



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

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

Minutes for Teleconference 16 October 2008

Present: Scott Bonar, Lori Martin, Dave Ward, Leanne Roulson, Jim Fredericks (Idaho), Larry Dominguez (WA-BC), Lourdes Rugge (CA/NV (representing Mexico)).

A Quorum was not established. Minutes from the September 25 teleconference were deferred until November..

President's Report

President Scott Bonar briefly discussed the fish habitat bill, which would provide funding for habitat enhancement. There is no urgency because Congress is current not in session; however, letters in support should eventually be sent from each Chapter and the Division. Chapter letters should be sent to each members of the appropriate state's delegation.

Requests for grants have, or will include, requests for funding travel of Mexico Chapter members to the Mexico meeting and the Western Division meeting, which are only one week apart in May 2009. Lourdes Rugge suggested that she develop a list of participants at each meeting that need funding, with the caveat that no names appear on both lists. These funding requests would then be considered by ExCom in November when the FY 2009 budget is being developed an approved. There was general agreement to this approach.

Financial Report

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward provided an overview of the Division's financial status and FY 2008 accounting. Although the Division received record income in FY 2008 because of the highly successful annual meeting, distribution of funds exceeded revenue. Dave pointed this out so that ExCom members would be aware during development of the FY 2009 budget. Dave and Scott will work together to develop a draft budget prior to the November meeting in Sedona. ExCom members should become familiar with the draft budget prior to the meeting, to facilitate discussion.

Old Business

President-Elect Leanne Roulson provided an update on the Western Native Fishes Project. The graduate student, Michael Ziyambe, will attend the November ExCom meeting and report on his ideas and progress regarding the database.

New Business

Agenda items at the Sedona meeting will include, but not be limited to, approval of the FY 2009 budget, planning for the annual meeting in Albuquerque, the Western Native fish presentation, and development of a Western division education project.

Next Meeting

The next ExCom meeting will be in person, in Sedona, Arizona on November 20-21, 2008.