



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

Location: Zoom Meeting
Date: March 17th, 2022
Time: 6:00 – 7:38
Call-in: See Zoom Invitation

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, Eva Bush, Dave Lentz, Nicole Kwan
 - Standing committee chairs: Chris Parker, Kathleen Berridge, Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom, Wayne Lifton, Zach Bess
 - Student sub-units: Hayley Mapes, Kim Luke
3. Agenda Review (Matt and ExComm)
4. Focused Discussion/New and On-Going Business
 - Student Subunit travel support
 - Received requests from all student subunits besides SCMBAS (who will not be sending many students); total is a couple thousand dollars over what the Chapter has allocated
 - Need a meeting to discuss how to proportion the funds available
 - Could be straight proportional, prioritize travel and lodging, or other creative options
 - ExComm agreed that registration costs should be last priority since students can receive registration vouchers for volunteering, though this only accounts for a small amount of the total ask

- **Action:** Matt will set up a meeting with Shawn to discuss student travel fund allocation and will include Eva
 - Across the subunits about 25 students are expected with about half presenting
- Cal-Neva Annual Meeting Planning
 - Sponsorships are starting to come through
 - Registration is ready to go live this week
 - **Action:** Dave will check the registration link when it goes live and make sure there aren't any issues
 - **Action:** Next conference planning meeting set for April 7th at 6pm
 - Working on getting symposia topics together
 - Cynthia reached out about marine symposium but was not able to find any interest
 - Matt will be working on the Eastern Sierra Nevada Fishes symposium
 - Matt is looking into the lodging situation for student subunits and will be reaching out to the subunits in regard to the volunteer tasks they signed up to a few months ago
 - The conference still needs swag
 - Bags – leftover and new
 - ExComm agreed to make new canvas bags for this conference
 - **Action:** Chris will look into ordering new canvas bags
 - Can use some of the other year-specific bags (canvas, Chico, dry bag) as participation prizes for the spawning run or part of the raffle
 - Eva and Kathleen will go to Costco to get energy bars in place of the coffee break
 - **Action:** Nicole will look into ordering stickers; Eva will get an updated logo including some text to use for the stickers
 - Lanyards will be ordered
- Nomination reminder

- **Action:** Everyone - keep reaching out to your networks to find President and Secretary candidates

5. Officer Updates

- Secretary (Nicole Kwan)
 - Recent membership update as of 3/10: 299 members, up from 244 in February
 - ExComm voted to approve the February Ex Comm Meeting minutes
- Treasurer (Jose Setka) – not present
 - Updated via email the account balances:
 - Bank of America Checking Balance as of 3/17/2022: \$62,939.30
 - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 3/17/2022: \$38,785.42
 - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 3/17/2022: \$180,113.42
 - Total: \$281,838.14 (decrease of \$3,629.08 over February 2022)
 - Correction: The total balance in the February 2022 report was incorrect. The correct total balance was \$285,467.22.
 - Jose is continuing to work with preparers to address 2020 tax filing issue
- President (Matt Young)
 - Missed the recent Western Division call, no big updates from the Division – mainly planning for the Spokane meeting
- Past President (Dave Lentz)
 - **Action:** Dave (with Matt's help on the Zoom side) will set up a subcommittee meeting for Strategic Plan revisions on 3/31
- President-Elect (Eva Bush)
 - Updates covered in focused discussion

6. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza) – not present
- Continuing Education (Cynthia LeDoux Bloom)
 - Had a meeting with the field tour hosts and squared away many of the details of the day and schedule of events
 - Would like Rob Titus to speak at the tour

- Considering expanding the number of participants given loosening COVID restrictions
- Cynthia will send a package detailing the field tour to ExComm soon
- Eva and Matt have been organizing the virtual CE courses for the workshop and have 3 courses lined up
- Conservation (Gary Sprague) – not present
 - Updated via email that the Snake River Dams paper has been accepted and should be available soon
- Communications (Kathleen Berridge)
 - Getting ready for sending out the registration link to membership
 - Is also putting together a newsletter with several other updates and calls
 - Kathleen has been posting jobs on Instagram, Facebook, and the website
 - Nicole shared that she would be interested in joining the Communications committee when finished with her role in Secretary
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson) – not present
- Grants (Shawn Acuña) – not present
- Merchandise (Chris Parker)
 - Updates covered in discussion of annual meeting
- Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew Hampton) – not present
- Finance (Wayne Lifton) – no updates
- Policy and Resolutions (Sheena Holley) – not present
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs) – not present
- Awards (Zach Bess)
 - Revised the language for the award categories and will send the revisions out to the group so ExComm can review
 - Overall thought that there may be too many award categories right now
 - Zach mentioned that the Moyle - Deacon Native Fishes Award and the theme of conservation of native fishes could fit within one of the other categories

- Seems like there is a lot of overlap between awards regarding native fishes
 - Suggested moving this award to part of the Native Fishes annual retreat
 - Thinks the Distinguished Professional Achievements award could be removed
 - Suggested some categories (other than Special Contributions) should remove the requirement for the nominee being a member
- Kathleen suggested that if there are changes to what awards are available the Chapter should wait to make this change until next year
- Cynthia feels that having extra awards and not filling them all every year is okay and its nice to acknowledge members specifically
- Chris mentioned that it might not be ideal to drop specifically named awards, but merging language or award types could be okay if the acknowledged names of individuals (like Moyle – Deacon) remain
- Chris also shared the Professional Achievement Award was often a place to give an award to someone who did something great in a particular year but might not necessarily be as far along in their career
 - Nicole suggested the language be revised to reflect this intention
- **Action:** Zach will summarize the conversation and chart a path forward and then distribute to the ExComm for review by the next monthly meeting
- Outreach and Diversity (Esther Tracy) – not present
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman) – not present
 - Matt shared update that Damon is planning a Native Fish meeting and was looking for some funding; will need to wait to see if this will be available based on annual conference

7. Student Sub-Unit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Emily Nazario) – not present

- Updated via email that the sub-unit is getting ready to host their second annual Diverse Voices in Fisheries Science seminar series and will make sure to provide the details to the Chapter once it is ready
- The sub-unit will also be partnering with Save Our Shores for a few beach clean ups and will be working with another local group on an invasive plant removal event in the spring
- Davis/Sacramento (Kim Luke)
 - Subunit had its quarterly meeting in Central Park
 - Planning 12 students to attend the conference with 8 presenters
 - Submitted subunit travel application
 - Working on activities for Picnic Day fish display (April 23rd)
- Humboldt (Z Zenobia) – not present
 - Updated via email that the Humboldt fish printing event went great and shared a photo which Kathleen will post to the Chapter Instagram page
- Irvine (Matea Djokic) – not present
 - Matt shared update that subunit had first general meeting with 9 students
 - Planning social events at Long Beach Aquarium and helping out CDFW with marine life inventories
 - Attempting to get fisheries professionals to come and speak with students
- San Luis Obispo County (Hayley Mapes)
 - Subunit started a social media account and looking for promotional opportunities
 - Gaining a good amount of interest and had its first general meeting a week ago with about a dozen people in attendance
 - Submitted subunit travel application

8. Next meeting: April 21st, 2022

- **Action:** Matt suggested having the next ExComm meeting as a hybrid meeting, potentially outdoors and will send a poll to determine interest

ADJOURN 7:38