

Western Division American Fisheries Society
EXCOM Teleconference
July 3, 2007

In attendance: Bob Hughes, Eric Wagner, Scott Bonar, Joe Margraf, Dave Ward, Jamal Moss (AK), Dave Manning (CA/NV), Lori Martin (CO/WY), Leanne Roulson (MT), Bart Gamett (ID).

Quorum Established

Minutes from the June teleconference were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward summarized the Division's expenditures and account balances. After three quarters of the 2007 fiscal year, expenditures and earnings are tracking closely with projections.

Student Travel Scholarships

The Western Division has set aside \$2,000 for student travel to the 2007 annual meeting in San Francisco: \$1,000 for students from Mexico, and \$1,000 for students from elsewhere in the Western Division. After brief discussion, it was agreed that the Division would assist travel to the meeting for a student that is active in a subunit leadership roll, needs funding, and can get a letter of support from a Chapter President indicating why we should help fund that travel. The deadline for the letter is July 31.

Burbot Symposium Proceedings

The ExCom continued discussion on whether or not to provide monetary support for a burbot publication resulting from a symposium at the Anchorage meeting in 2005. No written documentation of a financial promise has been located. Three motions were passed regarding this situation:

- (1) All support will come from the FY 2008 budget (motion by Margraf, second by Bonar);
- (2) The exact amount of support is not specified (motion by Margraf; second by Moss);
- (3) The Division will support the publication financially to some extent (motion by Wagner, second by Gamett).

2007 Annual Meeting

Dave Manning gave a brief update on the 2007 meeting in San Francisco. On-line registration has experienced a few issues, but is moving along. A few hundred people have registered to date. The hotel is full, and overflow hotels are being used.

2008 Annual Meeting

Dave Ward gave a brief update on the on the 2008 Western Division meeting scheduled for May 4-9 in Portland, Oregon.

Western Division Archives

Bob Hughes is working with Venice Beske and the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter to move the archives from Venice's home to a Spearfish, SD storage facility.

Western Native Fishes

Leanne Roulson provided an update on the WNF project. All maps have been generated and are in the database. The report is in progress. A graduate student from the University of Redland will likely be used to develop interactive maps from the GIS database. This will greatly decrease the funds required to get this application on the website. Subsequent updates will be made on a periodic basis. Plans include an eventual publication in *Fisheries*, and a comprehensive report. More funding is needed to properly complete the project.

WDAFS Elections

Leanne Roulson was elected Vice-President of the Western Division. Many thanks to Russ Bellmer for also being a candidate.

Next Teleconference

The next teleconference will be August 7, 2007 at 11:30 AM Pacific time.