



American Fisheries Society

Oregon Chapter

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Katie Pierson, Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes from ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference, Thursday, January 12, 2017 1500-1700

In attendance: President-elect – Shivonne Nesbit, President – Ben Clemens, Past President – Troy Brandt, Vice President – Jeremy Romer, Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe, External Director – Cory Sipher, Secretary – Katie Pierson, Student Subunit Representative – Jacob Peterson, Education & Outreach Committee Chair – Ryan Battleson

1505 Call to Order/Welcome Additional Agenda Items

- Ben asked if there were any additional agenda items; Ben would like to make sure that all meeting minutes adequately capture approvals that are done via email (such as the November/Fall retreat meeting minutes), Ryan Battleson will join this call, with that addition, Ben continued with the agenda.

Education & Outreach Committee Chair – Ryan Battleson

- Teachers Approved for the Award
 - Ryan received two applications for the Educators Travel Award scholarship prior to the deadline. A third person contacted Ryan after the deadline, and he encouraged him to apply in case one of the other teachers could not accept the award.
 - Tony will send each teacher a check.
 - Ryan thinks that the \$500 award is too little to cover travel (if not local), expenses and registration. Ryan suggests that next year we include the FOOW for those scholarships automatically, instead of them having to apply separately.
 - Action Item: Ryan is going to re-advertise the Education Materials Grant. He will change wording to include aquaculture in both grant types.

President-Elect – Shivonne Nesbit

- Deadlines for Annual Meeting program
 - Shivonne has been talking to Heather Stanley (program editor) about additional needs for the program. The session at a glance is done for the winter Piscatorial Press (PP).
 - ExCom will be able to see the program by the end of next week.
 - Deadline for printing the program at PacifiCorp is the 2nd week in February.
- Book Signing
 - We will set up a table at the poster session for Doug Markle to sign his book, *A Guide to the Freshwater Fishes of Oregon*.
 - Action Item: Gary will get Doug a table for the poster session
 - Action Item: Shivonne will send Doug an email to make sure a book signing at the poster session works for him.

Internal Director – Gary Vonderohe

- Federal Columbia River Power System EIS letter
 - Things have not progressed with drafting a letter. Many organizations have attended public meetings and not drafting letters.
 - Action Item: Troy will ask Bob Hughes if he would be willing to spearhead the letter.
- Brief update on AM venue and signage
 - Gary is meeting with the Riverhouse manager tomorrow, to look things over and get some questions answered.
 - We have 3 ORAFS banners, we will not have a meeting specific banner. There are electronic boards at the Riverhouse and Gary will find out what can be placed on those boards (both outside of the room and on the overhead).
 - We will need power strips and extension cords for the workshops. We will buy some and bring what we have to the meeting.
- Status of room blocks (at Riverhouse and Shilo Inn)
 - Riverhouse has no other open rooms. We did set up another room block at the Shilo Inn. There are other hotels in the area and if both blocks fill up Gary will call additional hotels in the area.
- ORAFS meeting venue for 2018
 - 2018 Meeting will be in Eugene.
 - 2019 has not been planned. Ben would like ExCom to consider holding the meeting in Ashland.
- Portland General Electric is going to sponsor the banquet on Thursday. They will start their part of the social at 5:30 Thursday prior to the Grand Social. They will have biologists there and would like to show a video.
 - Action Item: Gary will update the schedule at a glance.

Secretary – Katie Pierson

- We will vote on the December meeting minutes on the February call.
- November and Fall Retreat meeting minutes were approved via email in December. They have been posted on the website.

Vice President – Jeremy Romer

- Bylaws — Needs for communicating with membership
 - Action Item: Jeremy will send a copy of the bylaws with the edits for posting in the Piscatorial Press.
 - Action Item: Jeremy will send a copy of the updated administrative handbook (About tab) and bylaws only (Communications>Policies tab) to Lora for updating the ORAFS website for the membership who wanted to delve further into the FSPIP.
 - The updated bylaws are on the ExCom google drive.
 - Action Item: Troy will send the bylaws changes and eballot for their acceptance with the ExCom Officer ballot.
- Apparel order
 - We will order men’s solid shirts and hats. ExCom decided against the women’s shirts, trucker hats and the tie dye shirts.

Student Representative – Jacob Peterson

- Status of student subunit at Bend meeting
 - The OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club wants to sell merchandise at the apparel table.

- Instead of reserving rooms at the Econolodge, the students in the Fisheries and Wildlife Club will volunteer and hopefully get into the free lodging. They will be registering by the early deadline.
- Student subunit updates
 - Spring Break trip will also now include Redband Trout spawning ground surveys. The OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club is looking for more funding for this trip.
 - Since Tony, ORAFS treasurer was not in attendance this topic was floored for next month, to see if we have already paid out the money we normally sponsor the OSU Fisheries and Wildlife Club with.
 - The Club is working on putting together and participating in a Steelhead spawning survey workshop, which will take place sometime between February and May.
- Action Item: Jacob will set up a doodle poll for the conference call between ExCom and leadership with student subunit.

Past-President – Troy Brandt

- Status of awards and plaques
 - February 6th Troy will send the plaques to the engraver with the award recipients from Colleen.
 - We now have two more slide-in award plaques (for the diversity award and the runner up for the best poster). Troy asked Scott Heppell about the timeline for the student awards/scholarships so that we can get the perpetual plaques engraved.
- Decisions that need to be made for pint glasses
 - We have more than one logo for the pint glass so Troy will be getting a cost estimate from a couple places. The pint glasses will need to be ordered the first week in February.
- Legislative Committee briefing
 - Suction Dredge Mining White Paper briefing
 - There is a section on lamprey, and bull trout. Troy has received and is incorporating additional comments from multiple reviewers. He is aiming to have it out to review from ExCom next week. It will be ready for larger distribution the last week of January.
 - H/W paper update
 - We are going to be strategic about when to get this white paper out in the legislative session and release when it will be more pertinent.

External Director – Cory Sipher

- Status of Marine Reserves joint position paper with the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society (ORTWS)
 - Version differences have been reconciled. We are waiting to upload to our website until we hear back from ORTWS, about whether they have concerns with the edits Dr. Harte made.
- Website for Native Fish workshop
 - Lora Tennant (webmaster) has made a website for the Native Fish Workshop where the presentations can be archived. It is housed under previous workshops tab on orafs.org.
- Status of Diversity Scholarships
 - Diversity scholarship is being advertised, currently there is one applicant.
 - Action Item: Cory will reach out to Gabe to see if the Diversity Committee has time to rank the applicants and make a recommendation on whom to award the scholarship.

Treasurer – Ben Clemens (on behalf of Tony Siniscal)

- Treasurers Report
 - Accounts Update
 - i. Business Checking
 - 1. December

11/30/2016	\$110,221.71
Credits	\$6,331.90
Transfers	-\$64,000.00
Debits	-\$89.77
Checks	-\$1,033.92
12/31/2016	\$51,429.92
 - ii. Money Market
 - 1. December

11/30/2016	\$0.00
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Account Closed
 - iii. Investments
 - 1. WDAFS Endowment Fund – Oregon Chapter fund

Balance 11/30/2016	\$17,324.25
6-Month Gain/Loss	+\$1,028.19 (+6.3%)
 - 2. Charles Schwab ORAFS Investment Account

Transfers	+\$64,000 (from ORAFS Checking)
Balance 01/09/2016	\$271,177.26
Lifetime Gain/loss	+6,070.09 (3.02%)
Equities/ETFs/Bonds	\$223,081.88
Cash & Cash Invested	\$48,095.38
 - Jim Capurso’s fish award has lost its sponsorship, and we are currently paying for that award, with the understanding that once another sponsorship has been secured we will be paid back. Jim is looking into multiple avenues to fund that award in the future.
 - Registration summary (from Tony’s January 10 email)
 - We are expecting to meet sponsorship and vendor targets. There are currently 78 AFS members, 47 non-members, 2 retirees and 19 students registered for the meeting.
 - Five FOOWs were approved already and we have had one more applicant.

President – Ben Clemens

- Brief update on sponsorships for Annual Meeting
 - Action Item: Troy will get in touch with USFS to follow up on their tentative pledge (early February).
- Winter newsletter status
 - Piscatorial Press draft has been sent to ExCom for final approval.
- WDAFS membership and listserv
 - WDAFS website was hacked recently. They now have their listserv up to date, so ORAFS will no longer send emails to our members from WDAFS.
- Revisit protocol for submitting requests for hardship donations
 - We are going to table this discussion for the spring retreat.
- AFS outreach materials — brochures, etc.
 - Action Item: Ryan will look into updating the ORAFS brochure.

- Spring retreat location and Doodle poll
 - Action Item: Ben will send current ExCom a doodle poll for the spring retreat. He would like to have in Ashland.

1701 Call for Adjournment

Next conference call: **Thursday, February 9, 2017**