

California Nevada Chapter



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

Location: In person

Date: October 19, 2023

Time 6:30-8:00 PM

1. Call to Order and any Introductions (Eva)
2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie)
 - a. 3 elected officers: Tommy Agosta, Mollie Ogaz, Eva Bush
 - b. 3 standing committee chairs: Kelly Souza, Kathleen Berridge, Dave Lentz, Wayne Lifton, Cynthia Le Doux-Bloom, Zachary Bess
 - c. Subunits: Humboldt,
3. Agenda Review (Miranda & ExCom)- Eva standing in for Miranda
 - a. Addition of new business if applicable
4. Focused Discussion, New/Ongoing Business
 - a. Help with donation requests (Kelly and Miranda)
 - b. **Action**: review the list of the donation action items (tracker) within TWO weeks and see what you can do to help/what you are uncomfortable with- EVERYONE
 - i. Kelly has sent out letters to help- email 10/19/23 @ ~6:15
5. Officer Updates:
 - a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)
 - i. Current membership - no update
 - ii. Vote on the meeting minutes– desired changes emailed, then both September and August approved
 - b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta)

Account Balances

 - i. Bank of America Checking Balance as of 10/18/2023: \$22,102.20
 - ii. Bank of America Savings Balance as of 10/18/2023: \$48,792.21
 - iii. Merrill Lynch Balance as of 10/18/2023: \$167,184.90
 - iv. Total: \$238,079.31 (-\$3,144.75 From September 2023)
 - v. Investment account change (From September 2023): -\$2,898.50
 - vi. Checking account change (From September 2023):-\$246.62

- vii. For taxes: need name/number of donor giving over \$5,000- **Action**: Kelly will look at the agenda and see
- c. President (Miranda)
 - i. Student subunit logo- Mir not present, postpone to next meeting
- d. Past President (Eva)
 - i. **Action**: Eva will send email requesting topics to discuss at the retreat and Miranda will put together the agenda
 - ii. **Action**: add times to the agenda, provide ability to send email update
- e. President Elect (Christina)

“We had our first 2024 meeting planning committee meeting on Thursday last week. Thanks to those who joined us. We’re working out who’s in and what positions are available. We talked a bit about sponsors, donors, and exhibitors as well. Thanks to all those checking off some of those (please see Kelly’s email from Oct 11 “We need help!” if this isn’t ringing a bell). We have already been receiving donations.

I need access to the AFS zoom account for future meetings to set up a reoccurring meeting.

Lastly, the call for symposia and abstracts is ready to go out and I’m working on that with Kathleen.”

6. Student Subunit Updates

- a. Sac/Davis (Alexandra Ginez)
 - i. over the summer new officers were elected
 - ii. yesterday did first social, trying to get more undergrads involved (outreach)
 - iii. Friday have professional mixer planned- trivia to break the ice
 - iv. Planning quarterly events
 - v. Request: would like to stay updated with the conference as the planning occurs
 - 1. **Action**: Kelly will email to invite all of the student subunits
 - 2. **Action**: Mollie will send subunit contacts out to ExComm
- b. SCMBAS (Georgia Third)
 - i. Georgia is not present, but they are identifying new officers other than her
- c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James)
 - i. VP Colton representing
 - ii. New officers

- iii. 2 activities already, in the process of getting new members (currently have 38 people on the list of interest, mainly undergrads)
- iv. Formerly subunit part of Fish Club, but actively separating
- v. Upcoming visit to Mad River hatchery with students
- vi. developing new logo and submitting bylaws for approval
- d. SLOC (Haley for a few more months)- not present
- e. UCI (Sam Apodaca)
 - i. New officers
 - ii. had first meeting two weeks ago
 - 1. ~30 people present, about $\frac{2}{3}$ undergrads
 - iii. planning on biweekly meetings
 - iv. providing rides to beach clean up for student volunteer hours

7. Committee Updates

- a. Time & Place (Kelly)
 - i. \$1,000 for poster boards, \$1,700 for delivery for rental. Would cost us \$10,700 (IEP covers \$8,800) to buy 14, can store them for free at CDFW facility
 - 1. will paper posters even be a thing when we pay it off in ten years?
 - 2. **Action:** Tommy let them know there is less interest
 - 3. **Action:** Cynthia will do recon at the conference she is attending and report back
- b. Continuing Education (Cynthia)
 - i. full day- floodplain fantasies (FP restoration in DT Redding)
 - ii. Urban streams for winter refugia
 - iii. Yurik restoration (potential)
 - iv. Delta Live (Shawn Acuna)- not opposed to but trying to stay away from indoor events
 - 1. data visualization tool used to visualize data in real time
 - 2. Kathleen has further ideas on this train of data visualization- potential whole session, exhibitor, class?
 - a. someone at 43 north put it together for us?
 - b. Meeting will include Kathleen as well
- c. Awards (Zach)
 - i. No updates
- d. Communications (Kathleen)
 - i. website updated with committees, subunits, meetings, meeting page
 - ii. communication will come out soon about abstracts being open
 - iii. **ACTION:** everyone look at prices before the next planning meeting
 - iv. working on shift in the annual meeting formal communication (trial)

- v. CalNeva hosted rafting event- insurance fees unexpected so may table it for next year in order to prepare better; be aware of insurance costs with planning these events
 - vi. job postings need to include Adrienne!
 - e. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn)- not preset
 - f. Conservation (Dave)
 - i. checked in with WDAFS, Bob Hughes is in Brazil, so nothing much there
 - ii. desire to be engaged in local conservation issues? Will bring it up at the retreat in November
 - g. Bylaws & Nominations (empty)
 - h. Grants (Shawn)
 - i. No updates
 - ii. Posting for next awards will happen in January
 - i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther)
 - j. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
 - i. got zazzle and social media account info to link the updates
 - ii. will reach out to student subunits for them to add designs- income from theirs will go to them
 - k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)- not present
 - l. Finance (Wayne)
 - i. trying to set up grant money (\$100,00) but stock market values not adequate at the moment, coming up with alternate plan
 - m. Native Fishes (Damon)- not present
8. Next Meeting in person retreat November 18th, 2023. Time and location TBD