



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

Location: Zoom  
Date: 9/22/22  
Time: 6:18 – 7:35  
Call-in: See Zoom details

### Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie Ogaz) – 6:18
  - 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
    - Elected officers: Jose Setka, Mollie Ogaz, Eva Bush, Miranda Tilcock
    - Standing committee chairs: James Hobbs, Katie Osborn, Christina Parker, Dave Lentz, Kelly Souza, Nicole Kwan, Wayne Lifton, Kathleen Berridge, Gary Sprague
    - Student sub-units: Matea Djokic, Emily Nazario
3. Agenda Review (Eva and ExComm)
4. Focused Discussion/New and On-Going Business
  - 1 Proposed adjustments to Procedure's Manual (Eva/Matt)
    - Discussed proposed changes, nobody had any changes, voted to add
  - 2 Book sales (Kelly)
    - Potential to sell at the annual meeting:
      - Where to store?
      - Work within own sphere of influence to increase diversity, not as a revenue generator (15 books total)
        - If they don't sell- we can give away at banquet or to student chapters

- Alternatively, we could have a posterboard with QR code instead of actually sell physical copies
- **Action:** Kathleen add book list to the newsletter as a blurb for those that are interested

## 5. Officer Updates

- Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
  - August minutes are approved
- Treasurer (Jose Setka)
- **Account Balances**
  - Bank of America Checking Balance as of 9/21/2022: \$56,770.45
  - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 9/21/2022: \$38,787.38
  - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 9/21/2022: \$160,121.40
  - Total: \$255,679.23 (decrease of \$14,730.03 over August 2022)
- **Annual Meeting Outstanding**
  - I have been in contact with DWR regarding the reg of \$4,470. As of today I had not received check yet.
- **Taxes**
  - Awaiting IRS response regarding solution to 2020 tax filing issue. They continue to correspond that they received the request, but have not had time to work on it. I filed an extension for tax year 2021
  - Find a more established tax provider so the treasurer doesn't have to do it
    - **Action:** Jose will look into
- President (Eva Bush)
  - Western Division meeting
    - **Action:** Eva will email out updates
  - Spokane (from Matt): Cal-Neva chapter well represented
    - Cal-Neva to host WDAFS in 2026, but no location determined or decision made yet
    - Better student retention and engagement from our chapter
- Past President (Matt Young)
  - See Eva Spokane, above
- President-Elect (Miranda Bell Tilcock)
  - Working on speakers

- Logo designed by Nicole Kwan, working on getting it digitized
- Planning committee meeting twice a month

## 6. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza)
  - Hilton contract signed
    - Wednesday starts later for plenary (not 9 am), all day Thursday, all day Friday
  - Aquarium booked for Wed opening reception, working on food costs
  - Room block for Friday night also for the Saturday fishing trip
- Continuing Education (Cynthia LeDoux Bloom)
  - From Randy: Aquaculture, suggests partnering with local community colleges, Cabrillo museum, wet lab space in San Pedro, want a strong marine presence to incentivize local interest
  - 2/28 is the date
  - Fishing and whale watching on Saturday
- Conservation (Gary Sprague)
  - Recovering America's Wildlife Act is in the Senate and out of Committee
- Communications (Kathleen Berridge)
  - Updating website
  - Newsletter- out in mid-October
    - Outgoing and incoming president message
    - 2023 updates
    - Spokane picture
    - Book list
    - Will add call for abstracts
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson)
  - This fall I want to solicit and develop ideas from all for improving our search and nomination process. I'll document my approach/tips to include in the Procedures Manual (perhaps as an appendix). I look forward to supporting Matt with prep of the new Strategic Plan. Eva, please let me know if there's input you'd like on your President's plan of work.

- Grants (Shawn Acuña)
  - Not present
- Merchandise (Chris Parker)
  - No update
- Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew Hampton)
  - Not present
- Finance (Wayne Lifton)
  - Working on, thinking: 2 years expenses minimum to hold (adjusted for inflation), divide what is left in discretionary funds (outreach and support)
- Policy and Resolutions (Sheena)
  - Not present
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs)
  - Re-organizing google drive
- Awards (Zach Bess)
  - Not present
- Outreach and Diversity (Katie Osborn)
  - Looked for previous years work, didn't find any
  - Communications among AFS chapters in November to discuss needs from parent chapter
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman)

## 7. Student Sub-Unit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Emily Nazario)
  - New bank account set up
  - Meeting again starting next week
- Davis/Sacramento (Kim Luke)
  - Tabled at WFCB orientation, about a dozen signed up for list serve
- Humboldt (Z Zenobia)
  - We had our club fair day and had a bunch of interested students. We have a solid number of people who want to go to the conference in Long Beach - I'm estimating at least 5-10.

- Irvine (Matea Djokic)
  - Tabled at fair on Monday, 15 signed up for the listserv (all undergrads)
  - Working to get as many as possible to Long Beach
  - Website is up
- San Luis Obispo County (Hayley Mapes)
  - SLO County subunit will be tabling at an event tomorrow to hopefully recruit more students on our listserv. We are also finalizing our website and I will send along that information to be linked on existing AFS pages.
  - I am also planning with numerous lecturers at our local community college, Cuesta College, to speak about AFS, our subunit, and how to get involved in their classes. Hopefully with these efforts, we will generate interest ahead of our nomination forms for our upcoming election.

8. Next meeting:

- October 20<sup>th</sup> at 6pm
- Discuss moving start time for meeting
- Poll dates for ExComm retreat

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