



# American Fisheries Society

## *Western Division*

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

### Agenda for Teleconference Call on April 23rd, 2008 11:30 a.m. MT, 10:30 a.m. PDT

1. Roll Call – Bob Hughes, Jim Tilmant, Leanne Roulson, Bob Hughes, Scott Bonar, Eric Wagner, Paul Cowley, Amy Unthank, Matt Kondratiess, Eric Knudsen, Phil Calloway, Doug Young, Bert Lewis, Dave Manning
2. Determination of Quorum – Quorum determined
3. Approval of minutes for Feb call – minor changes to Dave - approved
4. President's report (Eric)

#### Issues: Hard Rock Mining Law letter

- time not is critical, suggested to present letter to ExCom then membership in Portland, motion and second to approve letter as is then present to membership at business meeting,
- discussion - not backing up position with science – Eric Knudsen commented that AFS must maintain position based on science and not just advocacy, Policy statement from 1993 should be updated and readopted to update science based positions,
- Paul Cowley – clean water issue should be carried through entire document and its benefits to public as well as fish, send up-dated policy statement with letter?,
- Eric K. if try to bring up for a vote at business meeting problematic – need to send a copy to all members prior to meeting for review,
- Amendment to motion-send to membership on list serve and paper copies available and add to registration packet

#### Motion carries unanimous vote

- a. WNF committee meeting scheduled – same room as ExCom meeting

5. agendas/expectations for Excom and business meetings in Portland (Eric Wagner)  
draft agenda additions?
  - discussing potential funds from Portland and SF meetings-- add to treasurers report, #6 grant application review
  - no grants from foundation but do have \$1000 WDAFS budget, only one application so far - encourage members to apply,
  - does WDAFS co-convene with Parent Society for 2011 meeting, who are co-chairs?, add MOA of percentages for 2011 meeting discussion with Gus at business meeting – standing agreement for 10% for WDAFS and Chapters, be clear on what we want to do before meeting - raise chapter take to 15-20% because they do all the work,
  - insert between 9 and 10 on agenda,
6. Portland meeting update (Doug Young/Neil Ward)

- a. Executive Director/ AFS President in schedule – Gus will be there but Mary will be leaving early – need to schedule time for them to speak to group, Gus at business meeting but Mary needs earlier time – very short time available
  - b. food for WD meetings? – looking good for food and beverage at breaks and business meeting – AV needs for ExCom and business meeting?? Discussion deferred to 5-24-08 conference call on meeting.
  - c. Registration numbers/planning – 250 workshops, banquet big with 1.5 hour buffet, raised \$40K contributions, financially successful, OR chap list serve for mentors – need 20 volunteers for mentors Tuesday May 6 evening 6:00-7:30, student judging – still need help,
  - d. Other details – Sat. 6-9pm coordination meeting – list all sponsors so no one is left out of acknowledgement and thank you letters, contact names and addresses
7. 2009 meeting update (Amy Unthank) – brochure in Portland packet, booth at meeting, get advice for meeting planning in Portland, sales booth – hats and other merchandise
  8. 2010 meeting location (Paul Cowley) – formed committee, food planning with establishments, site visits, good progress, ideas exchange with meeting planners for this year and future years
  9. Update for Western Native Fishes database project (Leanne/Jim Tilmant) – committee meeting at WDAFS meeting, working with U Redlands proposal, Michael coming to MT revised proposal with feedback from committee has all materials to start moving on it, time line for presenting progress next winter at latest, Hannibal Bolton-committed \$5K at this point but no payment yet – need to send invoice, CD mix-up because of address, other donors need invoice or cooperative agreement also,
  10. new business – elections 145 ballots received to date, 4 vote difference between candidates, send another reminder to vote, be prepared chapter update at Sunday excom meeting