



AFS Cal-Neva Newsletter

23 January 2024

President's Message

Happy New Year everyone!

2024 seems to be the year of change! We made the difficult decision to switch from having an annual meeting to meeting every other year. This was a tough decision but a necessary one due to rising costs, increasing number of conferences, and limited time for volunteer contributions that make an annual meeting successful. We believe this will allow us to continue to put together high quality conferences for our members full of incredible science! This will be a big change, but we will still be providing lots of networking opportunities for everyone throughout the state. These will include talks, rafting trips, maybe some aquarium visits and more. Keep your eyes peeled for these events but also don't hesitate to reach out and let us know what you would like to see more of from the chapter. We want to stay connected to you!



After such a great time in Long Beach last year, I'm really looking forward to what we have planned for our meeting in April. The planning team has been meeting regularly and working really hard to create a conference that will be one to remember! We wanted to gather together in Redding not only because of its proximity to beautiful restoration sites that will be available as field tours in our continuing education section, but for its timeliness coinciding with the Klamath Dam removal, a huge change in California. Registration is open now! So make sure to register for this meeting since this will be the last one till 2026 as well as keep tuned for the amazing continuing education courses we have planned for our members.

Another change happening in the near future will be more fun games and features in our social media. We are looking to hire someone to help us generate content for our Instagram and Facebook pages. These posts will feature published papers (submitted to us, by you!), games with prizes, and

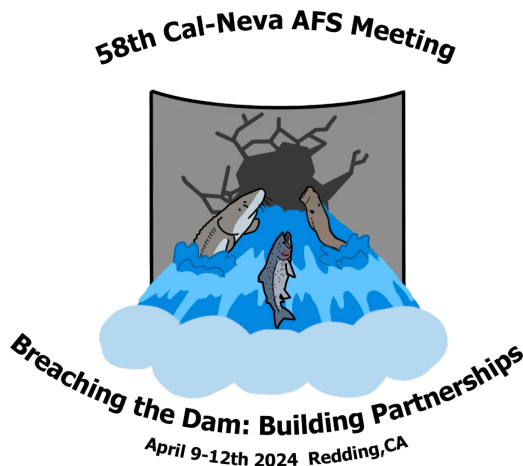
regular student/professional profiles highlighted on our page. Be on the lookout for all the new fun content!

The membership is what makes any organization, and that membership is you! AFS is a really rewarding and wonderful organization to work with, filled with so many fun people. Several committees are either open or looking for additional members. To get involved you can email me directly anytime (mirbell@ucdavis.edu or afs.calneva@gmail.com).

- Miranda Bell Tilcock

Registration is OPEN for the 2024 Cal-Neva 58th Meeting!

April 9-12th, 2024 *Continuing Education April 9th, 2024 in Redding, CA



To make the most out of our conference experience this year, we are using the event app [Whova](#). This is where asynchronous presentations will be stored, sponsors are featured, and virtual attendees can use the Q&A features to interact with all attendees and speakers, both in-person and virtual.

You must be registered for the conference to access this content. **Please input the email that you used to register for the conference when logging in to Whova.**

Get Whova Now

SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

9:00am – 5:00pm [Continuing Education](#)

6:30pm – 10:00pm Welcome Event (Turtle Bay)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

8:15am On-site Registration Opens

9:00am – 12:00pm Plenary Session

12:00pm – 1:30pm Lunch on your own

1:30pm – 3:30pm Concurrent Sessions

4:00pm – 6:00pm Spawning Run and Happy Hour (Turtle Bay)

6:15pm – 10:30pm Poster Reception

Thursday, April 11, 2024

8:15am – 12:00pm Concurrent Sessions

12:30pm – 1:30pm Student Mentor Lunch

1:30pm – 5:05pm Concurrent Sessions

6:00pm – 10:30pm Dinner Banquet

Friday, April 12, 2024



REGISTRATION

Registration Rates	Early*	Late
Early Professional AFS Member	\$370	\$400
Early Professional Non-AFS Member	\$430	\$460
Non-AFS Member	\$460	\$490
AFS Member	\$400	\$430
Student AFS Member	\$100	\$130
Student Non-AFS Member	\$135	\$165
Retired AFS Member	\$360	\$390
One Day	\$150	\$180
Exhibitor	\$1,000	\$1,030
Banquet Only	\$50	\$50
Workshops - Professionals	\$80	\$110
Workshops - Student	\$40	\$70

*The last day for the Early Bird rates is March 5 (and prices go up after that), the last day for pre-registration to guarantee meals provided with registration is April 5.

Please input the email that you used to login to Whova when registering for the conference.

Register Now

Award Nominations

Each year, the Cal-Neva AFS Chapter awards individuals and entities for their professional achievement, service, and contributions to fisheries science, management, and conservation.

To nominate an individual or group for one of the Chapter's awards listed below, please provide a 5 – 7 sentence summary of the nominee's accomplishments, specify which award you think is best fit for your nominee and why.

Please send your nominations to afs.calneva@gmail.com by **Friday, February 16th, 2024 at 5 PM PST.**

- The Award of Excellence
- The Distinguished Professional Achievement Award
- Special Contributions Award
- The Conservation Achievement Award
- The Award for Scientific Journalism
- The Marine Fishes Award
- The Deacon-Moyle Native Fishes Award

See full descriptions of the criteria for each award [here](#).

If you have any questions, please contact the [Chapter President](#) or Chapter Awards Chairperson [Zach Bess](#).



Travel Awards

The Cal-Neva Travel Award provides monetary awards for deserving student or young professional applicants to support their attendance of conferences, meetings, or workshops. For 2024, this award will support travel and/or registration for the 2024 Cal-Neva Meeting, April 9-12 in Redding, CA.

Any member of the AFS who is active in fisheries, environmental sciences and management, or related aquatic disciplines is eligible to apply. The Cal-Neva Executive Committee members will select **up to 2 awardees**. Selection is based on academic qualifications, professional service, and reasons for attending the event. Criteria for selection will give preference to applicants who are students or early professionals (5 or less years in their profession), who are AFS members of good standing, who are presenting their research or attending trainings essential to their development, and who establish financial need. **Attendance support of up to \$500.00 will be made available for up to 2 successful applicants for 2024.**



Application forms can be found on the Chapter website, [here](#). For questions and/or additional information, contact Shawn Acuña at (310) 938-7966 or via email at sacuna@mwdh2o.com.

Sponsor the 2024 Meeting

We rely on the generous support of partners to meet our goals of providing educational opportunities, conducting outreach, promoting aquatic stewardship and sustainability, and offering policy leadership at the national and local levels. Sponsors are acknowledged before, during and after the meeting, in a variety of ways. The table below provides a range of opportunities that can be sponsored but if you don't see an option or an amount that is right for your organization, we can customize a sponsorship package to help fit your needs. Specific opportunities can also be co-sponsored.

Sponsorship opportunities for the 2024 Annual Meeting of the Cal-Neva Chapter of the American Fisheries Society, Redding CA.

	Event (approx. # of ppl)	Location	Sponsorship Amount*
	Student Lodging	Red Lion	\$3,000
Tuesday 4/9/23	Pizza and salad for student volunteers (15)	Sheraton - Boardroom	\$400
	Welcome Gathering (50)	Sundial Bridge Amphitheater, Turtle Bay	\$5,000
Wednesday 4/10/23	AM Coffee Break	Red Lion	\$625
	Student-Mentor Lunch (40)	Red Lion	\$1500
	Happy Hour (40)	Fitzpatrick Celebration Garden, Turtle Bay	\$5,000
	Spawning Run	Turtle Bay	\$1000
	Poster Reception (115)	Red Lion	\$12,000
Thursday 4/11/23	AM Coffee Break	Red Lion	\$625
	PM Coffee Break	Red Lion	\$625
	Banquet (115)	Red Lion	\$12,000
	Main Raffle Prize	Red Lion	\$1500
	1 st place poster	Red Lion	\$300
	1 st place presentation	Red Lion	\$300

[Sponsorship Details](#)

2024 Officer Election Nominations

Call for Officer Nominations!

Do you want to boost your career? Grow your leadership skills? Expand your network? Gain satisfaction in contributing to fisheries? Make friends and eat sushi?

Then take charge of your fisheries future! Consider nominating yourself (or another Cal-Neva AFS member) for a position as a Chapter officer. We have 2 positions up for election. See the position duties [here](#).

- President: 3-year cycle (President-Elect, President, and Past President)
- Secretary: 2-year term

Officer benefits during term include registration fees waived for Chapter Meetings and membership covered (if needed). For President, travel and registration covered for Western Division and Annual Society meetings, and Western Division leaders retreat.

Executive Committee meetings occur monthly.

Nominations will be accepted until March 10th, 2024. Please send nominations to afs.calneva@gmail.com. All nominees must be an active member of AFS.

Nominees should submit:

1. Short candidate statement explaining their background and qualifications
2. Photo with the candidate statement

If you have questions, please contact the [Chapter President](#).

Member Highlight

Cal-Neva wants to hear from you! In an effort to highlight our awesome members, please submit a brief narrative and photo to be featured on the Chapter website and social media outlets. Narratives can include topics like "What Cal-Neva has done for you", a relevant research project, species highlight, etc. Please submit entries to [Cal-Neva Communications](#) with **Member Highlight** in the subject line.



Trawl for a meeting that interests you



The 2024 Annual Meeting of WDAFS (joint with AFS) will be September 15-19, 2024 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

For more information or please visit: <https://wdafs.org/future-annual-meetings/>

[Get information about other upcoming fisheries meetings here](#)

Angle for opportunities and jobs

We're Hiring! Cal-Neva AFS is looking for a Social Media Consultant to generate additional content to all of our social media sites. This is a paid position for one year from April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025.

Compensation:

\$200 sign on bonus with an additional \$200 per quarter not to exceed \$1000

Requirements:

- Provide 1 social media post per week (including Guess that fish, Student/Professional profiles, etc.)
- No AI generated content
- Be silly and have fun with it!

Preferred Qualifications:

Photoshop and/or other graphic design skills

How to apply:

Show us your best fish meme and one idea of what kind of weekly post you would like to see on our social media! Email to afs.calneva@gmail.com

Deadline: Open till filled!



[See fisheries jobs based in California and Nevada](#)

[See AFS-sponsored student awards and scholarships](#)

[See current job postings related to fisheries at the AFS job board](#)

Visit our Chapter website

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