

California Nevada Chapter



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

Location: Zoom Call

Date: July 20, 2023

Time 6:00-7:30 PM

1. Call to Order and any Introductions (Eva)
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie)
 - a. 3 elected officers: Matt Young, Christina Parker, Eva Bush, Miranda Tilcock, Mollie Ogaz, Tommy Agosta
 - b. 3 standing committee chairs: Wayne Lifton, Ramona Swenson, Kathleen Berridge, Katie Osborn
 - c. Subunits
3. Agenda Review (Eva & ExCom)
 - a. Addition of new business if applicable
4. Focused Discussion, New/Ongoing Business
 - a. Every other year schedule for conference
 - i. Generally, people running meeting are in favor of every other because of workload, people not involved would like it to continue every year
 - ii. President would do an event, just not the conference
 1. Annual business meeting, workshops, etc
 - iii. **Motion**: take 2025 off from Annual Meeting (Kelly)
 1. Matt amendment: commitment to have an alternate event
 - a. Have one ready for meeting, incoming president will plan another two or three, examples:
 - i. Native fishes workshop
 - ii. Continuing ed
 - iii. Student symposium
 2. Seconded: Chris
 3. All ayes, motion passed
 - iv. Discussion: biggest western div chapter, have smallest meeting- possibly because there are so many other meeting options here, could drive attendance here. We will dedicate an agenda item in a subsequent meeting to discuss specifics about how this will work

5. Officer Updates:

a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)

- i. Current membership: 316
- ii. Vote on the meeting minutes
 1. June minutes are approved

b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta/Jose Setka)

Account Balances:

- Bank of America Checking Balance as of 7/20/2023: \$26,862.53
- Bank of America Savings Balance as of 7/20/2023: \$48,790.99
- Merrill Lynch Balance as of 6/30/2023: \$175,406.99
- Total: \$251,060.51 (-\$40,012.47 from June 2023.)

c. President (Eva)

- i. Working on president doc, will get out to membership next week
- ii. Empty Chairs as of Sept 1
 1. Conservation- Dave taking over
 2. Bylaws and Nominations
- iii. Native Fishes retreat
 1. Discussion of survey results from native fishes retreat.
 2. One complaint was received about conduct during the event, prompting a discussion about ways to deal with non-conference events. This conversation was long, but eventually coalesced around consistent standards for attendees at all Cal-Neva events, regardless of size or formality.
 3. Discussion for establishing consistent expectations for behavior at future events
 - a. Explicit acknowledgment of code of conduct by all attendees
 - b. Explicit expectations for event organizers
 - c. Possible need for liability insurance

d. Past President (Matt)

- i. No updates

e. President Elect (Miranda)

- i. No updates

6. Student Subunit Updates

a. Sac/Davis (Kim)

- i. Not present, will be joining merch talk with UCI/Chris

- b. SCMBAS (Emily)
 - i. No update submitted (DOUBLE CHECK)
- c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James)
 - i. No update submitted (DOUBLE CHECK)
- d. SLOC (Hayley)
 - i. No update submitted (DOUBLE CHECK)
- e. UCI (Matea)
 - i. Not present
 - ii. Email update: AFS at UCI doesn't have much going on now that it's summer. Our new ExComm is working through campus club trainings to get everything in order to reinstate the club for the fall. Kim, Chris, and I are planning to meet to chat about Merchandise stuff next week

7. Committee Updates

- a. Time & Place (Kelly)
 - i. No update
- b. Continuing Education (Cynthia)
 - i. No update, not present
- c. Native Fishes (Damon)
 - i. No update, not present
- d. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn)
 - i. No update, not present
- e. Conservation (Gary/Dave)
 - i. No update, not present
- f. Communications (Kathleen)
 - i. Preparing a new newsletter
 - ii. Discussion of barbeque
 - 1. Intent to build camaraderie
 - 2. Does the ExComm want to open invitation to all of membership?
 - a. Yes, it can be open and Kathleen will put it out in the next newsletter
- g. Bylaws & Nominations (Ramona)
 - i. Looking for new chair
- h. Grants (Shawn)
 - i. Small Grant
 - Awarded two of the applicants for \$1500 each
 - Lily Olmo, Using fish to study the trophic food chain of artificial wetlands in Arcata Marsh, CA
 - Abigail Ward, Bridging the gap: Steelhead ocean foraging ecology and the link to thiamine deficiency complex

- ii. Semi-annual award
 - Announced the Semi-Annual Travel Award
 - For AFS and related activities, including the AFS National Meeting.
 - Due date is July 31st at 5pm
 - i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther)
 - i. Looking into Coastal Cleanup Day, information is delayed until late August.
 - 1. Dates are weekend of Sep 23rd.
 - ii. Emailed Ramona regarding interview questions
 - iii. Wants to add materials to the website for spotlighting members
 - j. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
 - i. Meeting with Chris for transfer
 - k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)
 - i. Russell Barabe will be taking a step back from acquiring items of raffle donations, but found a replacement for himself (Joseph Stanovich).
 - l. Finance (Wayne)
 - i. Looked into dollar amounts needed to best support CalNeva AFS desire to support students/grants/etc. without direct draw down of capital.
 - ii. Options limited due to inflation.
8. Next Meeting August 17, 2023, at 6:30 PM via Zoom