



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 15 January 2009

Present: Scott Bonar, Lori Martin, Dave Ward, Eric Wagner Leanne Roulson, Kathy Foster (CO-WY), Mike Slater (Utah), Amy Unthank (AZ/NM), Lourdes Ruge (CA/NV-representing Mexico), Jim Fredericks (ID), Toshihide Hamazaki (AK).

A Quorum was established.

President's Report

President Scott Bonar briefly summarized items to be discussed, including an update on the annual meeting in Albuquerque, mid-year reports, nominations for officer elections, allocation of funds for student travel, and the Western Division education initiative.

Secretary-Treasurer's Business

Secretary-Treasurer Dave Ward provided a quick overview of the Division's financial status.

Minutes from the November meeting and the December teleconference were approved.

2009 Meeting

Amy Unthank provided an update on the 2009 annual meeting to be held in Albuquerque. Amy and Scott requested that Chapter Presidents encourage attendance and submittal of papers.

The ExCom discussed potential symposia from various areas.

The website will be updated within a week. The deadline for submittals will follow a week later (around January 30). The registration site and the lodging site will also be up in about a week. Registration will be \$295 for early members, and \$395 for non-members.

Sponsorships are coming in. Scott will work with federal agencies and Vice President Lori Martin will contact state agencies.

Other Business

Scott reminded chapter presidents that mid-year reports should be submitted by mid February.

Past President Eric Wagner noted that he had found two candidates for Vice President and one for Secretary-Treasurer.

The ExCom discussed details regarding disbursal of \$10,000 available for student travel to WDAFS meetings. The amount was established in principle by ExCom when it was apparent profits from the 2008 meeting would be extensive, and a plan for disbursal was passed by ExCom in November, 2008. Discussion centered on creating a permanent endowment fund rather than spending the funds as ExCom deems appropriate, which was the plan passed in November. ExCom agreed to discuss details and potential changes via email over the next few weeks.

President Elect Leanne Roulson will develop a short presentation summarizing the Western Native Fishes Project, which can be given by ExCom representatives at chapter meetings. ExCom representatives should also discuss the Division's education initiative.

Next Meeting

The next ExCom teleconference will be February 19, 2009 at 10:30 AM PST, 11:30 AM MST.