPECC is active and making progress (update later from Gary)
 - Western division wants to have a symposium of best talks from each Chapter for the division's meeting
 - Matt suggested using the best student speaker, since we are already planning on judging this
 - Nicole suggested choosing a talk that highlights something unique to Cal-Neva
 - Western Division awards closing but they are not getting many submissions
 - Dave suggested that Kat apply for best student sub-unit
 - 2021 Work Plan

- Dave has not had the opportunity to work on this but will do so and include at the Business meeting
- President-Elect (Matt Young)
 - 2021 Chapter Meeting
 - There is now a full (live) plenary session with 4 speakers who will talk about varied connections between fisheries and society
 - The instructor for Practical Statistics in R continuing education courses had to withdraw
 - Zach is trying to bring in an alternate instructor (UNR)
 - **Action**: think of folks who could possibly give this type of instruction
 - Kelly may have someone in mind from her work
 - Several speakers for oral presentations have withdrawn
 - We will no longer have a Friday afternoon session
 - There is an issue with the merchant account with CVENT that Jose and Matt are working through; this required them to close registration as it was routing funds to national
 - Kelly asked if National could reimburse us – Matt shared that this is going to happen with the past registrations but National wants us to avoid more
 - Attendee portal is live and Matt can share this link if folks are interested
 - Venue for Poster Session & socials is still being worked out
 - Need for moderators:
 - Chris will help with continuing ed on Monday morning and Ramona will do the same on Tuesday
 - Nicole can help with moderating a session or two
 - Rob also offered to moderate a session
 - Lisa can moderate the Wednesday afternoon session

- Kat can likely moderate both student sessions (Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon)
- Past President (Rob Titus) – update as part of the earlier Business Meeting discussion

6. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza)
 - Ramona, Gary, Andrew, and Kelly will be visiting Tenaya Lodge on 2/27 to view the facilities and talk with Events staff
 - **Action:** If you have any particular questions about the facilities, services, venue, etc. that pertain to your aspect of the 2022 meeting, please email her those questions by COB on Thursday 2/25
- Continuing Education (Stephanie Durkacz) – not present
- Conservation (Gary Sprague)
 - Funding for Klamath Dam removal from CA is coming out of water bonds, not the new state budget
 - RPECC updates
 - Headquarters asked for review of the Climate Change white paper
 - Climate Change paper in review for *Fisheries*
 - Mike Simpson (rep from Idaho) put out a proposal for breaching the Snake River dam
 - Western Division asking for comments and Gary is curious if any ExComm members would like to weigh in
 - **Action:** Gary will send out something for ExComm to review
- Communications (Lisa Thompson)
 - Lisa and Jose are going to renew the payment for the domain name for our website on Feb 17th
 - **Action:** Lisa will send out a Constant Contact message when annual meeting registration reopens so folks who tried to sign up know that they can register
 - **Action:** Matt will let Lisa know when registration reopens
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson)

- Ramona pulled together candidates for the election, which is now running
- Elections end on Friday March 19th at COB
- Grants (Shawn Acuña) – not present
- Merchandize (Chris Parker)
 - Chris shared that the annual meeting will include donations to a charity of the registered attendee's choice rather than merchandise favors
 - Charities: Cast Hope, Captain Rolo's Kids at Sea, Land Paths
 - **Action**: Chris and Jose will work together to figure out the donation payment; ideally in the form of direct checks
 - Chris also has some payment for hat purchases to get to Jose
- Policy and Resolutions (Sheena Holley) – not present
- Finance (Wayne Lifton) – not present
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs) – not present
- Awards (Zach Bess)
 - No award updates
- Outreach and Diversity (Esther Tracy) – not present
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman) – not present
- Fundraising (Andrew Hampton) – not present

7. Student Sub-Unit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Kat Dale)
 - Recently had a Fish Pictionary game night
 - Starting monthly journal clubs to get undergraduates more comfortable with reading scientific papers
 - Looking into a 5-speaker series in the spring to highlight diverse speakers, including a meet and greet
 - Ideas for social-distanced tidepooling or hiking
 - Hosting Trout in the Classroom again
 - Slightly lower participation from teachers due to distanced learning
- UC Davis/Sacramento (Kim Luke and John Liu) – not present

- Humboldt (Michelle Loftus) – not present

8. Next meeting: March 18th

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