

California Nevada Chapter



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

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: February 15, 2024**

**Time 6:30-8:00**

1. Call to Order (6:30)
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie, 6:35)
  - a. 3 elected officers- Miranda, Eva, Mollie, Chris, Tommy
  - b. 3 standing committee chairs - Kathleen, Kim, Wayne Lifton, Zachary Bess, Maddelyn Harden
  - c. Subunits
3. Agenda Review (Miranda & ExCom, 6:38)
  - a. Addition of new business if applicable
4. Officer Updates:
  - a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz, 6:40)
    - i. Current membership- 177, sign up people!
    - ii. Vote on the meeting minutes- January
  - b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta, 6:45)  
Account Balances

Bank of America Checking Balance as of 2/13/2024: \$19,679.72

Bank of America Savings Balance as of 2/13/2024: \$48,793.83

Merrill Lynch Balance as of 2/13/2024: \$183,928.82

Total: \$252,402.37 (+\$7,279.91 From January 2024)

Investment account change (From January 2024): +\$2,892.46

Checking account change (From January 2024): +\$4,387.05

We received \$7250 in sponsorship checks, which have been deposited in the checking account. We also sent \$2500 to Larry Allen for the Ecology of Marine

Fishes book sponsorship. Other charges to the checking account this month werestorage, clover, zoom, constant contact and P.O box fees.

Other updates:

1) We received sponsorship checks from Cramer, EBMUD, ESA, HDR, Metropolitan Water District, Sonoma County Water Agency and Stantec for a total of \$7250 in sponsorships. The google drive sheet is updated and accurate.

2) I am working on getting the chapter information put in ICF and RES's system so they can send us a check. I plan on getting that done this weekend.

3) 2024 proposed budget is finalized and on the google drive. 2023 actuals are updated to the best of my ability. It's difficult for me to categorize some of the charges on the account, as I was not around for much of 2023. For the 2024 proposed budget, 48k was budgeted for cost of the annual meeting and 48k was budgeted as the target income. I feel like 48k for target income may be a bit ambitious with the travel bans in effect, what do other folks think? 94k is proposed for overall chapter expenses in 2024, which is on par with what was budgeted for and actually spent in 2023. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

**Questions**- raffle and merchandise taxes?? Tommy will reach out to Jim

- c. President (Miranda, 6:50)
  - (a) Met with western division, do we want to send the winner of best talk to the western division meeting in Hawaii? Travel awards through WD are due April 15<sup>th</sup> for a total of 5K to give to students. Laurie does have a session at the Hawaii meeting for best student talks from western division.
    - (i) This would be outside of our normal travel award
    - (ii) We have student travel specific funds that were donated (\$10k)
    - (iii) Use some of their winnings to help offset costs (we give them \$350 w/additional money from last year)
    - (iv) Table this until Miranda gets an idea of cost from WD
  - (b) Budget
  - (c) Social media- few applicants for the intern
    - (i) Miranda made a powerpoint of the candidates
    - (ii) Explicit that the content created belongs to the chapter
    - (iii) Hand vote over zoom: Lily Olmo is the winner, Miranda will let her know
      - 1. plug the committees that are volunteer to the people who didn't get chosen

- (d) Sushi – make sure everyone got the monthly invite
  - (i) 1st Thursday of each month- calendar invite sent out to listserve, contact Mollie if you are not on the listserve
- (e) Matt stuff:
  - (i) Reach out to people to see if someone can run the student symposium (email Matt)
    - 1. Matea has offered to take this on!
  - (ii) Shasta Trinity fly fishers willing to do casting/fly tying
    - 1. would be cool, but space is limited- Cynthia has the rooms booked, but she needs to weigh in
  - (iii) potential for a table that they are set up at, but what is their willing time commitment?
- (f) AFS vice pres wants to attend, is hotel /reg covered?
  - (i) We are strapped for cash this year, let him know might not be both
  - (ii) Reg + hotel covered would cost us more than National gives us each year
    - 1. We will cover registration, no travel/hotel (he needs registration code for free)

- d. Past President (Eva, 6:55)
  - i. Will discuss with Chris about conference specifics without her presence
- e. President Elect (Christina, 7:00)
  - i. Hopefully will have talk schedule finalized by this weekend or soon
    - 1. Kathleen will help get it on the website

#### 5. Student Subunit Updates (3 min each)

- a. Sac/Davis (Alexandra Ginez, 7:10)
  - i. meeting today- practice presentation beginning of next month (9 people signed up)
  - ii. fish art night coming up
- b. SCMBAS (Georgia Third, 7:13)
  - i. meet twice a month
  - ii. events: quiz night, incentivize membership
  - iii. heavy undergrad membership, few presenters from this subunit
- c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James, 7:16)
  - i. not present
- d. SLOC (Haley for a few more months, 7:19)
  - i. not present
- e. UCI (Sam, 7:21)
  - i. Matea: several events (ocean institute visit)
  - ii. meeting every other week, ~ 15 attendees (undergrads)
  - iii. successful trivia night, citizen science events

- 6. Committee Updates ( 3 min each)
  - a. Time & Place (Kelly, 7:24)
    - i. not present
  - b. Continuing Education (Cynthia, 7:27)
    - i. Humboldt subunit is going to have a heavy presence at the meeting
    - ii. everything online/on schedule for cont ed
      - 1. connecting with leads on needs
  - c. Awards (Zach, 7:30)
    - i. nominations not actually not due until tomorrow at 5pm, so we may get a few more, but will discuss these two now
      - 1. Zach will update after deadline
    - ii. conservation achievement award
      - 1. Landowners on Battle Creek Watershed
        - a. provides land access
      - 2. Chief Sisk
        - a. winter run salmon on the McCloud
  - d. Communications (Kathleen, 7:33)
    - i. much more social media- shoutout to valentines posts
    - ii. posting conference details as we get them
    - iii. send your bios/roles/pictures to be featured on social media to promote the variety of positions/involvement available
    - iv. election poll needs to go out 30 days before business meeting
      - 1. send nominations to afs email/Eva
  - e. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn, 7:36)
  - f. Conservation (Dave, 7:39)
    - i. not present
  - g. Bylaws & Nominations (Ramona, 7:41)
    - i. not present
  - h. Grants (Shawn, 7:47)
    - i. not present
  - i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther, 7:44)
    - i. Katie is unsure if she will be able to make it the conference
    - ii. is stepping down from her position now
  - j. Merchandise (Kim & Matea, 7:47)
    - i. zazzle probably not able to be linked to social media accounts
  - k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew, 7:50)
    - i. not present
  - l. Finance (Wayne, 7:53)
    - i. no update
  - ~~m. Native Fishes (Damon, 7:56)~~

7. Next Meeting March 21, 2024 via zoom