

California Nevada Chapter



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

**Location: Zoom**

**Date: September 21, 2023**

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

### 1. Call to Order and any Introductions (Miranda)

Miranda's 1st meeting as President!

### 2. Verification of Quorum (Mollie)

- a. 3 elected officers (Miranda Bel-Tilcock, Eva Bush, Mollie Ogaz, Christina Parker, Tommy Agosta)
- b. 3 standing committee chairs (Kelly Souza, Maddelyn Harden, Kathleen Berridge, others?)
- c. Subunits

### 3. Agenda Review (Miranda & ExCom)

- a. Addition of new business if applicable - added Annual Retreat

### 4. Focused Discussion, New/Ongoing Business

- a. Draft Conference Budget for Redding (Chris)
- b. Additional updates about the Annual Conference (Chris)
  - Working on a theme. Something around engagement.
  - Brainstorming artwork
  - Call for abstracts should open soon!

**Action Item to all:** Call to ExComm to rally for & create sessions!

**Action Item:** Hype conference on social media (Kathleen)

**Action Item:** Kathleen to work with Amanda on Whova

- Discussion to buy new poster boards, "slimmer, flat pack into van"
  - Conversion about needing staff, vehicle, trailer to transport, storage. Is it worth the cost.
  - How much IEP money does CalNeva have? ~\$14K?

**Action Item:** Look up in 2021 or 2022 notes

### 5. Officer Updates:

- a. Secretary (Mollie Ogaz)

- i. Current membership - no update
  - ii. Vote on the meeting minutes - approved
- b. Treasurer (Tommy Agosta) - check email update
  - Whova purchases
  - 2022 Taxes - Jose, looking for new tax person
  - **Action Item:** Do Student subunits do their own taxes or are they covered under Cal-Neva (like dependents?)- **Needs Follow Up.**

**Account Balances**

- Bank of America Checking Balance as of 9/21/2023: \$22,348.85
  - Bank of America Savings Balance as of 9/21/2023: \$48,791.81
  - Merrill Lynch Balance as of 9/21/2023: \$170,083.40
  - Total: \$241,224.06 (-\$12826.38 from August 2023.)
  - Investment account change (From August 2023): -\$8,982.87
  - Checking account change (From August 2023):-\$3,843.92
- c. President (Miranda)
    - i. Ideas for Bylaws and Nominations welcome
  - d. Past President (Eva)
  - e. President Elect (Christina)
    - Planning Meetings start Thursday Oct 12th, 6pm - Use Cal-Neva Zoom
    - Working on schedule - engaging speaker/activity

**6. Student Subunit Updates** - none present

- a. Sac/Davis (Caroline)
  - b. SCMBAS (Emily is stepping down and looking for a replacement)
  - c. Humboldt Cal Poly (James)
  - d. SLOC (Hayley)
  - e. UCI (Matea)
- Officer turn over next month

**7. Committee Updates**

- a. Time & Place (Kelly)
  - Cal-neva has a contract with RedLion but they have not been responsive and we are worried about their ability to host our event. Lose \$4k if break contract.
  - Turtle Bay/Sheraton - nighttime activities. Under the bridge, garden hour.

- 2 places are a 1.3 miles walk apart, across the Sacramento River
- Deciding between 2 locations or how to use both. RedLion - daytime activities. Sheraton/Turtle Bay - evening
- Decision Tuesday at Sheraton
- Vendors and posters in same place.
- Very Draft Schedule

<u>Monday 4/8</u>	<u>Tuesday 4/9</u>	<u>Wednesday 4/10</u>	<u>Thursday 4/11</u>	<u>Friday 4/12</u>
Travel	Cont. Ed Classroom at Red Lion  Welcome Session at Sheraton	9am Plenary at Sheraton?  Sessions at Red Lion  Spawning Run	Sessions at Red Lion   Banquet at Sheraton	Sessions at Red Lion  Business lunch at?

- b. Continuing Education (Cynthia) - not present
- c. Awards (Zach)
- d. Communications (Kathleen)
  - Preparing to announce a lot of Annual Meeting comms after the 1st planning meeting
  - Kathleen would like to host American River Salmon Float on Nov. 4th, stay tuned for more info.
- e. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn)
  - AFS makes an official annual goal around policy. Maddelyn would like to do something similar for Cal-Neva.
    - **Action Item:** Maddelyn to review examples from other Chapters Oregon and Montana and brainstorm ideas for Cal-Neva.
    - Ex. Commercial kelp, aquaculture Blue Carbon
- f. Conservation (Dave) - not present, **see email**
  - Develop local partnerships
  - Ex. Friends of Auburn
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- g. Bylaws & Nominations (Vacant)
  - **Action Item:** Add to Bylaws/Procedures Manual - Universities can't take overhead from Grants.
- h. Grants (Shawn)

- Travel Grant to Kelly LAST NAME?
- **Action Item:** Kathleen to reach out to Kelly about a write up for website and socials.

i. Outreach & Diversity (Katie & Esther) - not present

j. Merchandise (Kim & Matea) - not present

k. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)

Put together a letter to DWR, MET, pricepoint?

- Joe Skalinsky (CDFW) will take over fundraising for Russell Barbare
- Looking for Sponsor (Cramer?) for annual mtg. opening night. ~ \$3k-5k dessert and bar, coffee/tea

l. Finance (Wayne) - no present

m. Native Fishes (Vacant) -

- **Action Item:** Put a call out for Native Fishes Committee Chair (Kathleen)

8. Next Meeting October 19, 2023, at 6:30 PM via Zoom & Matt's office & SUSHI

- Western Division Retreat is early Nov. Cal-Neva usually after
- November Retreat - Sat Nov. 18th or football Sunday 19th 8am - 12 or 2pm, Dec 2
- **Action Item:** Miranda to poll dates for annual retreat
- Review Annual Budget at retreat. Send out draft prior to meeting
- **No Meeting Nov. 16th**