

**Western Division American Fisheries Society**  
**EXCOM Teleconference**  
**April 3, 2007**

In attendance: Bob Hughes, Eric Wagner, Joe Margraf, Scott Bonar, Dave Ward, Jamal Moss (AK), Lori Martin (CO/WY), Bart Gammett (ID), Keith Underwood (NPIC), Jeff McLean (CA/NV), Neil Ward (OR).

**Quorum Established**

Minutes from the March teleconference were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward summarized the Division's expenditures and account balances. The report was relatively detailed because the fiscal year is now 50% complete. Expenditures and income remain on track. The plan to re-distribute available funds continues to be implemented. The Division now owns three CDs. By December, the Division will own four, one-year CDs, with a CD maturing every three months. In addition, most funds were removed from the primary savings account and placed into a money market account. Overall interest this year will likely double that projected.

The grant endowment fund has recovered from the February drop in the stock market. So far, the AZ/NM Chapter is the only chapter to invest in the Division's endowment fund. Past President Joe Margraf moved that the Division deposit \$3,000 in the endowment fund, per this year's proposed budget. Dave Ward seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Related to the budget, ExCom directed Dave Ward to investigate the details regarding the Western Division providing funding for publication of the burbot symposium held as part of the 2005 meeting in Anchorage. *Minutes from the Western Division business meeting in San Diego in April 2003 indicate that the Division agreed to "co-host" the symposium.*

**Archives**

Lori Martin is following up on getting the Division records properly archived, and will report back at next month's meeting.

**2007 Annual Meeting**

Approximately 1,700 abstracts have been received, which is only about 100 less than the number received for the Anchorage meeting in 2005. Although the expense of having a meeting in San Francisco will reduce profits, the Division's net income from the meeting will likely be higher than projected in the fiscal year 2007 budget.

After brief discussion, Vice-President Scott Bonar moved that the Division award a best student paper at the meeting in San Francisco. Joe Margraf seconded the motion and it passed

unanimously. Dave Ward pointed out that this expenditure was not in the proposed budget, but that availability of funds was likely.

The Division has reserved \$2,000 for student travel to the meeting - \$1,000 for students nominated by the Mexico Chapter, and \$1,000 for other students from the Western Division.

### **2008 Annual Meeting**

Neil Ward gave a quick update on the 2008 meeting, to be held May 4-8 in Portland, co-hosted by the Division and the Oregon Chapter. Neil indicated that the theme would likely involve population growth and the challenge to western fish and fisheries. The proposed theme was warmly received, and a few ideas for sessions and plenary speakers were discussed.

### **2009 Annual Meeting**

We have signed a contract with the Hyatt Regency in Albuquerque for May 2 to May 8, 2009. Our room block is 815 room nights with room rates of \$149 for single or double occupancy.

### **2011 Annual Meeting (Parent Society)**

The Mexico Chapter has expressed an interest in hosting the 2011 national meeting. Because of concerns regarding international travel and size of the chapter, ExCom discussed the possibility of recommending to the chapter that they try hosting a Western Division meeting before taking on the national meeting. ExCom realized that either meeting will likely require significant help from the Division.

### **Other**

President Bob Hughes reported that the draft manuscript from the Bull Trout Committee regarding the recently completed survey has been reviewed, and will be submitted for publication in *Fisheries* this week.

Two thousand five hundred DVDs of the cutthroat trout documentary are being produced. Five hundred of these are being produced for the state of Montana.

No candidates have yet volunteered to run for Vice-President.

The next teleconference will be May 1, 2007 at 11:30 AM Pacific time.