

DATE: July 11th, 2013

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Tony Siniscal, Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes from ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, July 11th, 2013 from 1500-1645



Conference Call Information: Phone: 712-732-0180 Participant Code: 401355 #

ExCom Present: President Elect - Mike Gauvin (presided over meeting), Vice President - Kevin McDonnell, Past President – Jeff Yanke, Secretary/Treasurer – Tony Siniscal, External Director – Holly Huchko, Internal Director – Michele Weaver, Student Representative - Andrew Futerman.

Other Attendees : Education Committee Chair - Karen Hans, Legislative Liaison - Sue Marshall.

1500 ITEM 1: Review

1. Introductions, life, and work updates.
2. Review Agenda.
3. ExCom Contact List Update: Michele's email is not working; she will contact Mike Meeuwig. Everyone else's appears to be working.
4. Action Items:
 - a. June Meeting Minutes:
 - i. There was an error in the telephone number to call in.
 - ii. Motion was made and passed to approve the June conference call minutes with the telephone number correction.
 - b. Jeff Jolley has been sent a check to reimburse his AFS Professional Certification.
 - c. Fall Retreat:
 - i. The date has been set for September 20th to the 22th.
 - ii. The fall retreat is primarily a planning meeting for the Annual Meeting.
 - iii. Action Item for the August Conference call: discuss details for the fall retreat.

- iv. A room has been booked for the evening before the fall retreat at Rich Grosz's house on the North Umpqua for those on ExCom that would like to come early. This room would be a personal expense. Details to be discussed.

1520 ITEM 2: President's Report

- 1. No Report - President not in attendance.

1525 ITEM 3: ExCom updates

- 1. Past-President – Jeff Yanke
 - a. WDAFS Meeting in Mazatlan, Mexico - WDAFS is trying to encourage American attendance at the meeting. They are proposing a fundraiser to raise \$25,000 plus match funds from the parent society. ORAFS will be pitching in \$3K.
 - i. Criteria are being developed for candidates to receive funds:
 - 1. Must be a non-student, fisheries professional (there are separate funds for students).
 - 2. Preference will go to those giving an oral presentation or poster.
 - 3. Must be a member in good standing.
 - 4. Must demonstrate need for funding (i.e., employer wont provide funding).
 - 5. Must be willing to sit on a planning committee.
 - ii. Timeline for application process:
 - 1. August 1st - Grant will be announced.
 - 2. October 1 – deadline for submission.
 - 3. November 15 – Recipients will be notified.
 - iii. Action item: Jeff will submit information to Allison Evans for inclusion in the next piscatorial press.
 - b. Jeff will be incommunicado for most of July after Wednesday, the 17th. Please notify him of any pressing issues before then.
- 2. External Director – Holly Huchko
 - a. Native Fish workshop budget request
 - i. Funding assistance depends on the number of attendees. We have not received a final count in attendance from Jim or Dave who are planning the meeting.
 - ii. Excom will discuss and vote on funding approval/amount via email once we hear from Jim Capurso.
 - b. Education and Outreach Committee - Karen Hans, Chair

- i. The education and Outreach Committee has been reviewing proposals for two grants offering funds for outreach materials and an educational program. The proposals for both grants were very competitive.
 - 1. Outreach Materials Grant - \$500 – There were three proposals. Four out of five reviewers chose the proposal submitted by Benton County to create outreach materials to maintain and restore riparian areas within the community.
 - 2. Education Grant - \$2000 – There were 15 proposals; there were many excellent proposals. The proposal that stood out among all of the reviewers was from the Cascade Academy of Central Oregon. The program would involve teaching kids and community members about stream ecology.
 - 3. Jeff and Holly, both reviewers of the proposals, expressed support for the recommendations of the Education and Outreach Committee Chair and motioned for a vote. Excom voted to approve the grants as recommended. Karen Hans will work with Tony to get the funds to the winners of the grants.
 - 4. The deliverables for the grants were outlined in the request for proposals. A project report and a listing of how the money was spent will be required upon completion.
- c. New Committee Chairs
 - i. Natural Production Committee – Co-Chaired by Gary Vonderohe and Ian Tattam.
 - ii. Education and Outreach - Co-Chaired by Karen Hans and Shannon Richardson.
 - iii. Marine Committee – No volunteers, Scott Heppell is willing to remain Chair.
- d. Legislative Liaison Invoice – We have received a bill from Sue Marshall of Trillium Consulting. ExCom will review the contract and invoice and advise the treasurer.
- e. Native Fish Society
 - i. The Native Fish Society (Paul Englemeyer) has asked ORAFS to review The Multispecies Conservation Plan. They would prefer the review be from someone outside ODFW with modeling expertise.

- ii. Action Item: Holly will contact the Native Fish Society to see exactly what they are requesting and report back to ExCom. ExCom will determine whether this is something that we are willing/able to do, given their criteria.
 - iii. Native Fish Society wanted to introduce a bill that would redefine native fishes. They have asked ORAFS Natural Production Committee for assistance.
 - iv. Action Item: Holly and Todd will follow up with the Native Fish Society.
- f. Legislative Update – Sue Marshall
- i. The 2013 Session of Oregon’s Legislative Assembly ended on Monday July 8th.
 - ii. ORAFS was very active during this session. The Suction Dredge White Paper was very well received and was very helpful in informing the legislators of the facts.
 - iii. There will be several upcoming opportunities for further involvement in legislative activities. In between legislative sessions the legislators have more time to listen and gather information. ORAFS should be ready to provide comments and potentially provide new white papers on the following topics:
 - 1. Additional Suction Dredge Mining Bills.
 - 2. The Oasis Bill – Addresses ecological flow needs for fish including water flow regimes and off season irrigation.
 - 3. Genetically Modified Organisms.
 - 4. Hatchery and wild fish interactions - There is a lot of confusion about the facts.
3. President-Elect – Mike Gauvin
- a. Annual Meeting Workshops
 - i. A Survey Monkey survey was sent out to the membership asking what workshop people would be interested in. The most popular response so far has been in favor of an R Workshop.
 - ii. If we do not get enough responses from the survey, Mike will review past meeting minutes and notes to see what the most popular workshops have been.
 - iii. The responses so far have shown that the topic of the workshop is more important than the cost.
 - b. Annual Meeting Plenary Speakers
 - i. Two speakers have committed for the plenary session; Jim Marten and Howard Horton.

- ii. Mike is trying to enlist Kat Brigham of the Umatilla Tribe as a third plenary speaker.
 - iii. A formal letter will be sent out to the confirmed speakers.
 - c. ORAFS Website
 - i. The Lifetime Achievement Award needs to be added to the Awards Section of the website.
 - ii. The 2014 Annual Meeting page needs to be set up on the website.
 - iii. Action Item: Mike Gauvin will contact Mike Meeuwig about both website items.
 - d. The new logo for the 2014th Annual Meeting and our 50th Anniversary has been sent to ExCom. The logo was updated by Mike Arthur of ODFW free of charge! Please send comments or suggestions to Mike Gauvin.
- 4. Vice President – Kevin McDonnell
 - a. Kevin would like assistance in coming up with items and ideas for the Annual Meeting Raffle.
 - i. Custom Rod for AM Raffle – We should contact the rod maker soon to get the ball rolling.
 - b. Kevin will begin planning for the AM t-shirts once the logo has been finalized.
 - c. A bag toss game has been acquired for the AM.
 - d. Mentoring Program – A framework should be developed for the program before we pitch ideas to the membership.
- 5. Secretary/Treasurer – Tony Siniscal
 - a. Treasurers Report
 - i. Business Checking-6/30/2013-\$ 90,360.00.
 - 1. 4 Debits in June totaling \$331.78.
 - 2. 1 Credit in June totaling \$1,226.00.
 - ii. Secondary Checking Account- 6/30/2013-\$2,500.
 - iii. Money Market-6/30/2013-\$100,133.88.
 - 1. Interest accrued in June - \$3.84.
 - 2. Interest accrued since inception - \$133.88.
 - b. Signer ID cards have been signed and returned to Umpqua Bank, officially adding Todd to the accounts.
 - c. Tony has been in contact with a Certified Public Accountant about getting the ORAFS taxes done professionally. Tony will also inquire about obtaining financial advice as part of his role on the investments committee.

6. Internal Director – Michele Weaver
 - a. No Update.
7. Student Representative – Andrew Futerman
 - a. The President and Liaison for the student chapter was awarded the OSU Chairman’s Leadership Award.

1630 ITEM 5: Upcoming ORAFS meetings

1. ExCom calls every 2nd Thursday 1500-1700 hrs
2. Next Call – Scheduled for August 8th , 2013
 - a. Call-in Number: (712) 432-0180. Access Code: 401355 #