



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
August 12, 2010

Roll call: Leanne Roulson (President), Mary Buckman (Secretary-Treasurer), Jim Shannon (WA-BC), Travis Neebling (Newsletter editor), Stephanie Coleman (AZ-NM), Kelly Stockton (Student Rep)

A quorum was not present.

Minutes: Review of the minutes of the July conference call was postponed.

Financial Report: The budget report was presented. WD received the dues rebate of \$16,043.60, down about \$2,000 from last year. The Grant Endowment Fund is generally following the stock market. The year-to-date spending is close to the budget, with some over- and under-spending within line items. We anticipate expenses with travel to the Parent Society meeting.

Mentees: There was a discussion of covering registration for Shivonne Nesbit, one of the Western Division Mentee nominees. Due to a clerical mix-up within the Parent Society, she was offered the menteeship, but then it was withdrawn. The WD has agreed to cover her registration (\$375) under the Professional Travel line item in the budget. Lori Martin and Leanne Roulson will be her mentors during the Pittsburgh meeting.

Seattle meeting: Planning continues. WD is exploring options for a breakfast or lunch business meeting. It was learned that the business meeting cannot be subsidized by the meeting proceeds, but we felt members would not pay \$25 for a lunch. To encourage attendance, Dave Ward is exploring other options with the organizing committee. We are trying to keep the cost under \$15 and thought that might be doable with a light breakfast. In other matters, President Roulson is working on an MOU defining roles and responsibilities of WD for this meeting. She will have a draft by the Pittsburgh meeting.

Vice-President: Tina Swanson of the Bay Institute in San Francisco has been elected Vice-President.

Procedures Manual: Lori Martin is working on Procedures Manual. New items continue to be added.

Western Native Fishes: Leanne met with a student for help with the database and it seemed to perform well. She is looking for an ArclInfo license to allow work on this database, requesting assistance if anyone can make a purchase through their

university at a more reasonable price. After she gets the ArcInfo tools, she will convene a conference call of those who expressed interest in the committee.

WD items at Governing Board – President Roulson requested items for the Governing Board meeting of held in Pittsburgh. WD has no hot-button issues or resolutions right now. In the absence of specific comments from WD, she and Lori Martin will act on what is presented. She thanked those who sent in their end-of-the-year reports. When she has all the reports, she will compile them and they will be posted on the web.

New business: Kelly Stockton discussed student involvement. She wrote an article that should be in the next newsletter. After the article is published, she plans to post a survey using the Survey Monkey account. Planning is underway for the Student Colloquium. She is working with WD to be sure they are covered by our insurance policy. Once that issue is resolved, WD will send a check for the agreed-upon amount.

Conference calls: Lori Martin will plan for future conference calls. We are seeking options that ensure that the Mexican and BC representatives can participate. We are uncertain of a call in September as the normal calling time is during the Pittsburgh Annual Meeting. Lori will be working on developing time for the next conference calls.

Leanne thanked all for participation during the year.

Submitted by Mary Buckman, Secretary-Treasurer

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