



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

Location: Zoom
Date: 10/20/2022
Time: 6:30-8:26
Call-in: See Zoom details

Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order and Introductions
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie Ogaz) –
 - 3 elected officers and 3 standing committee chairs
 - Elected officers: Mollie Ogaz, Eva Bush, Matt Young, Jose Setka
 - Standing committee chairs: Kathleen Berridge, Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom, Dave Lentz, Ramona Swenson, Kelly Souza, Zachary Bess, Christina Parker
 - Student sub-units: Caroline Newell, Kim Luke, Emily Nazario
3. Agenda Review (Eva and ExComm)
4. Focused Discussion/New and On-Going Business
 - Snake River Dam- updated statement, chapters read through it by WDAFS mid-Nov meeting
 - **ACTION**: Eva will send out document, email vote by ExComm by certain day (TBD)
 - Oregon RFID- they will attend 2023 and will sponsor travel expenses for students
 - **ACTION**: Eva will get in touch with Jose to let them know when and where to send the travel money
5. Officer Updates
 - Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
 - Current membership: 357

- September minutes- approved with Treasurer change to total balance from September (see note below)

- Treasurer (Jose Setka)

- Account Balances**

- Bank of America Checking Balance as of 10/20/2022: \$54,377.57
 - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 10/20/2022: \$38,787.70
 - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 10/20/2022: \$153,055.54
 - Total: \$246,220.81 (decrease of \$9,458.42 over September 2022)

- Notes:

- - B of A checking balance does not include \$4,470 check from DWR reg fees deposited today.
 - - Total balance noted in September report was inaccurate. Total should have been \$255,679.23

- President (Eva Bush)

- WDAFS September updates

- Snake River Dam statement update
 - 2025 National meeting in San Antonio, TX
 - AK increased membership dues 12% and rounded to nearest 5
 - DEI Chapter going to work with individual chapters next month
 - **ACTION**: any officers interested can attend as well (Miranda?)
 - Other chapters- hybrid/in-person, a mix of both
 - AK = high tribal engagement on virtual platform (we saw this too, esp. with continuing ed)
 - Potential for year-round continuing ed?

- ExComm retreat- December 4th, need to decide location

- Past President (Matt Young)

- Revisions to strategic plan will be sent to interested parties
 - Will touch base with Ramona re: nominations

- President-Elect (Miranda Bell Tilcock)

- Working on getting plenary speakers

6. Student Sub-Unit Updates

- Santa Cruz Monterey Bay Area (Emily Nazario)

- Finished elections, added new undergrad rep
- Almost done with starting a new bank account, waiting to cash check
- Kicking off first social event of the year- haunted house
- Davis/Sacramento (Kim Luke)
 - Elections- Caroline Newell is the new president
 - Brainstorming
 - Rebrand and reenergize (merch, etc)
 - Organizing social events
 - Want to get undergrads involved in conferences- any advice/suggestions send her way
 - Involve sac more/more events over there (Sac State)
 - **ACTION**: send Ramona email with material to share for guest lecture
 - Table at Winters Salmon Festival for outreach
- Humboldt (Z Zenobia)
 - Not present
- Irvine (Matea Djokic)
 - high turnout with 15 students, all undergrads and mostly freshman. Hosting informational panel. Wanted guest speaker, research scientist, for informational panel.
- San Luis Obispo County (Hayley Mapes)
 - Hopefully have website up and running by next week, and will be sure to forward that along to everyone to review and add to existing AFS websites.
 - Visiting the local Community College, Cuesta College, next week to present what AFS is, how to get involved and the resources that SLOCAFS has for them.

7. Committee Updates

- Time and Place (Kelly Souza)
 - Kelly will be looking for venues for 2024, possibly Chico without the use of Helms-Brisco.
- Continuing Education (Cynthia LeDoux Bloom)

- Cabrillo museum- beach seine sampling (am), walking field trip to see estuary/wetland structure (pm), use the wet lab for fish printing
- Developed spreadsheet- by age/subject for soft/hard skill sets for virtual continuing education
- Women in Marine Sciences (Moss Landing women) option
- Woods Hole- must go place (happy hour, continuing ed?), will update after hear back
- Winter lecture series- would be cool, should we make a subcommittee to make this happen?
 - Willing to reach out to people like Nann, Stephanie Carlson
 - Relate themes to the conference to generate excitement for the conference
- Conservation (Gary Sprague)
 - No updates
- Communications (Kathleen Berridge)
 - Newsletter went out Monday with Save the date for annual meeting
 - Ready to open symposia and abstracts submissions
 - Linked student subunits to our website
 - **ACTION**: everyone- send Kathleen photos etc to generate excitement & update the website
- Bylaws and Nominations (Ramona Swenson)
 - Will brainstorm with Matt and on retreat
 - **ACTION**- everyone can send nominations to Ramona
- Grants (Shawn Acuña)
 - Not present
- Merchandise (Chris Parker)
 - Offered possibility to use merch as a reward on a social media campaign (connect with Kathleen)
- Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew Hampton)

- Not present
 - Working on fundraising and conference fishing trip
- Finance (Wayne Lifton)
 - Not present
- Policy and Resolutions (Vacant)
- Chapter Historian (Jim Hobbs)
 - Not present
- Awards (Zach Bess)
 - Marine Fishes Award? Potentially awarded by our ExComm
 - McCoscker and Cailliet? Woman marine fisheries bio?
 - Have both freshwater and marine and alternate every other year?
 - **Motion** to approve 4 awards other than native/marine (MYoung proposed, D Lentz seconded) was approved. Marine/native fish conversation tabled until the annual retreat.
- Native Fishes (Damon Goodman)
 - Not present

8. Next meeting: November 17, 2022

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