



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

Location: Zoom

Date: April 16, 2026

Time: 5:30-7:15 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions (5:30)
2. Verification of Quorum (Dennis)
 - a. 3 Elected officers: Dennis, Kim, Matea
 - b. 3 Standing committee chairs: Dave, Wayne, Karina, Abigale Deen (new Bylaws and Nominations lead), Zach, Dylan
 - c. Sub-units: Abbie Ward, Elias, John Isla
 - d. Other attendees:
3. Agenda Review (ExComm)
 - a. Secretary, Treasurer, and President updates
 - b. Policy and Resolutions Committee questions
 - c. UCI subunit event discussion
 - d. Discussion on student subunit websites
4. Officer Updates
 - a. Secretary (Dennis Finger)
 - i. Meeting recording
 - ii. Current membership - 277 members (up 5 from March; down from 290 in December)
 1. Feb: Dennis to look into regional trends in membership, currently and longer-term (not yet done)
 2. Reminder that ExComm members must be active AFS members
 - iii. Vote on meeting minutes for March ExComm Meeting.

1. Dennis motions to pass meeting notes as written, Matea seconds. The motion passes
- iv. Secretary role in next 3-4 months
 1. Dennis will be starting a MS program in the fall and hiking the PCT starting in early May. Marzia Fattori will take over as acting Secretary in that time, and she will also run for Secretary afterwards. Dennis will return to ExComm in another role in September.
- v. Nominations progress
 1. Two nominees intend to run for elected positions: Marzia Fattori for Secretary and Asha Pluton for President-Elect
 - a. Kim suggested confirming timeline; Asha takes over President-Elect at end of national AFS conference
 2. Timing for elections?
 - a. Dennis to check elections duration in bylaws to ensure they stay open for long enough
- vi. Conference follow-up
 1. Looking to document field trip planning efforts
- vii. Cleaned up Google Group based on review at last ExComm meeting
 1. Dennis added Jesse - Cramer address: jesse.wiesenfeld@fishsciences.net; also adeen@ucdavis.edu, Marzia, and Lennox.
- viii. Reached out to past members about re-registering
 1. One question about tax writeoff for retirees; Dennis to ask Kelly
- b. Treasurer (Asha)
 - i. Account balances
 1. Bank of America Checking Balance as of 04/17/2026: \$38,896.89
 2. Bank of America Savings Balance as of 04/17/2026: \$58,803.00
 3. Merrill Lynch Balance as of 04/17/2026: \$235,993.45
 4. Total: \$333,693.34 (-\$4,032.94 from 03/17/2026)
 5. Investment account change (+\$3,221.69 from 03/17/2026):
 6. Checking account change (-\$15,470.14 from 03/17/2026):

ii. Spent - For what checking account money was spent on see below:

Date	Description	Description	Income/Expense Type	General Category	Detailed Category	Amount	Receipt Filed	Annual Budget Category
3/18/2026	EXTRA SPACE 3525 0316 PURCHASE XXX-XX69658 CA DEBIT CARD *6411	Storage (physical and e-data)	Expense	Regular	Storage	-133		Storage (physical and e-data)
3/20/2026	ORAFS.ORG 0319 PURCHASE ORAFS.ORG OR DEBIT CARD *6403	Kim Luke - Registration for WDAFS/ORAFS Annual Meeting	Expense	Regular	WD Attendance	-535		ExComm WD Annual Meeting 1 ExComm Member Attend (President)
3/23/2026	ALASKA AIR XXXXXX0308 0319 PURCHASE SEATTLE WA DEBIT CARD *6403	Kim Luke - Travel to WDAFS/ORAFS Annual Meeting	Expense	Regular	WD Attendance	-386.8		ExComm WD Annual Meeting 1 ExComm Member Attend (President)
3/23/2026	MANAHO THAI CUISINE 0319 PURCHASE WEST SACRAMEN CA DEBIT CARD *6411	ExComm Food	Expense	Regular	Chapter Meeting	-84.31		ExComm Monthly Meeting
3/23/2026	Check 1583	David Lertz refund for Raffle Items	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	-211.25		Annual Meeting Expense
3/23/2026	Check 1585	Society Rotenone Manuals	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	-336		Annual Meeting Expense
3/23/2026	Check 1586	Society - Brian Fitzgibbon Instructor Fees	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	-5,875.00		Annual Meeting Expense
3/23/2026	Check 1588	Conference reimbursement for Monica Barnett	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	-395		Annual Meeting Expense
3/25/2026	CCP/CONSTANT-CONTACT 0324 PURCHASE XXX-XX95506 MA DEBIT CARD *6411	Constant Contact	Expense	Regular	Software	-62		E-mail Pices newsletter (Constant Contact)
4/3/2026	Check 1591	CDFW IEP Posters	Expense	Regular	IEP Posters 2026 to CDFW	-2,232.00		IEP Holding Balance

iii. Other updates:

1. Asha and Matea are still working out the kinks in the finalized budget from the Annual Meeting
2. Asha will need to follow up with the secondary form for the raffle before the end of the year (planning on doing this concurrently with taxes).
3. Asha will work on treasurer’s guidance documents
4. The cost of storage has increased another \$16 dollars per month

c. President (Kim Luke)

i. Chapter

1. Chris and I went to tour Natomas Inn and we’re going to move forward with planning! No food and beverage minimum or set number of nights needed
 - a. Options include mid-April or February. No price difference. Group to consider more.

ii. Society

1. ELMA awards are being reviewed at the moment

iii. WD

1. Division meeting is May 4-7 in Portland

d. Past President (Chris)

- i. Can we do a happy hour in the next 2 weeks?

e. President Elect (Matea)

- i. Asha and Matea are still working out the kinks in the finalized budget from the Annual Meeting
- ii. Matea attending WDAFS in Portland

5. Student Subunit Updates ([society subunits page](#))

- a. Sac/Davis (Alexandra Ginez/John Isla)

- i. High anticipation for Picnic day here setting up live fish exhibits. We aim to have another fish-related activity for this quarter if possible.
- b. SCMBAS (Paige Gardner/Abbie Ward)
 - i. Kicked off spring quarter by wrapping up Trout in the Classroom. We also have a Cyanotype event this week and a Fish Trivia event later this month. We are brainstorming more community-focused events right now as well as fundraising opportunities.
- c. Humboldt Cal Poly (Emily/Lennox)
 - i. We voted and new Excoms were elected, Lennox Rowlett (President), Joaquin Bartosh (VP), Nin Hering (Treasurer -returning) and Ellery Brownlee (Secretary)
 - ii. Two meetings were held in order to plan for a fundraising event on April 15th, budgets were finalized for sending two students, one undergraduate (Jazmyn Sanchez) and one graduate (Noah Gabay) for the WDAFS Oregon chapter meeting. At an in person meeting, both Noah and Jazmyn presented their projects they will be showing at said meeting. Finally, plans are in place for a final meeting with the AFS club to have a fishing and BBQ, with insurance still being a focal point issue.
- d. SLOC (Hayley)
 - i.
- e. UCI (Elias Zamora)
 - i. Hosted our first general meeting of the quarter with Fin-it to win it mini games (still low turnout). We will be giving out prizes to people who attend our events like the comic sans shirt which we hope will bring back continuing members and an end of the year raffle. We will be attending an Earth Day event on April 26th at the Bolsa Chica Earth Day Fair with a beach cleanup included. Finally our next meeting will be designing “fish-sona” characters for a collage we will keep and display for future boothing events. Will be posting elections next week to see who might be interested in being on board next year.
 - ii. *for Kim and Matea (board would like to have a zoom call with y’all to plan the grunion run event).

1. Elias to send a Zoom link and/or When2Meet for grunion run planning.
Matea and Kim aim to attend in May, perhaps the weekend of 5/23.

6. Committee Updates

- a. Time & Place (open position)
 - i.
- b. Continuing Education (Jesse) - not present, no updates
 - i.
- c. Awards (Zach)
 - i. No updates
- d. Communications (Zach)
 - i. No updates
- e. Policy and Resolutions (Karina)
 - i. Read over policy resolution on agricultural runoff, edit please!
 1. Karina to share with ExComm to ask for edits
 - ii. Webinar this upcoming summer with policy crew
 1. Aiming for first speaker in May or June; would hold every 1-2 months
 2. Kim suggested soliciting speakers in the newsletter
- f. Conservation (Dave)
 - i. RPECC is getting a special award of recognition from WDAFS
- g. Bylaws & Nominations (Abigale Deen)
 - i. No updates
- h. Grants and Travel Awards (Matea)
 - i. No updates
- i. Historian (Jim)
 - i. No updates
- j. Outreach & Diversity (Open)
- k. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
 - i. No updates
- l. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew)
 - i. Not present, no updates
- m. Finance (Wayne)
 - i. No updates
- n. Native Fishes (Dylan)
 - i. Great trip. Hatchery tour and lots of fishing, featuring plenty of native fish. Had 11 or 12 people attend, including a couple people from Humboldt
 - ii. Might try for a marine surf perch trip on the North Coast next time, maybe up to the Klamath as well. Dylan to report back on best time of year for that.

- o. Student Liaison (Matt Young and Matea)
 - i. No updates
- 7. Targeted discussion agenda
 - a. Subunit website migration
 - i. Society has been hosting SCMBAS website at no cost, but since Society is updating their servers, they can no longer host the SCMBAS website as is.
 - 1. Society suggests migrating the SCMBAS website to the new Society WordPress website.
 - 2. There would be a \$300 one time payment to migrate, with \$250 for annual fees thereafter. They would also consider waiving fees for the subunit.
 - 3. Society's goal is to shut down servers July 1. There will be no downtime if the subunit migrates before.
 - 4. Kim suggests migrating to the Society website and asking to waive fees. Abbie supports this plan.
 - 5. Kim to follow up with Jeff about waiving fees; Abbie to follow up with her subunit
 - ii. Sac/Davis has a website hosted through WordPress
 - 1. John is not sure on the hosting status but will check with Alex G.
 - iii. UCI subunit website is hosted by a UCI website for campus clubs, but since that doesn't work as well for their needs, they have a separate primary website as well. Elias doesn't think that has been updated on the CalNeva page yet.
 - 1. Elias to share website and logo with Zach:
<https://sites.google.com/uci.edu/afsatuci/home?pli=1>
 - iv. Humboldt just had elections. When are other subunits holding elections?
 - 1. SCMBAS: elections will be held in May. First they will hold their general members meeting in May, and afterwards they will hold mid-May elections.

2. UCI posted their call for nominations form today, and they will likely hold elections in next 4-5 weeks. They hope to bring in some new people, as many board members are graduating.
 3. Sac/Davis: shooting for elections near end of the quarter
 - v. Subunits to send nominees (or elected officers) to Zach and/or Kim to share as highlights.
8. Other?
 - a.
9. Next meeting: May 21, 2026 hybrid! In person at 5:30 pm in West Sacramento at CDFW office 1010 Riverside Parkway otherwise on Zoom. Sushi to follow!

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