



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

President Eric Wagner, President-elect Scott Bonar, Vice-president Leanne Roulson, Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward, Past-president Robert Hughes

Minutes for Teleconference Call 8 January 2008

Present: Eric Wagner, Scott Bonar, Leanne Roulson, Bob Hughes (acting Secretary), Jim Tilmant, Dave Lentz, Bill Bradshaw, Kajsa Stromberg, Neil Ward, Eric Knudsen, Paul Cowley, Amy Unthank, Dave Manning, Matt Kondratieff.

Absent: Dave Ward, Doug Young, Salvadore Lluch-Cota, Bart Gamett, Bert Lewis, Dave Schmetterling.

The December minutes were approved without modification.

President's Report

Eric obtained the boxed paper archives of the WDAFS from Venice Beske, and is proceeding to scan them into pdfs. The archives include Chapter material, which Eric will forward to the Chapters. Eric sent a letter to the NMFS requesting additional time to provide a Pacific Salmon Biological Opinion letter. He also wrote Gus Rassam requesting that the 2008 sponsor contribution from BLM be redirected to WDAFS.

Neil Ward summarized progress on the May 2008 WDAFS meeting in Portland. A total of 6 workshops and 31 symposia have been accepted, which translates to around 600 abstracts, thereby limiting the number of contributed paper slots still available. That number of abstracts results in 1000 projected registrants and 10-11 concurrent sessions. Daily plenary speakers are Peter Moyle, Bob Adler, and Ernie Niemi. The web site is ready to accept abstracts, registrations, and lodging reservations. Bob Hughes requested sponsor contributions and suggestions from the Chapters.

Amy Unthank indicated that the May 2009 WDAFS meeting committee is currently working on a theme and advertising for the Albuquerque meeting. Eric Wagner suggested that the committee develop a one page advertising brochure for distribution at the 2008 meeting, and begin to develop a web page so that it would be operational soon after the 2008 meeting.

Matt Kondratieff reported that the CO/WY Chapter could not cohost the 2010 meeting and Paul Cowley stated that the Utah Chapter was uncomfortable doing so alone. *Dave Lentz agreed to call Bart Gamett (IDAFS) to request a deviation from its usual geographic location to enable IDAFS to host or cohost the 2010 meeting.*

The 2011 parent society meeting will be in Seattle. Eric Knudsen asked if the WDAFS intends to cohost that meeting. A brief discussion ensued concerning the profit split among the parent

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society, division, and Chapter—given the relative amounts of work provided by each. *Eric Knudsen agreed to review the recommendation of the Time and Place Committee concerning funding splits.*

The Grants and Endowment Committee report was given by Bill Bradshaw. Bill has prepared a summary article for the Tributary describing the history of the Endowment Fund and reviewing grant application criteria. He also indicated a need for clearer procedures for funding the Fund and for determining annual amounts available for grants. *Bill and the ExCom were asked to review the current procedures on the WDAFS website in preparation for discussion during the February conference call.*

Jim Tilmant and Leanne Roulson summarized the status of the Western Native Fishes (WNF) database project. Discussion focused on providing additional information for a letter from Eric Wagner to Hannibal Bolton requesting additional funds for Garcia and Associates (GANDA) to aid a Redlands University student to develop a WNF interactive website. Bob Hughes moved to provide \$5K to GANDA and Scott Bonar seconded then moved to amend the amount to \$2K. Paul Cowley seconded and the amended motion passed unanimously. *Leanne agreed to draft a letter that would indicate the status and various forms of past and current support for the WNF project for Eric Wagner to send to Hannibal by 11 January.* Jim is also trying to secure funds from the Fish Conservation Fund. *Jim will prepare a letter for Eric authorizing payment to GANDA for past completed work.* There are no funds available for updating WNF information.

Kajsa Stromberg updated progress on the winter newsletter. She has nearly all the expected articles and a January publication date is scheduled.

Environmental Concerns Committee: *Eric charged each Chapter president to provide him, before the February call, the name of a nominee willing to serve on this committee.*

List Serve: Dave Lentz requested input concerning the need for formal guidelines for using the list serve to limit spam and advertising. He has previously restricted listings to those directly related to WDAFS business, news and meetings. Kajsa expressed the need for similar criteria for the Tributary. *Dave agreed to draft criteria and circulate them for comment by Kajsa, Steve Bauer, and Paige Ackerman (Website Subcommittee) and subsequent approval and publication by ExCom.*

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