



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, August 8, 2018
Start Time: 8:00 am AK time/ 9:00 am PT / 10:00 am MT

MEETING NOTES

- Brian Missildine (President), Tracy Wendt (Sec-Treas), Dan Schill (ID), Todd Pearsons (AFS), Gabe Temple (WABC), Paul Thompson (UT), Eric Feherman (COWY), Jeff Falke (AK), Britta Baechler (Student Rep), Laurie Earley (CalNeva), Cleve Steward (Past-President), Kris (OR), Kent Mosher (AZNM)
- Determination of quorum (majority of excom officers and 1/3 of chapter officers): yes
- Approval of July ExComm meeting minutes: Jackie made edits, Paul and Laurie had edits, will send to Tracy, Tracy to send out minutes again for vote at next meeting
- WDAFS Secretary-Treasurer report (Tracy)
 - Finances
 - Discussion of monthly balances spreadsheet – it's time-consuming and not always reviewed. Will continue to be provided each month, but not discussed in-depth monthly.
 - Status of WD Anchorage
 - Tracy sent spreadsheet to AK and WD officers for review; comped multiple registrations and not sure how to track that. Hotel for AFS reps was comped, need to figure out how to deal with that.
- President's Report (Brian)
 - Update on outstanding chapter committee – talked to Jim a couple weeks ago, Jim scheduling a meeting for the committee;
 - Update HR 3144 – sent out to congressional delegates; Luke Schultz was going to email it out; thanks everyone for moving it forward
 - Student colloquium funding – approved deposit by email to reserve facility
- Other officer updates
 - Jackie – reminded chapters to submit governing board reports using governing board reporting tools. Brian submitted Western Division's this week.
 - Cleve said last year WD asked for access to be able to edit our reports after submittal and to access (be able to read) what Chapters submitted. He suggested we follow up on this if it hasn't been changed.
 - Brian said he had asked to be able to see what was submitted last year and that didn't happen, either.

- Deadline was August 5
- Brian thinks there is a Unit Leaders meeting at the Annual Meeting and Jeff said it's on the schedule for Tuesday from 1 to 3, invitation only. Jeff was the only person who said he rec'd an invite, so Brian advised interested officers to attend
- WDAFS Student Representative report (Britta)
 - Thanks for being so timely with assistance with Colloquium loan
 - Reminder – venue is secured 11-15- 18 at Menucha conference center just outside Portland
 - Chapters should have rec'd request for donations to support the colloquium. If you haven't responded to this letter yet, please do. UT Excom is discussing at upcoming meeting and will get back to Britta in September.
 - Working to get workshop leaders, coordinating event planning with Oregon State and Community College subunits
 - Finances managed by Oregon State subunit
- Chapter updates – Everyone please send Jackie/Tracy meeting dates so Excom can plan attending
 - ID – toured Mackay facility, which chapter helped support improvements of, this is a program for students 2/3 of local students learned about aquaculture (high school); booked venue in C'dA already for 2020 and recommended other chapters do the same
 - WA-BC – started planning for next year annual meeting, steering committee calls starting soon, venue secured in Bremerton
 - UT – new excom in August; retreat in a few weeks to welcome new excom members; planning 2019 meeting; updating chapter documents; 2021 meeting – worked with Jackie to develop RFP to Shawn to evaluate potential meeting locations
 - CO-WY – first summer Excom with new officers this Friday
 - AK – first Excom with new officers last month
 - CalNeva – planning 2019 AFS meeting and looking for volunteers to help plan; Jackie will contact Bob Hughes and Eric Knudsen re: fundraising committee; If anyone has a suggestion for others for this committee please contact Laurie; Steve will be president after AFS meeting; working on financial committee for Chapter and looking to start a small grant committee
 - OR – Bend 2019; had a booth at USFWS meeting a couple weeks ago a lot of Midwestern representatives in attendance weren't familiar with AFS, summer newsletter coming soon, Sept native fish committee workshop coming sept 18 and 19, free for anyone to attend
 - AZNM – excom meeting last week, summer newsletter coming soon, student workshop in fall, Albuquerque for annual meeting, getting outstanding small chapter award from AFS

- New or other business
 - AC fundraising committee looking for donations, not in our budget, but do we want to contribute \$500 and be sure to start thinking about putting this in future budgets; Jackie moved to sponsor AFS AC meeting at \$500, Laurie seconded; discussion: need to make sure this is a line item for future budgets.
 - Discussion: AFS is proposing to change meeting budget structures in a way that is not advantageous to the Division. We are asked every year and often donate, but it is often not reciprocated when we ask for donations from AFS; we should take this up with the other divisions – we want to put on a good conference and make money, but other divisions don't often contribute at the same level as WD; this doesn't benefit just the hosting Division, it benefits the whole meeting, we should make a donation if we can; chapters and AFS are lifeblood of the Society and we need to fund them if we can whether they contribute to the Division or not, we get a lot of benefits as members and Chapters; CalNeva said they declined because they are sending more officers than they typically do so they are supporting that way, they would hope the Division would support the meeting; OR chapter declined to directly fund the meeting but donated to something section travel awards;
 - unanimously voted for. Brian will get contact info to Tracy to send \$.
 - This is Brian's last meeting as President. Cleve is done serving, Brian will be Past P, Jackie will be President. Brian thanked everyone for their participation and help this past year. Jackie plans to keep monthly calls at the same time and day.
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