

**Minutes, Annual Business Meeting  
Western Division American Fisheries Society  
18 July 2000**

President Ken Hashagen opened the luncheon business meeting at 12:05hr in Telluride, CO. A quorum was determined to be present. President Hashagen introduced the members of the Executive Committee present including: Ken Hashagen, President; Bill Bradshaw, President Elect; Bob Bilby, Past President, and Ed Cheslak, Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Joe Margraf was appointed as parliamentarian. The guests introduced included Christine Moffitt, President of AFS; Carl Burger, President-Elect, and Gus Rassam, Executive Director of AFS.

President Hashagen reported on the state of the Division. Western Division has been active and involved at every level and continues to be at the forefront of important issues facing the Society. The Division and its members are leading the way. There was improved communication within the Division and increased responsiveness of key Division committees that has significantly increased effectiveness. Achieved improved communication by having Excom representatives attend most of the WDAFS Chapter's Annual Meetings. Also had frequent conference calls with Excom members and Chapter Presidents that was characterized by good, active participation. Mr. Alan Bingham has done an excellent job or running the Division's Web Site, which has also improved communication with Division members. Mr. Paul Evans continued to do an outstanding job on the Division's newsletter. There was an active Grants program this year with \$16,957 of awards to various worthwhile proposals. The format for submitting proposals is on the Web Site and funding requests are considered every July and January. This years highlights include: contributions to the Parent Society raffle at the National Annual Meeting; contributed funds to reduce the publication backlog of the Parent Society; conducted an AFS professional certification challenge (for member chapters); held a logo contest that is being finalized during this annual meeting; and, had Division representatives participate in the review of several documents (e.g., Plum Creek Plan). The Division wants to extend a warm thank you to the Colorado/ Wyoming Chapter for co-hosting this years annual meeting.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes from 1999 was made, seconded, and approved. The minutes were approved as written (copies were placed on each table at the meeting) by a motion from Carl Burger with a second from Christine Moffitt.

Ed Cheslak presented the treasurer's report. Total income for the fiscal year (June 1 1999 to May 31 2000) was \$11,845.24; total expenses were \$36,040.03 resulting in a net loss of \$24,194.79. The loss this year was the result of problems encountered in carrying out the annual meeting in Mosco, ID and the level of grants funded this

year. Despite this loss, the Division is in excellent financial shape with a total of \$91,438.92 in our combined assets of checking, savings, and short-term Money Market accounts.

Bill Bradshaw, President Elect presented the proposed budget for FY 2001. The division is projecting a balanced budget for FY 2000 with expenditures equal or slightly less than income. The budget included funds for the annual meeting (including seed money for next year's meeting), awards, grants (which remains at 10k), committee's, student scholarships and travel, excom travel expenses (which remained at the \$7,750 to cover visits by the Division president, or his representative, to Chapter's Annual Meetings), Tributary publication expenses, and miscellaneous expenses. The motion to approve the 2001 budget was made and seconded. The budget was approved by the members present.

Reports of the Chapter Presidents are available from Ken Hashagen. Bill Bradshaw, responsible for this year's annual meeting, presented his work plan for Division activity this next year. He will focus on long term funding for the grants program, linking up the Division with the Western Governor's Association, and continuing the communication necessary to keep the Division moving forward.

A summary of the Division Committee reports was presented by Eric Knudsen, details are available at the Web Site. The key points are:

Election results for Vice President. The percent of the members voting was higher than last election (at 4%) but still low. Don MacDonald was elected to the office of Vice President.

Wayne Hubert presented the Student Scholarship Awards. Based on scholarship, research, and service there were three \$1,000 awards this year to Julia Scheuer (M.S., Colorado State University), Christine May (Ph.D., Oregon State University), and David Simpkins (Ph.D., University of Wyoming). Wayne Hubert will not continue to chair the Graduate Student Scholarship committee next year and a replacement will be identified.

A Riparian Challenge Award was presented to the USFS, Wrangell Ranger District (Tongass National Forest- R10), Gallatin National Forest (R1) and the BLM Rock Springs Field Office (Wyoming).

Conservation Achievement Award was presented to Kathy Buchner (Wyoming Council of Trout Unlimited) and Bill and Carol Alexander.

Award of Merit was presented to Carl Burger and James Lichatowich.

Award of Excellence was presented to Tom Powell.

Award of Special Recognition was presented to Shelly Spalding (*corrected spelling from "official minutes"*), and Ron Wiley.

The Past Presidents award was presented by Ken Hashagen to Bob Bilby.

Outstanding chapter award was presented to the Oregon Chapter. Congratulations to Oregon, who continues to serve the Division so well over the last year. This certainly represents sustained performance by this exemplary chapter.

Time & Place Committee reported that next years meeting will be in Phoenix, AZ and the Division will be joining with the Parent Society to conduct our Annual Meeting. The Division has put together a symposium on Sustainable Fisheries that will run for two days during this meeting. The Division has received a proposal from the Oregon Chapter for the 2002 meetings. Looking ahead, the 2003 and 2004 meeting could be co-hosted; various options are under consideration, but nothing has been finalized.

Advancement of Officers was not conducted at the Annual Meeting, instead they will be installed at the National meeting in St. Louis. When the advancement occurs the Division Officers for 2000-2001 are: Bill Bradshaw, President; Eric Knudsen President Elect; Don MacDonald, Vice President; Ed Cheslak, Secretary-Treasurer, and Ken Hashagen, Past President.

Old Business: Shelly Spalding (*corrected spelling from "official minutes"*) gave a short overview of the Bull Trout Protocol development process and its progress.

New Business: Carl Burger made a motion to change the name of our Scholarship fund to the Eugene Maughan (*corrected spelling from "official minutes"*) Graduate Student Scholarship Award. The motion was seconded and passed.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Cheslak  
Secretary-Treasurer