



DATE: August 9, 2011

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Michele Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: MINUTES for ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, July 14, 2011
from 1500-1700

Conference Call Information: 1-866-680-0168 Participant code: 113025

Present: Michele Weaver, Bill Brignon, Demian Ebert, Colleen Fagan, Jason Kent joined at 336.

1500 ITEM 1: Review

1. Introductions, life, and work updates
2. Contact Information (ExCom and Chairs)
3. Approve Previous Minutes: June 14, 2011 – there were some late revisions, Michele will re-edit and send around again for approval next month.
4. Review Today's Agenda
5. Action Items from June 14:
 - a. Comments on Handbook to Rich by June 15 – ongoing, Rich will finalize revisions.
 - b. Contact Snake Group regarding evaluation of Clinton Era Study – Demian – Documents back from members of the group. Demian will review submitted communications and propose next steps.
 - c. Follow up with Mike Hudson regarding judges scores and notes to students – Bill – done and scores have been distributed
 - d. ORAFS e-mail password reset – Shivonne/Jeremiah – still outstanding
 - e. Thank you letters for sponsors – Demian - done
 - f. Klamath Position Paper value – Colleen – hasn't heard anything back from the initial inquiries.
 - g. May minutes to website – Michele - done
 - h. Tracking hits on PP – Colleen – Colleen will talk to Kara.
 - i. Use of Salmon Maturity Workshop Dollars for scholarships – Demian – The organizers of that workshop have left the decision up to us as to how to distribute the money. Decided to leave scholarship amounts as is and allocated the unused scholarship moneys back to the general fund.

1510 ITEM 2: President's Report

1. Work Plan – Sent to ExCom yesterday and got comments. We need to vote on this. Demian recommends not only writing the work plan but then periodically reviewing it to make sure we keep on track with what we say we are going to do.
2. Budget – a draft budget has also been sent out for review.
3. National/WD AFS – Updates – national registration is now open. Submitted mid-year report this morning. Sat in on a conference call June 23rd. There were 29 grant applications for students to go to the annual meeting. Mary Buckman was re-elected as sec/treasurer. 2014 in Quebec City – Poll members relating to interest intention to attend this meeting.
4. Old Business -- requests and issues.
 - Handbook Revisions - ongoing
5. New Business – requests and issues

1520 ITEM 3: ExCom updates

1. Past-President
 - Piscatorial Press Update – Talked to Allison earlier in the week and am waiting for that the prior to posting. Waiting to review the edited version of the PP for final review. Prior to posting, there were not any major comments on the draft.
 - Membership “Committee” Update – will send a letter with numerous questions to the parent society.
 - Hosting Parent Society Meeting in 2015 – received e-mail from Dave Ward asking how ORAFS felt about submitting a bid for 2015 if Colorado/Wyoming chapter backed out. Portland's convention center is large enough, but does not have an associated hotel or enough close hotels to house this size meeting. The zoo had their national convention in Portland recently and utilized the Hilton downtown and the Doubletree in Lloyd Center. The only complaint was that people were lodged far from their buddies. People were not concerned by the distance of either hotel to the convention center. Dave checked out some of the large hotels in the downtown area and thinks enough rooms could be available downtown. We would need to write a letter of intent to bid and then give a bid/presentation to national in Seattle. We talked a bit about the pros and cons of hosting a National meeting. ExCom worried some about promising time commitments of others leading up and into 2015. ExCom voted to write a letter of intent with one abstention.
 - OR AFS Review of Representative DeFazio's Snake River Issues – Several comments were provided and DeFazio's latest story in the Eugene newspaper. Demian will review and recommend next steps.
2. President-Elect – Jeff Yankee not present to report (e-mailed an update to Colleen). Jeff compiled a list of potential plenary speakers, including Paul Lumley (Executive Director of CRITFC) to represent tribal interests; Joan Dues to represent mainstem interests; Ken Bierly (OWEB Director) to represent watershed interests; and Jim Martin (Berkley Fishing) representing

fishing interests Berkley or Bill Monroe (from Oregonian). Jeff is looking for a panel of speakers to represent the different areas of fisheries management and how each interacts with each other and society.

- Annual Meeting Planning
3. Vice president
 - Update/Future of Student Paper & Poster Judging – Mike Hudson said that he wouldn't mind doing the judging again this year and then next year he would transition and help a replacement get up to speed. Mike is interested in a more prominent role in OR AFS.
 - Thoughts on Alternative Meeting Venues – curious if it is against the rules to do AFS meeting in Washington (e.g., , particularly Skamania lodge – Skamania Lodge is too small to accommodate our Annual Meeting. Bill wondered if we could we put a comment in the program that addresses why we have chosen our annual meeting locations and ask for input as to where membership would like to go in the future. ExCom updated each other on past venues and reasons for their selection (history lesson). It is a good conversation to have every now and then since the Chapter is very limited in options because of our size. Eventually another location could build a place that can accommodate us.
 4. External Director's Update - Shivonne not here to report.
 - Marine Reserves White-paper update
 - Website Update
 5. Secretary-Treasurer – minutes and money
 - Recent income and expenses. There have been no expenses and only a few checks have been trickling in from the Salmon Maturity workshop.
 - Overall financial / investment status. We have about \$183,000 in the Umpqua account and some other funds in the Western Division AFS Endowment fund.
 - Investment Committee – will refocus in August
 5. Internal Director
 - Riverhouse Contract for 2013- Jason talked to the RiverHouse's new sales manager (Randy) – he guaranteed 2011 rates for 2013 if we book the same week – the week after the Presidents Day Weekend, which in 2013 is the week of Monday February 18. Also asked him to provide quotes for the subsequent weekends in February and March. Should hear back from him by next week. The staff we worked with this year has already turned over. We need to sign a contract for 2013 soon. Do we want to try to change to Portland yet? The general consensus is to go with 2013 in Bend and discuss 2014 after we know if we will do national in 2015.
 - Progress list of past scholarship and award winners – will compile a list and send to Don for history.
 - Working with Mindy on modernizing the applications. Need to talk to Scott about getting some advertizing or publicity to the students to increase number of applicants.
 7. Student Representative – unable to attend
 - Student Subunit structure review – status

1650 ITEM 4: Fall Workshop(s) – nothing to update
1. Science and Policy, Fall 2011

1700 ITEM 5: Upcoming ORAFS meetings
1. ExCom calls every 2nd Thursday 1500-1700 hrs

Have we received anything from Sue Marshal? Nobody has heard so we should request a wrap up from her.

No other items – 4:21

Meeting adjourned