

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society  
ExCom Conference Call, 15 November 2007

Present were: Past President Mike Reed, President Doug Young, President-Elect Neil Ward, Vice President Ian Reid, Secretary-Treasurer Julie Firman, External Director Brad Houslet, Internal Director Martyne Reesman, Legislative Committee Liaison Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, and Student Subunit Representative Jason Grant.

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

Old Business:

1. Treasurer's Report: Ian reviewed his meeting with Julie, to transition materials and knowledge, as well as discuss tax preparation. Julie will get tax info to CPA ASAP, who will file Form 990 for us for our 2007 fiscal year. Expect \$900-1000 for CPA costs.

Ian reviewed a couple ideas for ensuring newly-elected Secretary-Treasurers fully understand the Chapter's complex financial responsibilities: make the Secretary and Treasurer two separate AFS ExCom positions; make the Secretary-Treasurer position a 2 year term.

2. External Committees:
  - a. Legislative Committee liaison: a committee to review and comment on the WOPR has been established. Four individuals already have stepped up to coordinate comments. Jeremiah will email ORAFS membership to seek folks to comment on WOPR. Jeremiah also has drafted briefing papers for wave energy and marine reserve issues, will forward to ExCom for review, comment soon. Jeremiah has worked with Jack Williams and Kelly Burnett to draft a short Copper-Salmon wilderness science paper. When AFS recognizes an opportunity to comment on future Wilderness legislation, we will use the white paper as a foundation of our comments. Jeremiah will provide a brief Progress Report to ExCom on the December conference call, and he volunteered to continue his work as the Legislative Committee liaison in the future. Doug suggested we meet with Roy, ODFW Director, to review the 2007 Legislative Session and receive advice on how AFS might be more effective in the future in influencing fish issues during a legislative session.
  - b. Hiram Li requested a discussion regarding ExCom review of pending legislative issues. Doug, Jeremiah, Brad, and Hiram will have a conference call and discuss the 2007 problems encountered, existing Handbook guidance, new "briefing paper" guidance re: AFS mission and membership-specific, and new ExCom review process strategy (if necessary) (Doug to coordinate).
  - c. Blog: Mike discussed the Blog committee's work. Mike has contacted our past-webmaster/blog-meister (Mike Colvin) to learn more about application of Blog technology to our committee issues and trying to create a way to engage interested membership without "over-spamming"

- email messages. The Blog committee will continue to review the ORAFS needs and try to align with Blog technology. Mike and Committee will continue to meet.
- d. Website: need to remove October ExCom minutes from website, clean up and repost (Brad to contact Julie to update, Kara to remove minutes and repost cleaned version). Brad to send Doug the link to officer duties, Doug to review for Brad. Brad and Kara continue to update, rearrange, clean website.
  - e. Listserv: anyone can send emails to ORAFS membership, via ORAFS listserv. We need to evaluate ways to limit non-ExCom sponsored use of the ORAFS listserv. Brad to ensure: language on website that explains how to use the listserv is removed; talk to Kara about ways to screen non-ExCom messages from listserv.
3. OSU Fish and Wildlife Club update: Jason overviewed Club's fall activities, and thanked Doug and Neil for the Club presentation in early November. Martyne volunteered to be the Club's main ExCom contact for getting ORAFS membership to speak at Club gatherings or to sponsor/attend Club field trips.
  4. Western AFS 2008 meeting planning: Neil provided a brief overview of activities. Planning Committee is meeting regularly, planning is on track. Neil is seeking more Oregon-specific sessions, and is generally concerned that session topics will be submitted late or on the final day that symposium titles are due.
    - a. Martyne is working with Parent AFS (Myja) to establish ORAFS insurance coverage for the annual meeting and off-site activities. Cost will be \$150 plus additional cost for off-site events.
  5. Workplan: Doug reviewed the draft workplan, and discussed simplified 2007 priorities. The final workplan will reflect a modified AFS fiscal year – it will target Sept 1, 2007 -Aug 31, 2008. Doug will finalize workplan, link budget to the workplan, and present in December. Ian would like to include support for science writing for mainstream media. This could be accomplished through bringing a speaker to do a workshop at the OR-WD AFS meeting, or by supporting individuals to attend workshops out of Santa Cruz. Mike will provide a bullet on the blog for the workplan.
  6. Professional certification: Ian Reid and Tom Friesen have been reimbursed for professional certification. Ian will send an email about his experience to ExCom. There is still one \$100 rebate and 3 \$50 rebates available in this year's budget.
  7. Martyne has made arrangements with the Bend Riverhouse for 2009. Julie will send a deposit check of \$500 to lock it in. This arrangement will cause registration for members to go up to \$125. Martyne told Joel Barlett at the Eugene Hilton that we won't be coming there in 2009. They already have a contract ready for us for 2010.

## New Business

1. The Awards Committee Chair is currently vacant. Peter Lofy has stepped down and has offered to help the new chair. Doug has a couple of names to suggest. We also need a past president to serve on this committee. Doug Olson has agreed to fill this position. **Martyne will take over the search for a new chair.**
2. We will give \$500 to the NWFCC with the understanding that the monies will be directed to help OR-AFS members to attend their conference. (note: I discussed this with Doug Olson, and he suggested the best use of AFS contribution is for support of the NWFCC student travel grant fund. I subsequently contacted ODFW sponsor of the NWFCC and committed \$500 ORAFS funds to the NWFCC student travel fund.)
3. **ExCom members can be reimbursed for ExCom-related travel expenses. If you need to get AFS reimbursements (eg, no support from your employer for travel), your projected expenses should be discussed with ExCom beforehand. We have a line item for mileage in the budget, but we need to double that amount.**
4. Doug has refund check from retreat. **He will forward it to Julie who will deposit it.**

Next ExCom conference call: Thursday December 20, 8:30am

January ExCom Conference call confirmed: Jan 17, 8:30-10:30am.

Call adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Julie Firman, Secretary-Treasurer