

DATE: April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Tony Siniscal, Secretary/Treasurer

SUBJECT: Minutes from ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, March 17, 2016 from 1500-1640



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

**ExCom Present:** President – Troy Brandt, President Elect – Ben Clemens, Past President - Mike Gauvin, Vice President – Christina Murphy, Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe, External Director – Cory Sipher, Student Subunit Representative – Justin McKinney, Secretary-Treasurer – Tony Siniscal.

#### **1502 Call To Order and Welcome**

1. Review Agenda – Troy reviewed the agenda and asked if there were any additional agenda items to be added; Tony added some items to his portion of the agenda.

#### **1504 ExCom Updates**

1. Secretary-Treasurer – Tony Siniscal
  - a. Meeting Minutes
    - i. February and Business Meeting Minutes are forthcoming.
  - b. Outstanding Action Items
    - i. Gary will draft a “legacy document” that outlines when/why/how a scholarship/grant/award was created and how long it is expected to continue and will update the information on the website.
    - ii. Mike will draft an announcement for the piscatorial press outlining the new financial plan once adopted.
    - iii. ~~Chrissy will review scholarship information on orafs.org and update information as necessary. Chrissy will send updates to Troy for posting.~~
    - iv. Troy will work towards finalizing the Hatchery:Wild White Paper by the end of the Fiscal Year.
    - v. ~~Cory will pull together information pertaining to the Frank Moore Scenic Sanctuary bill and report to ExCom.~~

**vi. Gary will work to finalize the The Annual Meeting Planning Handbook; ExCom should provide assistance where needed.**

c. Accounts Update

i. Business Checking

1. February

01/31/2015 – \$50,648.89

Credits \$44,693.68

Debits \$6,433.50

02/29/2016 – \$88,909.07

ii. Money Market

1. February

01/31/2015 – \$200,648.21

Monthly Interest Accrued - \$3.18

Interest since inception - \$11.17

02/29/2016 – \$200,651.39

d. 2016 Seaside Annual Meeting Recap

i. Registration Summary – Tony went over the preliminary registration and financial details from the meeting. Details are still being finalized but attendance was great and the meeting was a financial success. Tony complimented everyone on their part in making the meeting a success.

b. Denny Lassuy Donation – Tony has finalized the details of former Chapter President Denny Lassuy’s donation and sent a thank you letter. Denny would like the donation to be used to support fisheries students and suggested an emphasis on student diversity.

2. President – Troy Brandt

a. Education and Outreach Committee – Education Materials Grant

i. Shannon has review all the applications and forwarded the list of applicants to ExCom for consideration with a recommendation for the nominee. To move forward, Excom conducted an email vote and selected Rowe Middle School as the recipient of the Education Materials Grant as recommended by Shannon.

b. Webmaster Update – After several years of service to the Chapter, Mike Meeuwig has announced that he will be stepping down as webmaster for the Chapter. Mike has found a suitable replacement, Lora Tennant, and will get her up to speed.

c. Piscatorial Press – Troy indicated that we should all be receiving a request for material for the spring Piscatorial Press very soon.

d. Investment Account – Troy is working with Tony to come up with a Financial Strategy Policy and an Investment Policy for the Chapter.

After consideration Troy has decided to open up the Chapters own investment account rather than infusing more money with WDAFS or AFS. Troy and Tony also hope to modify the investment committee to incorporate financial planning and strategy rather than just investments. We are hoping to bring in former and current ExCom members to sit on the committee to help carry out the long term financial goals of the Chapter.

- e. WDAFS – Reno – Troy will be travelling to Reno next week for the WDAFS Annual Meeting. He will be meeting with WDAFS and AFS ExCom while at the conference.
  - f. Suction Dredge Mining Lobbyist Support – Several public interest groups had hired a lobbyist to support the extension of the suction dredge mining moratorium. These groups have come up short with funding for the lobbyist. There was a motion made to consider contributing to this cause. A discussion on the motion included the following: We have written our own white paper on the issue and spent money on our own legislative liaison in previous years; There is some reservation as to whether this would be the right use of chapter funds; The Chapter may not want to set a precedent of providing financial support for lobbying activities by public interest groups. The motion went to a vote and failed to pass. The Chapter will continue to monitor the legislation on suction dredge mining and participate where needed.
  - g. Spring Retreat – Troy reminded ExCom of the location and date for the spring retreat: April 22 – 24, Government Camp. Troy will send out an agenda the week before the retreat.
  - h. AFS Chapter of the Year (COY) Award – Troy is working on the AFS COY application. ORAFS recently was awarded the WDAFS COY award. Troy will be updating the application that was sent to WDAFS and will send out soon to AFS.
3. President Elect – Ben Clemens
- a. Annual Meeting Online Poll – Ben summarized the result from the Annual Meeting online survey. Overall, the comments were very positive; there were a few criticisms mostly related to size/shape/noise level in some of the smaller session rooms. Ben will file the survey results to be reviewed during planning for the next annual meeting. Ben complimented everyone on planning such a great meeting.
  - b. Student Mentor Program – Ben inquired as to whether Steve Kucas had been in touch with Justin about the perpetual student mentor

program. Justin has been working with Steve to get the program off the ground.

4. Past President – Mike Gauvin – Mike echoed the praise on a record setting meeting and thanked everyone for their contributions.
5. Vice President – Christina Murphy
  - a. Raffle/Auction – Chrissy and the Raffle/Auction committee have sent thank you letters to all of the donors.
  - b. Student/Mentor Mixer – Chrissy has received some feedback on the student mentor mixer from the OSU internship class: All feedback was positive; Students were impressed and encourage and thought it was very helpful.
6. Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe
  - a. 2017 Annual Meeting Budget – Gary has been going over the budget for the 2017 Annual Meeting. Gary warned that expenses will be much higher for the meeting Bend than we experienced in Seaside. Troy and Mike asked if we should get quotes from other venues to see if we can get costs down. Gary and Tony suggested that it is probably too late to look elsewhere as we have already paid a deposit and announced the location and date for the meeting. The increased price of Bend (and Eugene) as compared to Seaside is not a new revelation; We knew that Seaside would be a much more cost effective meeting.
  - b. Representative Caddy McKeown Tour – Gary recently gave a tour to Representative Caddy McKeown on riparian buffers in the Coos Bay area. Several items of interest to the Chapter were discussed. Riparian buffer and herbicide/pesticide spraying issues may end up on the ballot in the near future. The Chapter should track associated legislation and consider a potential white paper on pesticide issues.
7. External Director – Cory Sipher
  - a. Committee Meetings Recap – Cory gave an overview on the committee meetings that were held as part of the sessions at the Annual Meeting. Some of the committee meetings had great attendance; others had very limited to almost no participation. Cory indicated that we need to come up with a better strategy for engaging chapter members and committee members with the committees to improve turnout and participation.
  - b. Potential New External Committees – Cory discussed several idea for new external committees that have come up recently including committees focusing on climate change, communication, and diversity. There was a discussion on creating potential new external committees. Ben’s candidate statement included formation of a new committee

focusing on diversity and he would like to move forward with this. Tony mentioned that it seems like we have trouble getting full participation in all the committees we have and suggested we consider merging some existing committee with new ones.

- c. Recruitment of Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs – Cory is recruiting people to replace the committee chairs and co-chairs that have recently vacated their positions. The Legislative committee needs a new co-chair and the Education/Outreach and Marine habitat Ecology Committees need a new chair.
8. Student Subunit Representative – Justin McKinney
  - a. Student Subunit update – Justin indicated that the Fish and Wildlife Club is leaving soon for a trip to Monterey Bay Aquarium and Humboldt State University. Nine students will be traveling down and touring the sites.

#### **1635 Upcoming ORAFS meetings**

1. ExCom calls are typically held the second Thursday of every month from 1500 to 1700 hours.
2. The next meeting date and time will be Thursday April 14<sup>th</sup> followed by the Spring Retreat April 22-24.

#### **1640 Meeting Adjourned By Motion and Vote**