



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

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

Western Division ExCom Conference Call
Feb 11, 2010

Roll call: Leanne Roulson, Lori Martin, Dave Ward, Mary Buckman, Jim Fredericks (Idaho), Michelle Workman (Cal), Jim Shannon (Wash-BC), Rich Grost (Oregon), Travis Neebling, Stephanie Coleman, Lisa Stuby (Alaska), Mike Mills (Utah), Jim Shannon (Washington-British Columbia), Jim Fredericks (Idaho). Scott Bonar joined the call in progress.

A quorum was established.

Minutes: Minutes from the January meeting were approved with small corrections.

Snake River Adaptive Management Implementation Plan Review: Leanne thanked the ad-hoc committee for their thorough and complete work. It was pointed out that this document is a review of the Adaptive Management Implementation Plan, with the WDAFS Snake River resolution as background. After discussion, the group identified the audience as scientists and those involved in the decisions so extensive background was not required. Suggestions were to add some language about WDAFS mission, membership and purpose, WDAFS involvement in this process, and to add some detail about Columbia River operations. Most comments did not change the thrust of the document. ExCom members stated they felt the document was well-written and scientifically-based. The document was approved with the suggested additions. Vice President Ward will incorporate comments from the discussion and those received in emails. The final document will be posted on the WDAFS page and circulated to appropriate parties.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer Buckman reported our finances are holding steady. Interest rates on our four staggered CD are quite low as they renew. We anticipate more financial activity as ExCom members travel to Chapter and other meetings and with the Annual meeting gets closer. It was clarified that the treasurer has authority to move money among bank accounts if it is without risk and benefits the Division.

New Officers and Awards: Past-President Bonar reminded people to submit nominations. The deadline is March 15 for award nominees. Award categories are listed on the WDAFS web page.

Salt Lake City Meeting: All committees are moving forward with their segments of the planning and program. Fourteen symposia are tentatively committed. As of last week we had 49 room nights so we have a ways to go. The early registration deadline is

March 1 so we expect some activity nearer that date. Abstracts are due March 1, but that will possibly be extended. Fund raising is moving along. President Roulson and President-elect Martin offered their assistance with fund-raising.

The next planning conference call will be on Feb 24 at 9 AM MST. Mike Mills will send and agenda and call-in information.

We discussed the planned Leadership Training to ensure we expected enough attendees to make it worthwhile for the presenter(s). Most chapters committed to send one or more members. It was pointed out that this training is useful for potential officers as well as those already serving. The training is scheduled for the morning of the April 19th with the WDAFS ExCom meeting to follow at noon with a working lunch.

WD Representative for Parent Society Resolution Committee: The Division needs a representative on the Committee and President Roulson is seeking names of qualified members. The Parent Society web page describes the duties and responsibilities. The committee meets as needed.

Next call: March 11, 2010.

Submitted by Mary Buckman, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved 3/11/2010