



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 11 March 2008

Present: Eric Wagner, Bob Hughes, Leanne Roulson, Scott Bonar, Dave Ward, Kajsa Stromberg (Newsletter), Henry Boone (Investment), Troy Brandt (Riparian Challenge), Doug Young (OR), Paul Cowley (UT), Toshihide Hamazaki (AK), Jim Fredericks (ID), Kathy Foster (CO/WY).

The February minutes were approved without modification.

President's Report

The AFS Governing Board agreed to allocate \$5,000 to the Western Native Fishes project. The database needs to be coordinated with the National Fish Database.

The AFS may be moving. The Governing Board supported selling the current property and spending additional funds on relocation.

The Governing Board discussed protocols for position statements. No support was shown at this time for a position on lead in the environment. The board did support more time and money being allocated to the Hutton Program.

Treasury Report

Dave reported that funds are coming in related to Annual Meeting sponsorships, vendors, and registrations. Expenditures will increase as the meeting approaches.

The CD tree is now complete. The Division has four, one-year CDs, with one maturing every three months.

Dave noted that it has become troublesome and potentially un-safe to mail multiple deposits to the credit union in Utah. Dave suggested opening a low-cost checking account at a bank with branches throughout the Western U.S., to be more convenient for future Secretary-Treasurers. Paul Cowley moved and Scott Bonar seconded that Dave be authorized to open this second checking account. The motion passed.

Dave is waiting for an invoice from the Parent Society before providing funds towards the proceedings from the burbot symposium.

Final accounting from the 2007 meeting in San Francisco is still not complete. Proceeds due the Division have not yet been received from the Parent Society.

Other Business

With officer elections upcoming, ExCom discussed balloting via email vs. using an on-line survey. The advantage of the survey is that it ensures privacy. The disadvantage is that it is not free. Eric moved and Dave seconded that an on-line survey be used for 2008 elections. Coordination of this effort was delegated to Bob Hughes.

Leanne reported on the Western Native Fishes project and fund raising. ExCom discussed end products, timelines, and costs. A student has been identified to work on the database. A number of chapters have provided funds.

Henry Boone summarized the grant endowment fund and volatility in the current market. Henry advised that the Division keep its share of the fund over \$100,000.

Doug Young reported that approximately 600 abstracts were received for the 2008 meeting in Portland. Only 200 people have registered for the meeting to date.

The Utah Chapter has agreed to host the 2010 meeting in Salt Lake City. The Division will be in charge of the program. The motion was passed to approve the Utah Chapter as the host of the meeting.

Eric is looking for volunteers from each chapter to serve on the Environmental Concerns Committee.

Kajsa reported that the newsletter will go out in April.

The next ExCom teleconference has been changed to April 23, 2008 at 10:30 AM PDT.