

California Nevada Chapter



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

Location: Zoom Call

Date: June 15, 2023

Time 6:30-8:00 PM

1. Call to Order and any Introductions (Eva)
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie)
 - a. 3 elected officers: Mollie, Eva, Matt Young, Tommy Agosta, Miranda Bell
 - b. 3 standing committee chairs: Jim Hobbs, Zachary Bess, Kelly Souza, Kathleen Berridge, Dave Lentz, Maddelyn Harden
 - c. Subunits
3. Agenda Review (Eva & ExCom)
 - a. Addition of new business if applicable
 - b. **New:** Additions for upcoming agendas
4. Focused Discussion, New/Ongoing Business
 - a. BLM letter (final letter attached) – pushing this until next meeting when more impacted people are present
 - b. Update on funding request for The Ecology of Marine Fishes
 - i. \$5,000
 - ii. Matt Young motions to approved \$2500, Kathleen Berridge seconds
 - iii. 10 in favor, the motion carries, but we will reach out tell them that if they cannot publish with that amount, come back to us and we will consider the additional \$2500
 - iv. We don't have standard protocols for approving these requests- if we are going to continue to support publishing, we need criteria to evaluate these requests in a rigorous manner
5. Officer Updates:
 - a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
 - i. 314 current members
 - ii. Vote to approve May minutes- approved
 - b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta)
 - i. **Account Balances**
 - ii. Bank of America Checking Balance as of 6/15/2023: \$71,093.14 ***Outstanding Checks: \$-42,779.87
 - iii. Bank of America Savings Balance as of 6/15/2023: \$48,790.59

- iv. Merrill Lynch Balance as of 4/28/2023: \$171,189.25
 - v. Total: \$291,072.98
 - vi. In the process of switching all of the accounts over to Tommy's card, Jose's is deactivated now
 - vii. Tommy will look into the Microsoft account
 - c. President (Eva)
 - i. WDAFS is putting procedure together for if committee members attend the conference, how much advance notice needed and what to expect in terms of comped registration, etc
 - ii. Edited meeting planning guide, small group is making edits, it will be sent out to the wider group shortly
 - iii. Might be better served to split into groups to better accomplish goals?
 - d. Past President (Matt)
 - i. Went to Native Fishes weekend to onboard HSU officers- went well, think it is a good model to move forward with
 - ii. Strategic plan update: from Ramona template- it has been filled out a little more with goals/objectives, but needs more concrete examples of how to meet those
 - 1. should have something out before the July meeting and can discuss then, but if not will push to August
 - e. President Elect (Miranda)
 - i. No updates
- 6. Student Subunit Updates
 - a. Sac/Davis (Caroline)
 - i. We have new officers! Alex Ginez (cc'd) will be the president for the next school year
 - ii. Unclear of how active the club will be over the summer but likely not much going to be happening until fall
 - b. SCMBAS (Emily)
 - i. Wrapped up events for the year, working with faculty sponsor on recruiting new members for Exec committee
 - c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James)
 - i. Not present
 - d. SLOC (Hayley)
 - i. Not present
 - e. UCI (Matea)
 - i. Successfully held our first fundraising event - a Freshwaters Illustrated film showing - we had about 20 people in attendance (seemed like bad timing in terms of student schedules in spring quarter) and we were able to raise just over \$300 mostly through raffle ticket sales! I have photos from the event but haven't gotten around to posting them yet because of the craziness of the quarter ending and the move.
 - ii. Most of our students will be leaving campus for the summer (including me) so I don't think that we will be holding many (if any) events this summer.

7. Committee Updates

- a. Time & Place (Kelly)
 - i. Passed on AV vendors to JT
 - ii. Need poster boards- need a poster chair to facilitate this
 - 1. ACTION: Eva to email listserve to get a volunteer
 - a. split this into 2 people- one does a lot of back end stuff that doesn't need to travel, the other is the on the ground person at the meeting to coordinate poster set-up, judging, etc. (Matt will talk to Brian Majardja to see if he is interested in taking on the back end role)
 - iii. catering proposal sent to Red Lion Hotel- \$19,000 for food, gets us past the minimum, so get the meeting space for free
 - iv. Would budget \$1500 each night for alcohol
 - v. \$25,000 a good budget to start with for place, food, alcohol, AV
 - vi. strategic plan and meeting planning guide- everyone read and comment please
- b. Continuing Education (Cynthia)
 - i. Not present
- c. Native Fishes (Damon)
 - i. Native fish retreat was a success, thank you to everyone who helped make it happen. I created a folder on the Google Drive, in the Photos folder for pics from this year's retreat to Big Chico Creek Preserve. I've added my photos to get us started. If you attended and have photos, please add your own and thank you!
- d. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn)
 - i. RAWA letter of support will be submitted after feedback from the ExComm
- e. Conservation (Dave)
 - i. No update
- f. Communications (Kathleen)
 - i. Followed up with Damon and Katie about the native fishes retreat
 - ii. will follow up with new students to update website
 - iii. Lots of job postings to the website
 - iv. April 9 Tuesday is continuing ed, April 10-12 (Wed-Friday) is the meeting
- g. History (Jim)
 - i. no update
- h. Bylaws & Nominations (Ramona)
 - i. Need a new chair
 - ii. No updates
- i. Grants (Shawn)
 - i. No updates
- j. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther)
 - i. No update
- k. Merchandise (Empty)
 - i. No chair, no update
- l. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)
 - i. Not present

- m. Finance (Wayne)
 - i. Not present, no update
 - n. Awards (Zachary)
 - i. no updates
8. Next Meeting July 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM via Zoom & in-person (hybrid)