

**Western Division of the American Fisheries Society**  
**EXCOM Teleconference Minutes**  
**Date: April 19, 2005**

**Participants:** Lynn Starnes, Tom McMahon, Joe Margraf, Tina Swanson, Cliff Muhlfield, Tom Pettengil, Shawn Chase, Jim Tilmant, Mary Whalen

We did not have a quorum so all action items requiring a vote have been postponed to the May conference call. The May call will be May 17 at the regular time – 1:30. I fear my attempt to move the time up to accommodate my travel schedule ended up causing conflicts from many people. We will go back to the routine time and date! May will have a very full agenda.

Electronic voting – next month we need the report from the Electronic Voting Committee. Mary Whalen needs the protocol so that the web site can be set up to accommodate changes. Also, the Secretary/Treasurer needs to obtain the bios for the people running for office so that they are ready to put on the web site.

Awards – Tom McMahon asked all of us to submit award nominations. Tom has received some nominations but would like to have more nominations. Some of our prestigious awards will be given during the Plenary Session. So, we need nominees. Tom volunteered that if you would like to nominate someone but do not have enough information to make a full nomination that he will help you to track down the information. So, please talk to Tom about any nominations or ideas that you have for nominations.

Lamprey Committee – Shawn Chase is working on a symposium for the 2007 meeting. The Symposium will be titled "Biology, Management and Conservation of Lampreys" Shawn asked whether the Committee could list the Western Division as a sponsor. It was pointed out that as a committee of the Western Division that the committee was expected to produce products like this symposium so had the approval to list us as a sponsor (no money was requested).

Meals for the Governing Board and Business luncheon were discussed. The consensus was that Tom should check in to availability and prices and select a plated lunch for the business meeting and something to eat while we are working on the Governing Board.

The Alaska Chapter wanted to know the status of Western Division fund raising efforts. Lynn Starnes volunteered to write a letter to the Fund Raising Committee to determine the status of fund raising.

The Time and Place Committee reported that the Oregon Chapter submitted a bid for 2008 for Portland Oregon. Rumor had it that the Arizona/New Mexico Chapter was going to submit a bid for this meeting. Follow-up needs to be made with the Time and Place Committee and Arizona/New Mexico Chapter.

The MSU contract was discussed. Bob Hughes is coordinating on behalf of the Western Division. There were a few questions raised about specifics in the contract. Officers were reminded to reply to Bob as soon as possible with issues or concerns or questions.

Chapter of the Year nominations are due to Lynn Starnes by April 29. As of April 19, she has not received any nominations. Lynn will be going to Mexico May 1 for the meeting of fishery professionals so we need your nominations as early as possible.

Tom McMahon and Bill Bradshaw initiated a discussion by email that carried over to this conference call. The issue was the need for ball caps that can be sold at upcoming annual meetings or that can be given away as "thank you" gifts for hard working volunteers. The consensus was that this should be pursued and Eric Knudsen will be asked if he knows who made the last batch of hats

**Next Call will be May 17 th at 12:30pm (Pacific Time)**