

California Nevada Chapter



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

Location: In person retreat at USGS

Date: January 18, 2024

Time 6:30-8:00

1. Call to Order (6:30)
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie, 6:35)
 - a. 3 elected officers: Miranda Tilcock, Christina Parker, Mollie Ogaz
 - b. 3 standing committee chairs: Wayne Lifton, Jim Hobbs, Dave Lentz, Kelly Souza, Zachary Bess
 - c. Subunits: Kim Luke
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
 - ii. Vote on the meeting minutes
 - b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta, 6:45)

Bank of America Checking Balance as of 1/17/2024: \$15,292.67

Bank of America Savings Balance as of 1/17/2024: \$48,793.43

Merrill Lynch Balance as of 1/17/2024: \$181,036.36

Total: \$245,122.46 (+\$7,043.15 From October 2023)

Investment account change (From October 2023): +\$13,871.46

Checking account change (From October 2023): -\$6,809.53

We spent about \$5k on reserving space at the Sheraton for the 2024 annual meeting social event. The rest of the money from the checking account went to 2 hotel stays, airfare, storage unit, and zoom fees. However, total revenue is up from October as our investment account made about 13K from our stock market investments.

Other updates on my end:

1) The CPA we are working with to complete our annual taxes let me know that 2023 Form 1099s are due to the IRS by January 31st. I don't believe we received or issued any 1099s in 2023, however I am checking with Jose to confirm.

2) I will hopefully wrap up the AFS proposed budget for 2024. However there are some numbers I am having a hard time filling in as I wasn't involved with AFS for most of 2023. I am trying to set up a meeting with Jose ASAP to get the information I need.

3) We received two more sponsor requests for our annual meeting. One from Stantec and another from the Metropolitan Water District. Both are for \$1k each. I will issue invoices to both donors later this week.

c. President (Miranda, 6:50)

Finalizing the social media advertisement, update on payment to avoid additional work from treasury

Matt and I are working on doing some social media posts until the person we select starts

d. Past President (Eva, 6:55)

i. Eva and Nicole are sorting through poster abstracts- first pass has been done

e. President Elect (Christina, 7:00)

i. Registration open with Whova

ii. Continuing ed will be another few weeks

iii. Wayne has draft program- hopefully up this weekend

iv. Lost ~10 folks from state workers

v. How volunteers pay? Venmo?

vi. We need a new poster chair- Nicole can't come anymore

vii. Only thing missing from cont ed is lunch and cost0 trying to move this forward as soon as possible

5. Student Subunit Updates (3 min each)- none present

a. Sac/Davis (Alexandra Ginez, 7:10)

b. SCMBAS (Georgia Third, 7:13)

i. Good representation at conference (many volunteers)

c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James, 7:16)

d. SLOC (Haley for a few more months, 7:19)

e. UCI (Sam, 7:21)

6. Committee Updates (3 min each)

a. Time & Place (Kelly, 7:24)

- i. Half day- probably not provide lunch, price would stay the same
 - ii. Stepping down after this conference
- b. Continuing Education (Cynthia, 7:27)
 - a. After returning from two weeks of working in Belize on Sunday, January 14, on Monday, 15 January, I emailed each of the field tours, field learning experience, and workshops leads about their capability to continue with the CE Events after the State's \$68B budget shortfall. All leads but one of the CDFW tours said yes as of yesterday, and as of this afternoon, I was able to regroup the tour lead (me at the moment) to move forward with more detailed planning. All events are a GO as of this afternoon.
 - b. I am having issues with the pricing currently posted. Both professional and students and full and half-day are all priced at \$80. This seems odd to me. The conference price for members is \$400 and \$100 for students, so maybe a more comparable pricing structure could be applied? I seem to not be in the loop about discussions on my CE events pricing this year as previous years.
 - c. Participation cap is commonly 1 instructor to 12 participants for outdoor, experiential learning activities. The leads that I have spoken to think 12 is a great place to start with moving up to 20 - 24 if additional instructors are added to the tours. I have not asked JT if he has more than one drone or has another instructor available at this time.
 - d. Dr. Ramona Swenson requires some payment for teaching her workshop as her time is going toward her professional coaching certificate. If I was asked about payment, I would suggest \$50.
- c. Awards (Zach, 7:30)
 - i. Awards post up on social media
- d. Communications (Kathleen, 7:33)
 - ii. Travel awards on social
 - iii. Social media position is up
 - iv. Election nominations in newsletter
- e. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn, 7:36)
 - i. I am doing some digging on contacts for our Chapter's letter regarding the Central Valley Project Improvement Act (CVPIA) Mitigation and Restoration Actions.
- f. Conservation (Dave, 7:39)
 - i. WDAFS is on hiatus while chair is in Brazil- has been asked to host a session in Honolulu meeting
 - ii. Need to develop a work plan for the conservation committee
 - iii. Will be able to lead the raffle onsite- will touch base with Andrew
- g. Bylaws & Nominations (Ramona, 7:44)

Reminder that Ramona is not the chair, but send nominees her way to chat

- h. Grants (Shawn, 7:47)
 - Not present
- i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther, 7:50)
 - Not present
- j. Merchandise (Kim & Matea, 7:53)
 - Matea reaching out to student subunits
 - Looking into merch for the spawning run (looking at running hats)
- k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew, 7:56)
 - i. Connected to Dave for onsite stuff
 - ii. Have a few more donations- Stantec and Met
 - iii. Cramer giving \$1000 to student lodging
 - iv. Sonoma Water giving \$1000
 - 1. Asked about registration timing
 - iv. Miranda to send Knaggs contact
 - v. Chris reached out to CalTrout through Damon and Holly
- l. Finance (Wayne, 7:59)
 - i. Not much finance progress, but the program is moving along
- m. Native Fishes (Damon, 8:02)
 - Not present

7. Next Meeting February 15, 2024 via zoom