



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 January 17, 2013

Attendance: Tina Swanson (President), Mary Buckman (Secretary-Treasurer), Hilda Sexauer (Vice-President), Jeff Yanke (Oregon), Calvin Black (Utah), Felipe Amezcua (Mexico), Ryan Fitzpatrick (Colo-Wyo), Mark Wipfli (Alaska), Joe Dupont (Idaho), Tracy Wendt (Student Representative), Travis Neebling (Newsletter, Webmaster), Pam Sponholtz

A quorum was established. President Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:32AM

Minutes: Minutes of the December meeting were approved as sent.

Financial report: Treasurer Buckman referred the group to the spreadsheet with the balances in the cash accounts, the CDs and the Grants Endowment Fund. She noted the available cash has to last until after the Boise meeting and/or the member rebate from the Parent Society. We have in our bank account a \$2500 donation for the meeting from the BLM and also have sent \$5000 to Mexico for the 2014 meeting. She noted there is a transaction fee to wire money to Mexico so for donations and other transactions, we will want to be efficient. The GEF is still progressing in a positive direction going so our travel funds are improved over the initial investment.

Annual report: Tina requested information requesting contributions to the Annual WD report. She referred folks to the example from last year and a blank template for chapters to fill in regarding progress toward Society goals. Society officers developed these goals and objectives. The report is due to Bethesda by Feb 1 so she needs them Friday Jan 25. She asked Tracy to do the same for the student activities. She noted that WD is the largest. There is also a March 22 deadline for Chapter Annual reports to be reviewed at the Boise meeting.

Update on 2013 Boise meeting: Joe Dupont reported they are in the middle of a call for papers. So far 50 or so people are registered with 70-80 room nights reserved. The website is up and he encouraged people to review it. The artwork for the meeting is complete and Hilda will incorporate it into the program. The Grove Hotel is likely to fill so Joe is setting up adjacent hotels. Each time they send out an advertisement for the meeting using different media, he gets a blip in registrations and/or submissions. They have developed a volunteer sheet for the meeting and they are working with Tracy to fill that. Joe Dupont will check with Dave Ward on how non-Idaho students are paid for their volunteer work. Gus will not be attending the

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meeting. John Boreman will be attending and will need 5 minutes or so before the Plenary. Right now is a little lull until the due date for abstracts.

Tina asked the Chapters for donations for the meeting. Very often the profit is the result of sponsorships. The Oregon Chapter will donate \$500. Chris Sullivan and Pat Kennedy are the sponsorship committee.

Joe requested the Chapters send announcements to their contacts. Tracy noted she sent it to her student contacts.

Update on 2014 Mazatlan meeting: Felipe Amezcua reported the El Cid Hotel sent a quote and contract for the meeting. He asked for ExCom review and comment, followed by approval. The hotel was asked to include internet and cost of the shuttle to and from the airport and that was added. We will get a response by early next week. The Mexico Chapter is organizing a local committee with excursions and field trips during, before and after the meeting. A person from the Tourism Department will be attending the Idaho meeting. They are working on the artwork and building the website. We talked about a theme and noted the theme usually comes from the Chapter. They will bring ideas to the next conference call.

Little Rock Arkansas meeting: The meeting is Sept 9-12. The call for symposia was last week. The call for papers runs Feb 1- March 15.

Officer attendance at Chapter meetings: We may not be able to attend at AZ-NM and Utah chapter meetings. Pam will attend Colo-Wyo. The officers will revisit this topic.

Newsletter: Travis Neebling reported the deadline for submission is tomorrow afternoon. He is hoping to post the newsletter by the end of the month. The Facebook page should also be up by the end of the month.

Call for student travel grants and small grants: Information is posted on the website, the newsletter and just went out in a list serve. The deadline for applications is Feb 22. We will schedule a division call in late February. Funding for the grants is decided by the entire ExCom at the meeting on April 15 in Boise.

Chapter reports: Ryan (Colo-Wyo) noted Feb 25-27 meeting in Ft Collins is being finalized. They are trying to get raffle items together. Jeff Yanke (Oregon) noted they are a month out from their meeting in Bend. They have about 125 presentations and 30-32 posters. The program has 4 concurrent sessions. They are hosting an agency meeting associated with the annual meeting and are tracking some legislative issues. Calvin Black reported the Utah Chapter meeting is the last week of March on Lake Powell with a number of short courses. The announcement and online registration is next week. Mark Wipfli (AK) reported they had their meeting in Kodiak in October. The next meeting will be October in Fairbanks. Felipe noted that the Mexico Chapter decided not to meet this year.

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Student Representative: Tracy Wendt contacted Kelly Stockton to prepare some documents that describe the role of the Student Representative. She is compiling the list of contacts and sent out information about the meeting. It was noted she should contact Travis to update information on the web. President Swanson noted that herself, Tracy, Demian Ebert and Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey are preparing a symposium for the Boise meeting regarding science communication. A Parent Society announcement was sent yesterday from Julie Elizabeth Clausen regarding Science Communication.

New Business: There was none.

The next call is scheduled for Feb 21, 2013 at 10:30 AM MST, 9:30 PST, 8:30 AK time.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 AM PST.

Submitted by Mary Buckman, Secretary-Treasurer