

ExCom Planning Retreat, 10 June 2008, Eugene OR, Hilton

Present: Doug Young (President), Martyne Reesman (Internal Director), Christy Fellas (incoming Vice President), Brad Houslet (External Director), Kristle Warren (OSU Subunit Liaison), Rebecca Goggans (OSU-AFS/TWS liaison), Rich Grost (incoming President-Elect), Neil Ward (President-Elect), Ian Reid (Vice President), Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey (incoming External Director).

Meeting called to order at 10:05

Main objective of today's meeting is to plan the 2009 annual meeting. Also, to transition between current and future ExCom.

We need a raffle-auction chair ASAP for the annual meeting. Michele Weaver has agreed to be the poster chair for 2009. **Christy and Ian will work together to find a new chair.** Suggested using a west side and east side chair like in 2008. Doug suggested using someone from Bend. Martyne can assist with pickup of items in Portland area. We need to get an original Tomelleri for 2009.

**Rich is responsible for program chair and planning committee chair.** Two main committees: program (technical), logistics (on-site), but also registration, socials, raffle-auction, students, spawning run, workshops (suggest delegating a chair, possibly the existing education and outreach chair), trade show (is President's responsibility), awards chair.

2008 trade show vendors will receive complimentary booths in Bend and have been reimbursed 50% of their fees.

Could have a student or some type of other contest to get the cover art for the program guide.

Proposed Student activities for 2009:

Registration fees: in the past it was waived and free lodging for students who worked at least 4 hrs. In 2008 they were reimbursed \$8/hr. TWS gives OSU a blanket check to cover OSU student lodging. Other activities: Student paper session, Student-mentor social, student workshop (don't schedule early on the first night, but coordinate with paper session), a student-wide meeting for all fisheries students to review Sub-unit goals and issues). Vice President will be student affairs coordinator for annual meeting and should work with Education and Outreach chair to include other students around the state. Mike Hudson has agreed to be poster/paper award chair again. Potential to possibly have a student workshop and meeting lunch on Wednesday at 11:30 or Thursday a.m. breakfast. Problem with OSU scholarship enrollment. **Rebecca will write up a proposal for the validity and need of coordinated timing for scholarship announcements.**

Start student-session at 6:30 and go until 8:00, and have heavy refreshments. Start poster session at 8:00.

**Meeting date is set for 24-26 February 2009 in Bend at the Riverhouse**

Meeting theme ideas:

Buffet seemed to work well for PDX—food was good and people enjoyed it. Raffle/auction was good in 2007 and 2008

For 2009

Wed = poster and trade show social

Thursday = Texas hold-em, trade show,

Jam session seemed to work well.

Looking for 4-5 concurrent sessions, possibly 6 for a half-day

Could have printed abstracts or CDs available for those who request them only and have them pick it up at the registration desk. Abstracts need to be on the web before the meeting so people can print them off.

Also, need to add breaks into the schedule at a glance and proof the program a little more thoroughly.

Proposed Timeline:

Early November deadline for symposia proposals preceding last call for abstracts

1<sup>st</sup> call: Sept 1 (electronic abstracting service up and running)

2<sup>nd</sup> call: Oct 1

Last call: Nov 15

Dec 5 or 12 = due date for abstracts

Work before Sept 1: Theme ideas (need to be finalized by July 15 for Piscatorial Press)

Reconciliation vs. restoration vs. preservation (Pete Moyle's idea)

Renewing our passion in our profession

Streamlining (finding the balance)

Active management in riparian zone

Interdisciplinary ecosystem management

Plenary session ideas:

Potentially do two speakers together on Wednesday

Need to check with Riverhouse to see if there is a way to do 6 rooms if needed. We need to keep about 160 spaces open

Potential plenary speakers: Bruce Babbitt, Kitzhaber, Ray Troll, steelhead reintroduction in the Deschutes basin point/counterpoint, David James Duncan (the River Why), Seattle history of salmon entertainer, David Orr, Gert Boyle, Ken Kesey,

Workshop ideas: In 2008 we took a poll to see what members wanted to see. GIS was a hit in 2008, could recycle or offer an advanced GIS class (desirable) in 2009. We need to get a workshop chair. **Bob Hughes is a potential chair—Martyne will contact.** How to give

presentations (Dave Ward), conflict resolution, radiotracking, are you certifiable, fish ID, “tricks of the trade” sponsored repair or targeted instructional session with trade show vendors, wilderness responder 1<sup>st</sup> aid, safety for snorkeling, NEPA; all workshops will count as continuing ed for AFS certification.

Brainstorming session ideas:

Deschutes/Pelton Round Butte

Bull trout

Redband trout

Wildland Fire—controlled and uncontrolled

Active Management in the Riparian Zone

Grazing

Non-traditional fisheries management

Traditional ecological knowledge

John Day system

Columbia

Nongame fish (lamprey)

Predator-prey session (salmonid)

Reintroduction (Hells Canyon and Klamath et al.)

Dam Removal session

Great Basin fisheries

Marine (Alena Pribyl said she would chair a session)—dead zone, and local ocean productivity,

MPAs/marine reserves, pinnipeds

Hatchery Research

Climate change/Energy development and effects to fisheries (LNG, wave energy, hydro)

NGO roles in watershed recovery/rehabilitation

Recreational fisheries session—ODFW discussing 2009 sportfishing regs changes and lessons learned

Student session

Need about 60 paper slots left over for contributed papers

Limit number and time slot of panel discussions (to 20 minutes)

Reach out to session chairs early and find out what their needs are

Opportunity at the Riverhouse to play title slides of talks for that room for that day outside the room

Potential for a Pelton-Round Butte, Crane Prairie brood collection, Trout Creek channel reconstruction, X-country ski/snowshoe, or other tour if someone sponsors

Next 3 months:

Summer newsletter with a Save the Date (Grost/Ward)

July and August ExCom calls

Rich will draft a Program at a Glance as well as theme, sessions, plenary (no details) before July ExCom meeting and committee structure (Doug will draft)

Neil will email Rich the reminders and documents he used for annual meeting and contact Kara

Christy will send email to Doug regarding purchase of new posterboards to get cued up for next conference call

Martyne has a storage unit facility next to her house that we could store T-shirts and other things in.

Next ExCom conference call July 7, 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Piscatorial Press should come out this week of July 7<sup>th</sup> also.

Next ExCom call: 14 August, 3:00 to 5:00 pm.

Fall retreat possibly to be held in September.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian S. Reid  
Vice President