

ORAFS ExCom Minutes for 4/16/2008

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
ExCom Conference Call, 16 April 2008

Present were: Past President Mike Reed, President Doug Young, Vice President Ian Reid, External Committee Liaison Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey, Student Subunit Liaison Jason Grant, and Secretary-Treasurer Julie Firman.

The meeting was called to order at 8:33 am

Old Business, Updates

Treasurer's Report

A draft of the treasurer's Report for the annual meeting will be made available within the next few days. Julie will work with Dave Ward to coordinate accounting. We will arrange for a wrap up meeting after the conference.

Mike has drafts of both the Chapter of Year application and the 5 year action plan. He needs some additional information from ExCom and will get hold of each one of us via email.

External Committee Liaison Updates

Jeremiah has been talking with Bob Hughes and Hiram Li and they would like a 10 minute block of time at the business meeting to discuss legislative issues, however, the agenda is full and Doug will instead invite Bob and Hiram to the Past President's meeting to discuss these issues. Jeremiah's plans to energize the legislative committee will be the primary topic of discussion during the committee report. Doug will firm up times for the business meeting agenda. With Jeremiah in the External Director position we have someone who will play a larger role in identifying legislative issues and re-energizing committees.

Student Subunit- Jason

The student club has plans for a birding trip, a presentation by someone with the California condor project, taking their moms fishing, learning GIS skills and orienteering. Jason has an exam Monday May 5th so he won't be able to be up at the conference then. There are no longer rooms available from OSU, as ORAFS will provide all rooms necessary for OOSU students. Ian is keeping the list of students who need rooms and Martyne is keeping the list of available rooms. There are 7 rooms available for students. There are 35 students signed up, but not all of them need lodging. It looks like there will be around 4 people per room. They will be having elections for the Fish and Wildlife Club soon. There will be a new president sometime in June.

Doug asked if there was something we could be doing differently to advertise our scholarships. Jason queried students and thinks that it might be helpful to notify a faculty member about the scholarships and have them push it. Nancy Allen would be a good choice. Jeremiah said that in past years he usually saw an email blitz from Nancy Allen and several faculty members (e.g. Hiram Li, Scott Heppell, and Carl Schrek) and that

didn't happen this year. This might be a good role for our student subunit lesion. We also might want to consider extending the deadline if we don't get enough submissions.

Mike asked how we are doing overall on the awards. Doug said that we only got one application for one of the professional awards, and only three applications for the scholarships. We will be sprinkling the awards throughout the meeting. Last year Peter Lofy was working the membership to get late applications for awards. Mindy Simmons is the new awards chair. Doug gave her direction not to push further. Next year we might want to push harder for awards submissions. The Internal Director appoints the chair of the awards committee.

Doug asked Jason if he could help coordinate a face-to-face meeting with Rebecca Goggans about student coordination, after the WDAFS meetings.

Carl Bond Memorial Student Scholarship – Doug

On April 4th the ExCom voted to create a new Oregon Chapter AFS student scholarship, called the Dr. Carl Bond Memorial Student Scholarship, to be awarded to a highly-qualified AFS student member who is studying native Oregon fishes. The Oregon Chapter AFS Awards Committee will establish selection criteria, annually solicit proposals from qualified and interested students, annually select a recipient, and annually announce the award during each Oregon Chapter AFS annual meeting, beginning in 2009. Annual scholarship funding would be a minimum of \$1,000, but the award amount could be higher, as annually budgeted by future Oregon Chapter Executive Committees.

The family will provide a written response to be presented when the scholarship is announced. Doug will announce the scholarship and read family response at ORAFS Business Breakfast.

Western/ORAFS Annual Meeting

We have 150 signed up for the stream restoration workshop. All other workshops have at least 20 registrants. The student mentor session has about 50 people signed up, another 150 are signed up for the business meeting. Six hundred people or more have signed up for the banquet. We have extended the banquet eating time to accommodate so many people. We have filled our space in the Doubletree and are overflowing into the Red Lion. Neil will get the program printed next week. PGE has volunteered to print it.

Student stuff

Ian says we're doing well on student stuff. Ian sent out preliminary information to student workers yesterday. There are student workers from 6 western states and 9 universities. Ian will send out a draft schedule to them next week. He will have Dave Ward preview it first. Ian will talk to Bianca about the availability of the AmeriCorps workers. Ian and Martyne will merge their lists of students who need rooms and available rooms. Ian will brief student workers on expectations for professional conduct. How will we pay the students? Will there be a shift ticket where someone can sign off that they put in their time? Ian will email Neil about it.

Student paper and poster judging is going really well. They're running into a shortage of judges. They're going to present certificate plaques at the banquet at the zoo. The student mentor session needs some work. Jason gave some topics from previous session to Ian. Ian wants to broaden the topics to be inclusive to issues beyond Oregon. We also need more mentors to sign up. Jason and Ian will work together to make this happen.

ExCom assignments

There will be a planning meeting on Saturday May 3rd, probably in the afternoon. We will be working that afternoon to stuff packets etc.

Doug has invited past presidents to a gathering on May 5, 4-6pm. All ExCom members are invited to join.

Mike will prepare a short description of the blog site goals. Jeremiah will prepare a sign-up sheet to accompany the description. This will be placed near the registration table and will be available at the Business Meeting(s).

2008 ORAFS Business Meeting

The draft agenda is in the spring Piscatorial Press. Let Doug know if you have comments on the Business Meeting agenda.

We have ordered a single t-shirt style and decals. We will give decals to chapter members and offer them for sale for \$1 to others.

New Business

Summer Retreat

Doug proposes that we meet for two days and one night in June somewhere central like Eugene and Corvallis and bring in our new ExCom slate. Mike suggests starting at 10:00 the first day and adjourning right after lunch the second day. The Hatchery Research Center could be a good location. Doug will contact David Noakes to make arrangements. Jeremiah is also willing to contact Dr. Noakes to schedule the retreat.

The call adjourned at 10:05 am