

**Western Division American Fisheries Society
ExCom Teleconference
October 19, 2007**

In attendance: Bob Hughes, Eric Wagner, Leanne Roulson, Dave Ward, Paul Cowley (Utah), Dave Manning (CA/NV), Doug Young (Oregon), Eric Knudsen (NPIC), Pam Sponholz (AZ/NM), Salvador Lluch-Cota (Mexico), Patrick Fitzpatrick (Archive Committee).

Quorum Established

President's Report

President Eric Wagner reported that archiving of Western Division records is being implemented. Eric also noted that the website is being updated.

Potential issues include political interference, with Se toxicity in Idaho an example.

The AFS Governing Board will continue work on the Economic Growth Policy.

Treasurer's Report

Minutes from the September meeting in San Francisco were approved.

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward summarized the Division's expenditures and account balances.

Dave Manning gave an update of finances from the San Francisco meeting. Total attendance was 2,681, including 2,192 full conference registrations. Dave estimates a profit of approximately \$100,000, with about \$10,000 going to the Division.

Eric gave highlights of the proposed 2008 budget. The budget was approved following approval of various motions:

Doug Young moved that 25% of the proceeds from the 2008 annual meeting fund student travel to subsequent meetings. Bob Hughes seconded. Eric move to amend the motion to state that proceeds in excess of \$10,000 be allocated to support student travel and lodging at subsequent annual meetings, with the amount capped at \$10,000. Dave Ward seconded. The amendment, then the motion passed unanimously.

2008 Annual Meeting

Doug Young and Dave Ward reported that planning was going well, but a few committee spots are still open. The second call for symposia will be out soon. Doug summarized the electronic abstract service that will be used.

Eric pointed out that the meeting needs to be more prominent on the website – at the top of the list

AFS Policies

ExCom discussed the economic growth policy. Eric will let the Parent Society know that the Division is interested in this issue and wants input. No separate Division policy will be needed if the Division has input to the Parent Society policy.

The existing instream flow policy of the Parent Society needs to be located.

Western Division Native Fishes

Leanne Roulson provided an update of the project. The completion report is finished, which fulfills funding requirements. The database is available on CDs. Many color maps are included. The University of Redlands is still seeking a student to help with interactive maps. \$20,000 has been solicited from the Fishery Conservation Fund to aid completion of the project, with no response yet.

Chapter Meetings

ExCom assignments to attend Chapter meetings:

Eric – AK, UT;
Scott – AZ/NM;
Eric or Scott – CO/WY;
Leanne – AZ/NM, MT;
Bob- ID, NPIC;
Dave – CA/NV
All – OR.

Next Teleconference

The next teleconference will be December 11, 2007 at 10:30 AM Pacific time.