



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

Location: Zoom Meeting
Date: February 17th, 2022
Time: 6:02 – 7:38
Call-in: See Zoom Invitation

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Verification of Quorum (Nicole Kwan) – 6:02
 - 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
 - Elected officers: Matt Young, Eva Bush, Nicole Kwan, Dave Lentz, Jose Setka
 - Standing committee chairs: Gary Sprague, Jim Hobbs, Zach Bess, Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom, Kelly Souza, Wayne Lifton, Christina Parker, Kathleen Berridge, Ramona Swenson
 - Student sub-units: Matea Djokic, Kim Luke, Hayley Mapes, Molly Lane
3. Agenda Review (Matt and ExComm)
4. Focused Discussion/New and On-Going Business
 - Officer nominations – still no new takers yet
 - **Action**: please reach out to those who you think might be good additions to the team
 - Members mentioned that a phone call can be really helpful and follow-up often is key to really get people interested
 - Student Subunit travel support for annual meeting
 - A plan was crafted with subunit input for how to best help support students in travel to the annual meeting and this plan was then circulated to the ExComm

- The goal is for this plan to be useable again in future years when funding is available; keeps the process transparent and reproducible
 - Process includes the subunit putting together an application including expected costs for travel and attendance and then the Chapter will divide funds according to need
 - Priority would go to those with students presenting or volunteering
 - Subunits would be asked to help contribute to communication products (write up, social media, etc.)
 - ExComm voted to approve this process
- SLO County (SLOC) subunit support for application
 - Hayley and Matt circulated the updated petition to the ExComm in advance of the meeting
 - Hayley provided a refresher that the subunit could not be recognized as a club on campus because Cal Poly SLO does not allow graduate students to serve on the executive board of university clubs. Because of this, they chose to not be specifically associated with Cal Poly SLO though they will still try and coordinate with campus events where feasible. Hayley hopes that this route will also help expand into the community more, including Cuesta community college
 - ExComm voted to support the SLOC petition
 - **Action:** The Chapter will need to update our bylaws with the inclusion of the new UCI and SLOC subunits
- Annual Meeting
 - Updates from last planning meeting: registration is ready to go live soon, schedule is getting set, posters will be rented, planning with student subunits is taking place
 - **Action:** Nicole will reach out to JT about if he can help with AV
 - **Action:** Next planning meeting will take place on March 10th at 6:30pm

- Kelly shared that SRF in April is going to sell out and they were able to get participants from agencies that typically have had more COVID restrictions in the past
 - SRF is also working with the county to have pop up testing stations as an added layer of protection, something our Chapter might want to consider doing with Sacramento County
- Two additional abstracts have been submitted, people can submit anytime
- Kathleen updated the website with more details about costs, speakers, schedule
 - Includes Plenary speaker bios; **Action**: Eva will reach out to the plenary speakers and see if they would like to make any changes to what Kathleen provided
- **Action**: please send Kathleen any photos you might have that would be good to use for the Larry Brown Trout Spawning Run

5. Officer Updates

- Secretary (Nicole Kwan)
 - Recent membership update as of 2/10: 244 members, up from 140 in January – good job getting the word out/renewing your membership!
 - ExComm voted to approve the Annual Retreat and January Ex Comm Meeting minutes; Nicole sent these to Kathleen and they are now posted on the website
- Treasurer (Jose Setka)
 - Account updates:
 - Bank of America Checking Balance as of 2/17/2022: \$63,438.55
 - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 2/17/2022: \$38,785.12
 - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 2/17/2022: \$183,243.55
 - Total: \$289,613.06 (decrease of \$4,145.84 over January 2022 due to market fluctuation)
 - Jose continued to work on getting the IRS to respond about the extension issue reported during the January ExComm meeting but no updates yet
 - Sonoma Water sponsorship came through for the upcoming conference

- President (Matt Young)
 - The Society is advertising for renewing membership, grace period ends 2/28
 - Matt was unable to make the Western Division meeting last week but will share any important updates with the ExComm once he receives the meeting minutes
- Past President (Dave Lentz)
 - **Action:** Dave will schedule a meeting with the strategic planning sub team in March, after the 20th (so Cynthia can attend)
 - Dave added that the Spatial Chat account included his past department email and might restrict his access
 - **Action:** Nicole will check to see if she can still access the manager's side of Spatial Chat
- President-Elect (Eva Bush) – updates covered in focused discussion above

6. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza)
 - Rescheduled a site visit for Long Beach venue and Aquarium of the Pacific the end of February
 - The UCI subunit was invited to join the site visit at the hotel and aquarium between 8am – noon on 2/28, Matea believes she can join
 - **Action:** Matt will include Matea in emails coordinating that visit
- Continuing Education (Cynthia LeDoux Bloom)
 - Cynthia will have more updates after her meeting on 2/24 with the organizers of the May field tour events
- Conservation (Gary Sprague)
 - Western Division Snake River paper was revised and resubmitted today
- Communications (Kathleen Berridge)
 - Next newsletter should go out in April
 - Next news blast should include the registration for the conference and introduction to the new student subunits

- Kathleen has been sharing job postings on the website as well as through Instagram stories
 - Kelly shared that her last hire came from someone who saw a job posting on the Cal-Neva Facebook posting
 - Jose put a plug in for the open supervisor position at EBMUD
- Kathleen offered to help promote student subunits materials through the Chapter's social media
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson) – updates covered in focused discussion above
- Grants (Shawn Acuña) – not present
 - Matt shared there are no applicants for the open grants yet
- Merchandise (Chris Parker)
 - All merchandise is back in the storage unit organized in bins
- Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew Hampton) – not present
- Finance (Wayne Lifton)
 - Wayne suggested setting up a “stop loss order” (sells stocks after a certain point) with Merrill Lynch
 - **Action:** Jose will provide more details on the Merrill Lynch account at the next meeting
- Policy and Resolutions (Sheena Holley) – not present
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs) – no update
- Awards (Zach Bess)
 - Received a nomination for the Conservation Achievement Award
 - Zach shared the Cal Neva website awards page for ExComm members to review and understand what standards to apply to each award
 - Cynthia has some ideas for nominees and will continue to think through potential fit

- **Action:** Zach will take a look at the awards phrasing on the webpage and consider adding more detailed language in the future to aid in evaluating candidates
- Outreach and Diversity (Esther Tracy) – not present
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman) – not present
 - Matt shared that Damon has ideas for getting the group together this spring and reinvigorating the committee
 - Cynthia suggested watching lamprey at the Eel River dam

7. Student Sub-Unit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Emily Nazario)
 - Starting to pull speakers for Diverse Voices in Fisheries seminar
 - Upcoming tour for Año Nuevo coordinated with faculty
 - Hosted an undergrad CV seminar with good attendance
 - General attendance has been low in the past month due to COVID but it is slowly increasing
 - Working on making updates to the bank account
- Davis/Sacramento (Kim Luke)
 - Will be hosting their belated quarterly pizza party in 2 weeks
 - Working with WFCB department to set up their Picnic Day fish display
- Humboldt (Z Zenobia) – not present
 - Matt shared Z's email update:
 - First club meeting took place recently and the subunit will have 3-4 students attending the conference in Folsom
 - Will be hosting a gyotaku class in March and will be using Chapter support to help defer costs for students
 - Hoping to host fishing events when weather improves
 - Expecting about 10 people to be members of the subunit
- Irvine (Matea Djokic)

- The Society voted to accept the UCI subunit, they are now just waiting for the official letter
- First meeting will take place on 3/1 and they are expecting about 8-9 people, also working on reaching out to more students
- Nature hike scheduled at a regional park that will be led by their Secretary, who interns with Orange County Parks
- May have 3-4 people attending the conference in May
- San Luis Obispo County (Hayley Mapes)
 - Has 2 undergraduates on board and helping out with the startup of the subunit
 - Will be reaching out to Cuesta college this week to try and recruit more members
 - Hoping to have a few people in attendance for the conference in May

8. Next meeting: March 17th at 6:00pm

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