



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

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Western Division ExCom Conference Call May 13, 2010

Roll call: Leanne Roulson, Lori Martin, Dave Ward, Scott Bonar, Mary Buckman, Lisa Stuby (AK), Jim Shannon (WA-BC), Rich Grost (OR), Ernest Keely (ID), Ann Widmer (COL/WY), Mike Mills (UT), Michelle Workman (CA/NV), Kelly Stockton (Students). A quorum was established.

President's report: Leanne Roulson provided a brief overview of the search for committee chairs and members. Scott Bonar then reported that he had contacted three potential candidates for VP, and that they were each considering the opportunity.

SLC meeting wrap-up: Mike Mills reported that registrations totaled 298. The Radisson Hotel offered to reduce our bill for unused rooms to \$15,000, which, combined with estimated profits from the remainder of the meeting, left an overall estimated profit of about \$6,800. The meeting went well, and overall reviews were quite good. Exceptions were: (1) location of different functions on various floors of the convention center caused some confusion, (2) the Trade Show was placed in a poor location, resulting in little foot traffic at times, and (3) rooms for the banquet and business lunch were too large.

Seattle meeting update: Dave Ward provided a summary of an April 23rd on-site planning meeting for the 2011 Parent Society meeting in Seattle. Dave and Mary Buckman attended. The meeting included a tour of the convention center and the primary meeting hotel. Both seemed more than adequate. One complete floor of the convention center and parts of two other floors are reserved for the meeting, which will have a capacity for about 20-22 concurrent sessions. Meeting attendees also visited a potential venue for the off-site function, and dined at a restaurant operated by the potential caterer for the off-site function. Meeting planning and organization is going well. Two items to be resolved soon include (1) making a final selection for the off-site function (the site visited by meeting attendees may not be large enough), and (2) the potential of having Al Gore be a speaker. Mr. Gore does not accept engagements more than about nine months in advance, and, if he does accept, his speech would need to be positioned so that it does not detract from the remainder of the meeting. A special Thursday night reception and speech is being considered if Mr. Gore accepts the invitation.

California hatchery review: At the request of Javier Linares of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Leanne is soliciting names to participate in this review. There may be

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compensation, depending on the situation. Coastal chapters are asked to send to their list-serve. Cal-Neva has done that. Folks with specific experience in this area are being sought. For those that contact Javier directly, please cc Leanne.

Recruitment for other positions: President Roulson has been contacting many members to fill vacant positions. The status of appointments to the positions is:

- Nominating committee representative - new person needed
- Resolutions Committee representative - Kirk Schroeder
- Audit Committee - Mary Buckman, pending information provided by the Parent Society
- Water Quality Section "lead" - Jerri Bartholomew
- Meritorious Service Committee - Joe Margraf
- Environmental Concerns Committee co-chair - Travis Neebling
- Western Native Fishes Committee - Leanne Roulson, seeking a co-chair
- Incoming vice-president nominees – Scott Bonar is waiting on responses from several potential nominees: Cindy Hartman (Alaska), Tina Swanson (California), Russ Keifer (Idaho). We will hold The Tributary until we have nominees for VP.

Mentee nominations: Dave Ward requested names of young professionals to be nominated to participate at higher levels of AFS such as the Management Committee and Governing Board meetings. Travel stipends are provided; three individuals will be selected. Shivonne Nesbit and Travis Neebling were identified as candidates; Rich Grost and Lori Martin, respectively, will contact them regarding their interest.

Student involvement: Kelly Stockton visited with students at the SLC meeting to develop ways for students to have greater involvement in the Division. All agreed it is valuable to participate in the Annual Meeting. Most students were grateful for opportunities to participate but generally it is more difficult to be involved at the Division level. Questions and challenges are: being inclusive in electing and nominating, maintaining on-going communication among students, representing all of the diverse student subunits, changing the bylaws, and whether students would have an ExCom vote. The Student Colloquium seems to be an appropriate conduit, but it is unclear how this would work. It is near the end of the school year, but we should be prepared to move forward in the fall. Kelly will write an article for the Tributary, we will consider a poll when our Survey Monkey account is active, and Leanne Roulson or another ExCom member will try to attend the Student Colloquium (in Idaho in October).

Procedures manual update: Lori Martin is incorporating Dave Ward's edits and additional subject matter identified at the SLC meeting. She should have a review draft in June with a goal for a finished product this fall. The Manual will be a living document, updated when we adopt or clarify operations.

New business:

- The Snake River committee has taken no new action. NMFS and litigants are still in voluntary remand. The next step may be to update the preamble. The Idaho Chapter has begun some work on that.
- The bylaw change regarding changing the budget development from the Annual Meeting to the time when new officers are installed needs to go through the appropriate process. Lori will draft language changes then forward it to the Constitutional Consultant (Ira Adelman). The membership must be notified for 30 days, they vote, then it will go to the Governing Board for acceptance (September target).
- Dave Ward reviewed the meeting schedule: 2011 in Seattle, 2012 in Jackson, 2013 in Idaho (probably Boise). He pointed out that WD needs to be party to any contracts as the Division is responsible for any debt.

The next call is scheduled for June 9th, but the meeting may not be needed.

Submitted by Mary Buckman, Secretary-Treasurer

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