



DATE: February 5, 2008  
TO: ORAFS EXCOM  
FROM: Shaun Clements (Secretary Treasurer)  
SUBJECT: Final Minutes, ORAFS EXCOM Meeting

**ORAFS EXCOM Meeting  
Thursday, February 12, 2009**

**ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda**

Agenda Approved

Doug, Shaun, Jeremiah, Neil, Kristle, and Christy in attendance

**ITEM 2: President's Report**

- A sponsorship request was recently submitted by Shelly Miller (ESA Program Specialist, ODFW-Fish Division) for an upcoming meeting that will be convened in May at which folks from a variety of sectors will discuss their work with mussels to advance the cause for better understanding and conservation of freshwater mussels. As a sponsor, ORAFS would be identified as such in the program and other meeting materials. The ExCom reviewed this request and decided this was within the ORAFS mission. Although funds are not available in the current fiscal year, ExCom agreed that funds could be allocated from the 09/10 budget. A motion to sponsor the workshop in the amount of \$500 was made and passed. Neil will request that the organizers provide a summary of the conference for the Piscatorial Press within two weeks of the conference.
- Further discussion on the topic of requests for financial aid: Jeremiah would like a template for groups to request money for conferences. Neil asked to table this until the retreat in April
- During the January ExCom meeting, Doug, Jeremiah, and Neil briefed the group on their recent discussions with membership and the desire the membership expressed regarding the hiring of a legislative lobbyist/liaison for the 2009 legislative session. Jeremiah has since identified David A. Moskowitz of Confluence Consulting as a possible candidate to fulfill this role on a trial basis. Neil distributed a proposal for

the liaison. Rich, and others, expressed concern that any white paper given to the liaison by ORAFS not be presented concurrently with any advocacy testimony. ORAFS should maintain the distinction from any advocacy group. Jeremiah has talked with the liaison to stress this and believes it shouldn't be an issue. Doug motioned we accept the contract pending final revision and Neil's approval. Motion passed. Neil and Jeremiah will continue working with Confluence Consulting to finalize the contract

- Neil would like folks to review the business meeting agenda by middle of next week.

**ITEM 3: Secretary-Treasurer**

- Shaun outlined the current registration numbers for the annual meeting. To date we have 396 people signed up. The banquet count is below average. The workshops will be well attended however a number of the attendees are students hence the workshops are not generating the expected revenue. The Pelton-Round Butte trip has attracted significant interest. Currently there are > 70 people signed up which may cause logistical problems. Neil would like a headcount for Pelton Trip by Feb 19

**ITEM 4: President-Elect**

- Neil provided a brief rundown of progress on the annual conference. Most things are proceeding as planned.
- ODFW and OSU have requested a mixer that will be run concurrently with the poster session. ODFW and OSU are covering the refreshment costs, ORAFS will provide the room.
- As mentioned previously, there are a large number of awards. These will be distributed at the lunch, business meeting, and banquet.
- Rich has schedule a meeting for the external committee chairs following the business meeting. Jeremiah will lead this.
- ExCom will meet Monday night to prepare the registration packs
- Neil would like to meet for an hour or so after the meeting to discuss the successes and ways to improve for 2010.
- Shaun will work with Doug to secure payment for the donations that Doug has solicited

**ITEM 5: Student Representative**

- Students will be well represented at the conference. A number have signed up as volunteers. Some of the students that registered after the early deadline have requested assistance by offering to volunteer. Given that we have more than enough volunteers ExCom agreed that we should not provide free registration but these students would not be charged a late fee. Shaun will work with Christy to ensure any students that paid the late fee are refunded.
- Kristle is working on a plan to include the MHCC in fish and wildlife club. She would also like an ORAFS member talk to this group at some stage in the next year.

**ITEM 6: Internal Director**

Awards and Scholarship Committee

- Neil updated the planning regarding the awards. Awards will be presented during the lunch. Student scholarships will be presented at business meeting. The Broken Oar

and best student paper/poster will be presented at the banquet. Neil will send a pdf of final program to Mike Hudson.

**ITEM 7: Vice President Report**

- Christie has 40 mentors signed up for the student/Mentor social. She is also working on the student volunteer schedule, which should be completed in the next couple of days.
- Raffle auction is going well, the final orders for framing etc. are being completed.
- The Ray Troll T-shirts have arrived. Christie plans to pre-sell shirts at the conference in the event the stock sells out. Short sleeve shirts will sell for \$15 and long sleeve for \$20.

**ITEM 8: External Director Report**

Jeremiah has attended a couple of different meetings in the past month. First was the Fish Conservation meeting at ODFW HQ. The majority of participants were ODFW employees but the meeting did provide a good overview of the people and issues for conservation around the state.

Jeremiah also attended a TWS offshore energy development workshop. This was a valuable experience and highlighted the range of work being conducted in this field. Jeremiah would like to reestablish a connection between ORAFS and TWS as this workshop could be a good partnering opportunity for ORAFS. As a step toward establishing closer links with TWS, exchanging ExCom meeting minutes or participating on each other's conference calls might work.

Jeremiah attended Day of Action at the Salem Capitol. This was attended by interest groups and focused on the various ways groups can become involved in the legislative process. Jeremiah familiarized himself with several committee chairs, with a focus on those involved in natural resource management

Neil requested that Jeremiah prepare, for the upcoming annual ORAFS meeting, a list of potential bills relevant to each external committee as a way for each committee to develop potential action items. Jeremiah will attempt to compile these lists for use at the breakout sessions following the business meeting.

**ITEM 10: Past-President**

- Doug has been working with Melissa to make sure the front desk is co-ordinated. Things are coming along nicely. Shaun will call Melissa to co-ordinate the sales table. Melissa will be bringing her daughter to help.

**ITEM 10: Upcoming Meetings**

February 17, 2009 – ORAFS Annual Meeting Planning Committee (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

February 24, 2009 – ORAFS ExCom Annual Meeting walk-thorough (8:00 pm)

February 25-27, 2009 –ORAFS Annual Meeting

February 27, 2009 – ORAFS ExCom Post-Annual Meeting Discussion (Noon)

March 12, 2009 – ORAFS ExCom Meeting (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

April 2-3, 2009 – ORAFS Retreat (Sunriver)

May 21, 2009 – ORAFS ExCom Meeting (3:00 – 5:00 pm)

