



American Fisheries Society

Oregon Chapter

Thursday July 19, 2016 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

ExCom Present: President-elect –Shivonne Nesbit, President- Ben Clemens, Past President- Troy Brandt, Internal Director- Gary Vonderohe, External Director- Cory Sipher, Secretary- Katie Pierson, Members Present: Social Media Chair- Demian Ebert

1500 Call to Order/Welcome Additional Agenda Items

- Ben asked if there were any additional agenda items; hearing no additions, Ben continued with the agenda.

Treasurer – Tony Siniscal

- Tony was not present on the conference call. Therefore, we will address the August and September Treasurer's reports on the next call. We will also vote on the spring retreat minutes during the September conference call.

Secretary – Katie Pierson

- July meeting minutes
 - Gary made a motion to approve the minutes, Shivonne seconded; there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Outstanding action items list
 - Outstanding items have been incorporated into the agenda items. Katie will keep track during the phone call and if there are items that were not discussed she will bring them up before the end of the call for discussion.

President-Elect – Shivonne Nesbit

- Senate Bill 202
 - Shivonne sent an email around after the last call with information about Senate Bill 202, she wanted to know ORAFS' level of awareness of this bill. Troy and the Legislative Committee were unfamiliar with Senate Bill 202 before Shivonne sent it out.
 - Background of Senate Bill 202: Came out of the last legislative session about scientific reviews of the natural resources. Specifically, the Senate Bill 202 task force will study the value to the State of Oregon of independent scientific review of natural resource questions. This task force is made up of scientists, academics, non-academics from the public and private sector and will evaluate and assess the need for independent scientific reviews and make recommendations to the governor.
 - Action Item: Will discuss SB 202 on next Legislative Committee call and discuss opportunities for ORAFS to engage the newly formed task force.
 - Action Item: Discuss Senate Bill 202 with Erik Kancler (our new legislative liaison) on call next week.

Demian Ebert –Social Media Chair

- Demian is still interested in being the chair of the Social Media Committee.
- History of ORAFS Social Media: ORAFS' Social Media Policy was created with the start of Facebook, Twitter etc. because ExCom was looking to increase avenues of communication. Social media was a venue to reach a different audience than the listserv, and specifically, to reach out with snippets of information to a larger audience. Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey was involved in setting up ORAFS' Twitter account and tweeting. ORAFS also has a Facebook page and a quiet LinkedIn page. The Social Media Policy was created as a guideline for who can post and what constitutes acceptable content. The Oregon Chapter policy was adopted as the baseline for the Parent Society's media policy. The bottom line is to use common sense and be professional.
- The Social Media Committee Chair position was created to oversee all of those who have access, to keep the passwords, and update accounts as needed. Demian notes that it would be good to have more people posting. As more people decide to post, we should share the social media policy with them (found on the ORAFS website). Periodically, Demian will send password updates to those who post as ORAFS to allow them into the accounts (ex. Twitter).
- The Social Media Policy does not need to be updated in the bylaws because it is broad enough to include all social media platforms.
- The amount of the material varies yearly but we could use more people to help populate each platform. Demian and Holly Huchko consistently post to Twitter and Facebook platforms. If ExCom (or others) want to tweet something, Demian suggested sending information to him and then he can condense and post.
 - Action Item: Demian and Holly will touch base to talk about posting responsibilities.
- Ben observed that there is overlap with the Education and Outreach Committee and the Social Media Committee. The Education and Outreach Committee will be working on writing a policy for the ethics of intellectual property which can encompass Social Media too.
- Once the Piscatorial Press comes out, we should send a link to Demian and he will post to Facebook and Twitter.

President – Ben Clemens

- Herbicides/Pesticides White Paper status
 - The small working group, which consists of Ben, Shivonne, Troy, Haley, Cory, Bill (Freshwater Habitat Chair), and Ian (Natural Production Chair) had a teleconference. Little progress can be made until a legislative nexus is identified. A legislative nexus may be identified at legislative days at the end of September. Therefore, a follow-up teleconference is scheduled for October 7. In the meantime, Ian and Bill are trying to gauge interest within their committees; however, they don't know who all is on their roster. Cory has a list of the committee members but there is no commitment associated with signing up for a committee.
 - For future discussion: In the future, maybe there should be an informal, succinct statement of expectations of what opportunities or "services" each committee can provide to their members, and also what expectations/time commitment the committee will require of members that people can read prior to signing up.
- September 8th will be the next ORAFS monthly conference call.
 - Katie will not be there, so either Tony or Ben will take notes.
- Bank of America
 - Bank of America account has transferred signer authority to Ben.
- Marine Reserves paper status

- Cory and Ben each talked with Michael Harte, and the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ORTWS) position paper was very similar to a draft that our Marine Habitat and Ecology external committee crafted. Ben is reaching out to both our ORTWS liaison, Laura Tesler, and the ORTWS president, Heather Bernier to see if we can learn how that happened, and what next steps should be.

External Director – Cory Sipher

- New Legislative Liaison, Erik Kancler
 - Cory had a discussion with Erik about how we can best use him as a legislative liaison. He had many good ideas about how we can effectively and efficiently respond to the legislative session. They will have a follow-up phone call next week.
- Status of committees
 - Annual work plans
 - Cory will post the committee annual work plans on the Google drive prior to the Fall Retreat. Cory also agreed to print the work plans out and bring them to the Fall retreat, so that ExCom can vote on them there like last year.
 - ExCom could showcase a committee in the Piscatorial Press to show our members how they can be involved and demonstrate what issues committees are working on.
 - Action Item: Cory will figure out if making an addition to the chapter webpage where people could sign up for different committees (like the online submission for jobs). Ask Lora if she would be willing to do this.
 - Action Item: Look at the website statistics after the Piscatorial Press comes out to see if having an additional form would be effective.
- Marine Reserve paper
 - See above. Due to the similarities of the two drafts, ExCom will explore simultaneous releases with TWS or maybe co-signing.
- Frank Moore Steelhead Sanctuary
 - This designation act passed the house, but is now sitting in committee. This act provides a little extra protection for more than 100,000 acres in Douglas County for summer steelhead, doesn't change management of federal lands, and is named as an honorarium for Frank Moore. He is legendary on the North Umpqua. Several other societies have links on their webpage or have sent letters of support.
 - Action Item: Cory will track this Frank Moore Steelhead Sanctuary Designation Act and if it comes out of committee we will discuss whether a letter of support would be beneficial.

Past-President – Troy Brandt

- Investment funds transfer to Schwab account vote
 - Transferred \$200k from the checking/savings account to the Schwab investment account. \$20k into a 12 month certificate of deposit (CD) and \$20k into a 30 month CD.
- We maintain a one year operating budget of \$45k in Bank of America checking, the second year reserve operating budget of \$45k (currently \$40k is maintained in CDs (in Schwab) and \$5k is in liquid assets), and the balance of funds are maintained in Schwab account for investment (\$160k). Given our assets in Bank of America (\$109k), the motion was to move \$64k from Bank of America checking/savings into the Schwab account for investing. We will therefore have \$45k

in checking, \$40k currently in CDs, and the remainder in money market in Schwab account until invested.

- Troy moves to transfer the remainder (\$64k) to the investment account, Katie seconded; there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Financial Sustainability Plan
 - Decision: One of the Past President's duties will be to be a member of the investment committee.
 - There are a few more edits to the Financial Sustainability and Investment Policy, in the future we will append that to ORAFS Administrative Handbook.
 - Action Item: Need to make a decision about what to call this committee at the fall retreat.
- Legislative committee updates
 - Troy won't be on the call with Erik next week; he will update everyone with a new conference call number.
- Fall PP/(PP Editor status)
 - Action Item: Troy will ask Allison Evans if she has any thoughts about who to take over as PP editor.
- H/W paper
 - Troy is continuing to work on this paper; there have been a few new studies out that could be incorporated, such as the Idaho supplementation study, Independent Scientific Review Panel (ISRP), and the informal analysis on the value of salmon.

Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe

- Fall retreat dates/location/carpooling
 - Friday Sept 23 -25 in Sunriver, OR. Tony booked the house.
 - Riverhouse walk-through meeting at 1 PM on Sunday.
 - Gary will be unable to attend.
- Status of Eugene venue for 2018 annual meeting
 - The venue has been reserved. More planning will start after the completion of the Bend meeting.
- Annual meeting handbook status
 - There will be a few additions to the Annual Meeting handbook, such as, lessons learned, and metrics of how much coffee, etc.
 - The 2016 Seaside Annual Meeting summary is in progress, Tony is making additions.
- "Legacy document" about scholarship/grant/ award
 - In progress.
- Ken Loffink- willing to be the Imbibements Chair at the annual meeting in Bend.

Vice President – Jeremy Romer (OUT—topics for update/discussion)

- Jeremy was not in attendance but is working on editing the Bylaws.
 - Action Item: Jeremy will provide a clean version of the administrative handbook and bylaws for review.
- Action Item: Jeremy will contact Jacob regarding some ideas and information for the OSU subunit.

Student Representative – Jacob Peterson

- Not in attendance.

1609 Call for Adjournment

Next conference call: September 8, 2016