



DATE: December 14th, 2014

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Tony Siniscal, Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes from ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2014 from 1500-1615

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

**ExCom Present:** President – Mike Gauvin, President Elect - Troy Brandt, Past President - Todd Buchholz – Past President, Jason Seals – Vice President, External Director – Holly Huchko (for part), Student Subunit Representative – Emily Schroeder (for part), Secretary/Treasurer – Tony Siniscal, Erik Kancler – Legislative Liaison, Gary Vonderohe – Symposium Planning Committee.

#### **1500 Call To Order and Welcome**

1. Review Agenda – There were no items added to the agenda.

#### **1520 ExCom Updates**

1. External Director – Holly Huchko
  - a. Legislative Liaison – Holly introduced Erik Kancler, our legislative liaison, and reported that he has done a great job of keeping ORAFS informed of legislative activities. Erik gave an update on recent and upcoming legislative activity that we should be aware of. Issues to be aware of during this coming legislative session include:
    - i. Hatchery versus wild salmonids.
    - ii. Ocean acidification.
    - iii. Marine reserves.
    - iv. Water supply/allocation.
  - b. ODFW Budget Support – There was a discussion on whether ORAFS should issue a formal statement of support for the ODFW budget. The budget approval process should be kept on our radar; ORAFS has an interest in maintaining current research and monitoring of fish populations. However, issuing formal support for an agency budget may not necessarily be the role that ORAFS should play.
  - c. White Paper Status

- i. Marine Reserves – The Marine Habitat Committee is working on a draft. There has been some discussion on whether to just update the preexisting white paper or to refocus and create a new one.
  - ii. Hatchery Wild – Mike is currently reviewing comments received and will submit an official statement and comments to Doug.
- d. Bull Trout Recovery Plan – ORAFS comments on the bull trout recovery plan have been submitted to USFWS and posted on the ORAFS website. Holly offered a big thank you to all who participated in the review.

2. Secretary-Treasurer – Tony Siniscal

a. Meeting Minutes

- i. October Minutes – The October minutes were sent to ExCom for review and consideration. There was a motion made to approve the October Meeting Minutes as submitted by Tony. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- ii. November Meeting Minutes - The November minutes were sent to ExCom for review and consideration. There were some corrections suggested for the minutes. There was a motion made to approve the November Meeting Minutes as submitted by Tony with the corrections included. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

b. Outstanding Action Items

- i. The student subunit will review the work plan section “Promote development of fishery and aquatic science students” and provide comments to Mike.
- ii. An investment plan and committee need to be implemented.  
**Winter Retreat Agenda Item.**
- iii. ExCom will research costs and revenue and come up with a proposal for a new price matrix for dues and meeting registration.  
**Winter Retreat Agenda Item.**
- iv. Todd will continue to work with the parent society on updating the list of current Parent Society members who aren't OR chapter members.
- v. ExCom will have a strategic financial plan in place by the end of Fiscal Year 2014-2015. **Winter Retreat Agenda Item.**
- vi. ExCom will look into recruiting a new historian.
- vii. Mike will submit official comments to Doug on the Hatchery Vs Wild White Paper.
- viii. ExCom will follow up on the requests to lend our poster board displays to the Instream Flow Council meeting.

- ix. Tony will look into the details of adding Oregon members through our own process rather than online through AFS.
- x. Troy will work with AFS to increase our chapter membership dues.  
**Winter Retreat Agenda Item.**
- xi. ExCom will address the request by the NWFCC committee to hold onto their profits in ORAFS bank accounts.
- xii. Mike will check with Michele Weaver about the inventory that was made of meeting supplies and Tomelleri prints at Demian's house.

c. Accounts Update

i. Business Checking-

1. November	10/31/2014 – \$56,028.20
	3 Credits     \$5,642.82
	3 Debits     \$1,056.71
	11/28/2014 – \$60,641.31

ii. Money Market-

1. November	10/31/14	\$100,201.10
		Interest accrued in August - \$3.89
		Interest since inception - \$204.94
	11/28/14	\$100,204.94

- d. Northwest Fish Culture Conference (NWFCC) Request – There was continued discussion on the NWFCC request for ORAFS to harbor funds generated from their conference. We would like to help the entity but with the upcoming AFS meeting in Portland and increasing financial scrutiny managing money for the NWFCC would be an added burden. There was a motion made to deny the request by NWFCC to manage their funds within our accounts. **Action Item: Mike will inform Scott Paterson that ORAFS cannot harbor funds for the NWFCC.**

3. President Elect – Troy Brandt

a. Hatchery/Wild Symposium Update

- i. 26 speakers have been lined up and the program is coming together.
- ii. Troy has been working with the Hilton see if we can get into a bigger conference room as attendance will be larger than originally expected and we have now reached capacity for our reserved room.
- iii. Troy suggested that we start having conference calls for meeting planning outside of the monthly ExCom calls. **Action Item: Troy will send out doodle polls and schedule at least two symposium planning meetings.**
- iv. Now that we are looking at expenditures for food, beverage, and a meeting room fee a budget needs to be put together for the symposium. **Action Item: Troy will put together a budget for the Hatchery Vs Wild Symposium.**

4. Past President – Todd Buchholz
  - a. New ExCom Elections – Todd has recruited multiple candidates for each position and is working with AFS parent society to implement the online election for the incoming candidates. **Action Items: ExCom members running for reelection need to submit candidate statements to Todd for inclusion in the Winter Piscatorial Press. Todd will work towards posting the online election by early January with results to be announced in early February.**
5. Student Subunit Representative – Emily Schroeder
  - a. The subunit had their last meeting of the semester last week, which included a raptor identification workshop.
  - b. Emily has been promoting the Hatchery Vs Wild symposium amongst students and spreading the word around campus.
6. President – Mike Gauvin
  - a. Western Division AFS – Mike attended the WDAFS Mid-year retreat in Jackson, Wyoming. The retreat was an intensive work session. Part of the meeting was devoted to grant proposal review; they went through over 20 proposals for the WDAFS grant program. Mike spoke with WDAFS ExCom members about financial planning and investments. WDAFS is looking to expand opportunities for Chapters to invest money with them.
  - b. AFS leadership meeting – The AFS leadership is interested in offering more assistance to chapters and divisions. One idea that was presented would be to host chapter websites free of charge while allowing the chapters to appoint their own webmasters.
  - c. Winter Retreat – The winter retreat is scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>. Mike is looking into locations and will let everyone know soon.
  - d. AFS Portland 2015 – Mike reminded us that we are committed as a chapter to raise \$10,000 in sponsorships for the meeting.
  - e. ORAFS Information Booth – Several people have noted that the informational booth needs to be cleaned up and updated. **Action Item: The ORAFS conference booth need to be revamped before the end of this fiscal year.**
7. Vice President – Jason Seals – No Update.
8. Internal Director - Kelly Coates – Not Present.

#### 1700 Upcoming ORAFS meetings

1. The next ExCom meeting date is still to be determined. With several symposium planning calls this month and the symposium next month we may opt to skip a January ExCom conference call.

**1705 Meeting Adjourned By Motion and Vote**