



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

President Tina Swanson, President-elect Pam Sponholtz, Vice-president Hilda Sexauer, Secretary-Treasurer Mary Buckman, Past-president Dave Ward

Western Division American Fisheries Society Executive Committee Conference Call November 14, 2012

Attendance: Tina Swanson (President), Dave Ward (Past-president), Mary Buckman (Secretary-Treasurer), Jim Hobbs (Cal-Neva), Ryan Fitzpatrick (Colo-Wyo), Jeff Yanke (OR), Drew Cushing (Utah)

A quorum was established. President Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:37AM.

Minutes: Minutes of the Retreat were approved with corrections. Tina will email comments regarding the amicus brief and other typos. It was noted that any mistakes discovered later should be sent to the Secretary.

Financial report: Treasurer Buckman presented the FY 2011-12 year-end financial status (Sept 30, 2012). She described the different components of the Grants Endowment Fund, including that owned by chapters and the separate accounting for funds for student travel and travel to the Mexico Division meeting in 2014. The GEF grew at a rate of 24.48% in the last fiscal year.

Davis Retreat: President Swanson updated the group on actions since the retreat. The amicus brief was updated, sent to Kristen Boyles and distributed to ExCom. Tina and others described the interesting, informative field trip to the Delta Science Center after the retreat. Other topics are hit on later in the agenda.

Update on 2013 Boise meeting: We need to put together the call for proposals for GEF and Student Travel after the first of the year. These decisions are made at and prior to the meeting, respectively. We had further discussion of timing for the Division business meeting as Joe DuPont needs to work it in the schedule. Breakfasts have not worked well, lunch is very expensive – people come and do not pay attention. Another thought is to do it in the afternoon and keep a keg of beer. Tuesday afternoon appears to be the best time, right after the concurrent sessions from 5-6:30 with beer tapped midway through the meeting. We would not have food. Tina will respond to Joe and will check in with Pam on advise on how to manage as the approach has worked okay for the AZ/NM meetings. Pam is the Western Division representative for technical program. Hilda is in charge of the printed program. We have to start getting the budget together. Jeff talked about a marine symposium and a dam removal symposium. Dave Ward noted that HDR, his firm, is putting together a symposium. Tina is talking to Tracy about a symposium about communication.

Grants Endowment Fund: Tina will compose a call for proposals to be distributed after the first of the year. Dave will send Tina a draft. We want to add a caveat that people present results in some way at subsequent division meeting as a poster or talk.

Chapter Roundtable: Jim Hobbs reported that Cal-Neva is planning for their April meeting. Nothing major is happening policy-wise. Their newsletter will be distributed in mid-December. Ryan Fitzpatrick reported the Colo-Wyo Chapter is planning for their meeting in Ft Collins, Feb 25-27. Two CE courses planned are genetics and a native fish ID course. The newsletter is coming out later this month. Jeff Yanke reported the Oregon Chapter fall retreat was just after Davis meeting. The 2013 meeting is rolling with the theme of building partnerships between fish and folks. Three workshops planned include genetics, presentation skills and monitoring. The meeting will be at the Bend Riverhouse on Feb 19-22. They recently held an anadromous run forecasting workshop and it went well (50-60 people). Drew Cushing reported the Utah Chapter meeting is March 26-29 near Bullfrog at the Pine House Resort. Information technology has been popular and they will likely hold a hydro acoustic workshop. They have a business subcommittee to help run the meeting and have about \$10K in donations and \$5K in raffle items. They will have a wildlife component about fire and fisheries.

Student Colloquium: The U of A Student Chapter hosted the Colloquium shortly after the Davis meeting. Cole Talboom and some folks got together with Scott Bonar and held the program. They had 29 people giving 10 presentations and it included both social get-togethers and field. Financially, they are probably still in the hole. Cole sent a written update that Tina will forward to ExCom.

Update from Student Representative: Tracy Wendt could not be on the call because she had an exam. Tina gave her report and encouraged contact among Tracy, the AZ Colloquium organizers, and ExCom. The Colloquium is a student, not an ExCom activity. A session at the Boise meeting that will attract students is anticipated, most likely talking about communication. Tina is working with Tracy.

AFS Resolutions: The Snake River and Bristol Bay resolutions were forwarded to the Parent Society. The Governing Board voted to move them forward. They were on Parent Society web site, open for 30-day comment then 30 days of voting. The Bristol Bay Resolution moved through just fine. The Parent Society Resolutions Committee revised the Snake River Resolution and it contained some errors. The comment period was extended, and current status is unclear. Resolutions should not be adjusted late in the process and it is likely the committee will likely just pull it.

New business: There was no new business.

The meeting adjourned at 10:34.

The next conference call is December 20 at 10:30 AM MST, 9:30 PST, 8:30 AK time.

Submitted by Mary Buckman, Secretary-Treasurer

Approved 12/20/12