



# 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 12 August 2008

Present: Eric Wagner, Leanne Roulson, Dave Ward, Mike Slater (Utah), Eric Knudsen (NPIC), Bert Lewis (Alaska), Dave Manning (CA/NV), Amy Unthank (AZ/NM), Jim Fredericks (Idaho), Bill Bradshaw (Grants Funding), Thom Whittier (WNF).

A Quorum was eventually established. Minutes from May and July, and the May business meeting minutes were approved as revised by Bob Hughes..

#### President's Report

President Eric Wagner reported that the new chair of the Bull Trout Committee stepped down, and that Shelley Spalding is once again filling in.

Eric and Past President Bob Hughes arranged for Chuck Huntington to perform the required audit on the FY 2007 and 2008 financial records. Chuck and Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward are coordinating that task.

Lori Martin of the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter will begin her term as Vice-President next month.

#### Disposition of Annual Meeting Income

The Division's share of the annual meeting profits is \$97,663.69. Eric noted that as per division guidelines, 50% of this (\$48,832) should be placed in the Grant Endowment Fund. ExCom agreed.

Eric also noted that the Division is obligated to set aside \$10,000 towards student travel to future meetings, as per a motion passed during the ExCom meeting of October 9, 2007.

Dave Ward recommended that because (1) no further income is expected until early 2009, and (2) the Division will be loaning the AZ/NM Chapter \$10,000 (see below), the remaining amount distributed be limited to approximately \$20,000. After some discussion of the amount of funds in reserve, and considering that a new budget for FY 2009 will be developed within two months, general agreement on this amount was reached.

Eric Knudsen moved that \$1,000 be granted to the Montana State student subunit to be used towards the upcoming Student Colloquium in Bozeman, providing that the colloquium be tied

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strongly to the Division (advertised on the Division website, time be reserved for President-Elect Leanne Roulson to speak, etc.). Leanne seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

After listing and discussing several potential recipients of Western Division funds, particularly the Western Native Fishes (WNF) Project, Dave Ward moved that \$20,000 be set aside for the WNF project and that \$2,000 be donated to the AFS Hutton Fund. The motion also stipulated that the AFS Skinner fund be included in the \$10,000 set aside for student travel, and that other worthy recipients be considered when developing the FY 2009 budget. The motion received multiple seconds and was passed unanimously.

### 2009 Annual Meeting

Amy Unthank requested that the Division provide \$10,000 in seed money for the meeting. Leanne Roulson provided the official motion, Dave Ward seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Amy requested that the Division assist with fund raising. ExCom agreed, with Eric Knudsen and Bill Bradshaw volunteering to provide information on past donors.

Amy also explored the potential for the Division to accept less than 50% of the meeting profits. A number of members expressed support. Amy will provide a specific proposal at the next ExCom meeting.

Amy also summarized a few areas of the meeting that required Division assistance or where the Division should be the lead. ExCom agreed.

### New Business

Eric noted that this was his last meeting as President. Scott Bonar will preside for the next year. Everyone expressed thanks to Eric.

### Next Meeting

The next ExCom teleconference will be scheduled by Scott Bonar. If teleconferences remain on the second Tuesday of each month, then September 9, 2008 is the likely date.