



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

Location: Zoom and CDFW West Sacramento

Date: March 19, 2025

Time: 5:30-7:15 pm

1. Call to Order and Introductions (5:30)
2. Verification of Quorum (Dennis)
 - a. 3 Elected officers: Kim Luke, Christina Parker, Matea Djokic
 - b. 3 Standing committee chairs: Zach Bess, Wayne Lifton
 - c. Sub-units: John, Elias Emmanuel Zamora, Abigail Ward
 - d. Other attendees:
3. Agenda Review (ExComm)
 - a. Best Student paper name- Thomas Keegan Award
 - b. UNR student subunit
 - c. Discussion about CE workshop- Jesse
 - d. Best of the West Support
4. Officer Updates
 - a. Secretary (Dennis Finger)
 - i. Current membership - 272 members (up 59 from February; down from 290 in December)
 1. **Feb: Dennis** to look into regional trends in membership, currently and longer-term (not yet done)
 - ii. Vote on meeting minutes for February ExComm Meeting.
 1. Kim motions to pass meeting notes as written, Chris seconds
 2. Feb minutes passed
 - iii. February Business Meeting Minutes were approved via email – thanks everyone!
 - iv. Conference follow-up

1. Looking to document field trip planning efforts
- v. Cleaning up Google Group
 1. Members that we might consider removing: Eva Bush, aechenette, anchu (Davis), Damon Goodman, Shawn Acuna, esa29 (Humboldt), jw428 (humboldt), Kelly Souza (Wildlife), Kimberly Evans (Davis), Mollie Ogaz (Cramer), Rob Titus, Parisa Hurley, roswenson, svapodac (UCI), sosanc (Davis)
 - a. Removal except Shawn Acuna - ask if he wants to stay on for now
 - b. **Dennis** to add Jesse - cramer address:
jesse.wiesenfeld@fishsciences.net
- vi. Nominations progress
 1. At least three nominations so far (one President, two Secretary)
- b. Treasurer (Asha)
 - i. Account balances
 1. Bank of America Checking Balance as of 03/17/2026: \$54,367.03
 - a. Let's move some from checking to savings - **Asha**
 2. Bank of America Savings Balance as of 03/17/2026: \$58,802.05
 3. Merrill Lynch Balance as of 03/17/2026: \$232,771.76
 4. Total: \$337,726.28 (-\$11,372.03 from 02/18/2026)
 5. Investment account change (-\$2,811.23 from 02/18/2026):
 6. Checking account change (-\$5,403.78 from 02/18/2026):
 - ii. Spent - For what checking account money was spent on see below:

Date	Description	Description	Income/Expense	Type	General Category	Detailed Category	Amount	R Annual Budget
2/18/26	EXTRA SPACE 3525 02/16 PURCHASE XXX-XX69658 CA DEBIT CARD *6411	Storage (physical and e-data)	Expense	Regular	Storage	Storage	-133	Annual Meeting Expense
2/18/26	Check 1580	Bruce Koike Gyotaku	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	Gyotaku Class	-2,540.00	Annual Meeting Expense
2/20/26	Check 1571	Andrew Hampton West Marine Reimbursement	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	West Marine Reimbursement	-190.69	Annual Meeting Expense
2/23/26	IN-N-OUT WESTSACRAMENTO 02/19 MOBILE PURCHASE WEST SACRAMEN CA DEBIT CARD *6411	ExComm Food	Expense	Regular	Chapter Meeting	ExComm Food	-30.04	Annual Meeting Expense
2/23/26	Check 1582	Nina Award - Cramer	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	Cramer Award	-750	Annual Meeting Expense
2/25/26	CCP CONSTANT-CONTACT 02/24 PURCHASE XXX-XX95506 MA DEBIT CARD *6411	Constant Contact	Expense	Regular	Software	Constant Contact	-62	E-mail Place
2/26/26	Check 1572	Karina Arzuyan Travel Award	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	Student Travel Award	-500	Annual Meeting Expense
2/26/26	Check 1574	Karina Arzuyan Stickers and Poster Reimbursement	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	Karina Arzuyan Reimbursement	-148.05	Annual Meeting Expense
3/2/26	Check 1581	Katrina Martens Award - Cramer	Expense	Regular	Annual Meeting Expense	Cramer Award	-500	Annual Meeting Expense
3/11/26	Check 1579	3rd place talk	Expense	Expense	Regular	3rd place talk	-50	Annual Meeting Expense
3/13/26	Check 1589	Conference refund for Alana Imrie			Annual Meeting Expense	Conference Refund	-500	Annual Meeting Expense

- iii. Other updates:
 1. Asha has sent Matea, Chris, and Kim the finalized budget from the 2026 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.
- c. President (Kim Luke)
- i. Society
 1. Discussions about divisions giving money/ sharing sponsor lists. Western doesn't fundraise on their own, chapters will likely not want to share their donors/ money because they are smaller agencies and companies and likely can't support both.
 - ii. WD
 1. Division meeting in the first week on May.
 - a. **Kim** will email Kelly (first place paper award) if she wants the Best of the West spot at WD and if not, offer to another speaker from that session who also won an award for speaking (Olivia)
- d. Past President (Chris)
- i. Extra Storage email address changed from mine to the chapter. Receipts should be going there now. I uploaded March (and Feb) receipts to the Shared drive.
 - ii. I can run Grants this year if no one else is interested (help take a task off Matea's desk if she would like me to) - not needed
 - iii. Paused Clover Go account to reduce costs - **needs to be reactivated at least 3 weeks before needed again**. I put an alert on the chapter calendar for next Feb to remind us hopefully prior to any meeting and set a notification to email the chapter as an alert.
- e. President Elect (Matea)
- i. Went over number from Annual Meeting with Asha - still need to finalize but the following numbers are our rough estimate of our gross income (\$88,428.34), expenses (\$57,990.37), and net income (\$30,437.97).
 1. Matea will update the preliminary meeting budget I put together so we can see how many registration types we had, when folks registered, etc.

and how far off we were in our estimate to use for future meeting guidance

- ii. Haven't met with Tate for a debrief yet - I think he maybe had his baby, so I'll shoot him another email in a few weeks if I still don't hear back

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

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

- i. We hosted our AFS Social for the winter quarter, had a couple new undergrads show up regarding AFS; Additionally we have begun plans for spring quarter here is our list of things to host:
 - 1. 'Picnic Day' booth
 - 2. Fishing event
 - 3. Final Woodstock social for the year

b. SCMBAS (Paige Gardner/Abbie Ward)

- i. This past month we hosted a mussel foraging event with two other UCSC organizations where we went out with 25 students to teach about sustainable seafood harvesting. We encouraged students to obtain California fishing licenses to participate and all but 2 students were able to get their license before the event. We then took them back to campus and cleaned, prepped and cooked them all to serve to everyone for a potluck dinner as we talked about our organizations and coastal management and harvesting.
- ii. Additionally, we hosted a fish printing workshop where we taught about the art of fish printing and students were able to make some amazing prints! We had rice paper available for people, but others brought their own shirts and canvases to print on as well.
- iii. Trout in the Classroom is progressing and we will be participating in releases in a few weeks with our three teachers at Loch Lomond. Coaches have been coordinating with teachers to go into classrooms and talk with students about rainbow trout ecology.

- iv. We are currently planning for spring quarter and figuring out events and sponsorships as well as applying for a few grants for larger events. We also recently applied for Western Division's student subunit award.
- c. Humboldt Cal Poly (Emily)
 - i.
- d. SLOC (Hayley)
 - i.
- e. UCI (Elias Zamora)
 - i. Not many updates since last meeting. We attended Project Grow, an event where we assisted a non-profit organization at Newport Back Bay to remove invasive plant species. We also had our general meeting where we painted wooden fish coasters and had snacks. We had originally planned a beach day trip but it got canceled due to weather conditions and low turnout. We also planned a Minute-to-win it social called "Fin-it-to win it" where we played mini games challenges within a minute. This was postponed to our first general meeting of Spring quarter due to prognostic low turnout and it was fairly close to finals week.
 - ii. We have still been having consistent low turnout at our events, but we believe the interest in members is still there. We discussed to implement options to incentive our members to come such as using funds for food (like pizza) for certain socials, also considering buying shirts from CalNeva Zazzleshop to reward students for coming to multiple socials, and even hosting an end of the year raffle with members accumulating tickets from attendance to events and meetings. We did this raffle last year and it worked out fairly well.
 - iii. Wanted to ask how planning the CalNeva x AFS at UCI grunion run would look like?
 - iv. Possible ideas for spring quarter include:
 - 1. Fish club collab event
 - 2. Another Marine Life Inventory event

3. Collaborating with Amigos de Bolsa Chica for a cleanup event
4. Possibly plan an end of the year trip (depending on turnout)

6. Committee Updates

- a. Time & Place (open position)
 - i.
- b. Continuing Education (Jesse)
 - i. Jesse - eDNA continuing education
 1. Scott Blankenship and Greg Schuemer - No expected fee
 2. Marketing opportunity for Cramer though that's not the intention
 3. Potentially for half-day, likely a weekday
 4. Probably hybrid - in person hosted at Cramer in West Sac
 5. Population genetics overview
- c. Awards (Zach)
 - i.
- d. Communications (Zach)
 - i. Zach to add Karina Arzuyan and remove Maddelyn as Policy Chair from Website
- e. Policy and Resolutions (Maddelyn and Karina)
 - i. Establishing SOP for carrying out statements, who is point of contact beyond our advisors (Karrigan, Scott)
 - ii. Questions on matter of scope and level of specificity
 - iii. Connecting with policy folks in western division
- f. Conservation (Dave)
 - i. Western Division RPECC held a meeting on 2/23/26 with a review of committee activities. The committee provided a comment letter for the EPA Clean Water Act WOTUS issue that was used by the Society to help develop their comments to EPA. Chair Paul Kusnierz circulated a document for guidelines and process for developing comment letters for the WDAFS. The RPECC will be hosting a symposium on watershed impacts from roads at the WD meeting in Portland in May.
- g. Bylaws & Nominations (Caroline)
 - i.
- h. Grants and Travel Awards (Matea)
 - i. Talked to Shawn about taking back over (since he was Grants chair before), and he expressed interest but we'll need to follow up
- i. Historian (Jim)

- i.
 - j. Outreach & Diversity (Open)
 - k. Merchandise (Kim & Matea)
 - i. No update
 - l. Exhibits/Fundraising (Andrew) - not present, no update
 - m. Finance (Wayne)
 - i. No update
 - n. Native Fishes (Dylan)
 - i. Pyramid Lake trip is scheduled for 3/27-29, up to 20 participants expected.
 - o. Student Liaison (Matt Young and Matea)
 - i. No update
7. Targeted discussion agenda
- a. Policy committee
 - i. Create SOP for team
8. Other?
- a. UNR potential student subunit with Jeff Falke as subunit lead
 - i. Zach and Brooke working on
 - ii. Planning ongoing discussions and will figure out which pathway (official route with UNR and AFS make most sense)
9. Next meeting: April 16, 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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