



American Fisheries Society

Western Division

President Brian Missildine, President-Elect Jackie Watson, Vice-President Dan Dauwalter Secretary-Treasurer Tracy Wendt,
Past-President Cleve Steward, Student Representative Britta Baechler

Executive Committee Conference Call: Wednesday, June 13, 2018 **Start Time: 8:00 am AK time/ 9:00 am PT / 10:00 am MT**

NOTES

Roll call: Brian Missildine (President); Dan Dauwalter (Vice President); Tracy Wendt (Secretary-Treasurer); Eric Fetherman (COWY); Amber Steed (MT); David Stewart (AZNM); Shiovonne Nesbit (OR); Laurie Earley (CalNeva); Tim D'Amico, Tributary co-editor; Todd Pearsons.

Note: Brian and Tracy had correspondence after the call regarding voting by parties sitting in for Chapter President on this call. Please note that if the Chapter President is unable to attend an Executive Committee meeting, a Chapter President may appoint any Chapter Past President or one of the current Chapter officers to represent the Chapter, with full voting rights. If such substitution is made, the Division Secretary-Treasurer or President shall be notified prior to the meeting.

- Determination of quorum: no. *Note: for future reference, a quorum is 1/3 of Chapter Presidents and a majority of Excom officers.*
- Approval of May ExComm meeting minutes: did not have quorum
- WDAFS Secretary-Treasurer report (Tracy)
 - Finances
 - Since the AK meeting, issued a lot of checks and many were still outstanding at the end of May (\$27k)
 - Haven't received reimbursement requests yet from most awardees, so still more checks to issue
 - check deposited for AFS membership proceeds in early June – this will show up on the balances spreadsheet next month;
 - overall May is fuzzy picture of where we're at budget-wise, but June (on the July call) we'll have a clearer view of meeting proceeds and where our budget is at. Tracy will have a thorough update next month, still catching up on notes and financial discussions from the AK meeting.
 - No update from AK meeting financials yet; should have by Friday.
- President's Report (Brian)
 - Update on outstanding chapter application committee
 - 6 or 7 people interested in the committee, emailed them all yesterday
 - volunteer for chair: Jim Shannon, past WABC president

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- WDAFS 2018 Annual Meeting debrief
 - Dan went to the Anchorage meeting debriefing breakfast, no major glitches, overall meeting went well
 - Dan felt the problems mentioned seemed to be minor: questions about signage, discussion about vendors, silent auction and raffle stuff was hidden in back room
- Tributary – (Tim D’Amico): Niall has been in the field. They are editing the June issue and working on getting it uploaded to the website so it should be out soon. There were some last minute submissions they are trying to squeeze in. Expect it to be out by 15th; next issue in September. Been running pretty smoothly so far! Brian complimented the new layout.
- New Award proposal (Brian)
 - New committee proposed a new WD Award recognizing noteworthy efforts in promoting diversity and inclusion within the fisheries profession Not clear yet on the process for moving this forward; think it would be a recognition plaque not monetary award; may draw from AFS-level award in this category that has been proposed
- Chapter updates
 - OR organizing 2019 meeting, summer camp-out
 - CalNeva trying to schedule monthly call with WD and AFS and local officers re: 2019 meeting planning, looking for volunteers for the planning committee, need help with fundraising – please let Laurie know if there is anyone you recommend they should reach out to, financial review to update small grants program and travel awards revisions
 - AZNM discussions to help local university to establish new student subunit
 - COWY getting ready to rotate officers, set budgets, make sure committees are in order
 - MT officers transitioning in September, annual meeting in February, MT Chapter newsletter coming out soon, updating procedures manual
- New or other business
 - Atlantic City – hotels are getting full; let membership know they have reserved a large fishing vessel for Friday – contact Brian if you are interested in joining
 - Dan clarified - officers change over at Wednesday at the society business meeting; Brian and Jackie should be at the Governing Board meeting; There is an incoming Governing board breakfast Thursday morning; Jackie will be president for the Reno meeting until the Governing board meeting then Dan becomes president so for 2019 planning purposes, Jackie is president.
 - Reimburse Luke for committee meeting pizza: ok since it’s an approved budget line item.
- Adjourn 10:30 am next meeting July 11