



*Oregon Chapter*  
*of the*  
*American Fisheries Society*  
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To: ORAFS Executive Committee

From: Natalie Scheibel, Secretary

SUBJECT: Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference- Tuesday, December 11, 2018  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Kris Homel - President, Jim Bartlett – Vice President, Kevin Stertz – Internal Director, Natalie Scheibel - Secretary, Jason Brandt – External Director, Lora Tennant – Webmaster, Jeffrey Jarvis – Mt. Hood CC Representative, Brooke Schlipf - OSU Student Representative, Sarah Busmire - OSU Student Representative

**Kris- Call to Order 3:00 PM**

**OSU Student Representatives – Brooke Schlipf, Sarah Busmire**

- Wrapping up OSU term
- Fish printing workshop – third year for Bruce conducting workshop
- Student Colloquium was a big success – participants from Alaska, Washington, California, Idaho
- Infographic workshop – taught by Su Kim from Seattle (NOAA)
- On the last day of the colloquium a group toured the nearby hatcheries
- Still need to find a host for next year, Britta Baechler put out an announcement to the attendees
- Decided to keep the event separate and did not consider combining it with chapter annual meetings
- Final funds received and the check from ORAFS was deposited
- Sarah is planning an event with Trout Unlimited out of Corvallis – volunteer that will come to teach an intro to fly fishing class (off the water course)
- Will announce the event on Facebook and twitter

**President- Kris Homel**

- Website (**Webmaster- Lora Tennant** on the call)
  - Updates to the website – website has not been update since 2012 from a website designer
  - Lora would like help from a web designer to fix the inner workings and make sure things are running smoothly behind the scenes
  - Website designer can get an in depth assessment and make sure software is up to date
  - Reduce redundancy and get a professional opinion to work with Lora
  - Make our website mobile friendly

- The website designer our chapter went with before (2012) retired since then. Lora reached out to a local website designer in Joseph and he thinks things are ok but could be updated and taken care of – would not take much time or money – would cost a few hundred dollars up to ~\$600
- Discussed moving forward and what type of timeline we are looking at
- To complete the overhaul – website would only be down for about an hour and we could pick an opportune time to do this
- Need a specific quote to get this done, get at least a ballpark quote so we can vote on it
- Climate paper update
  - Kris intends to produce a letter of support that briefly references the current science and draws attention to some of the science that covers adaptation, then Erik will review and send it to Joint Carbon Committee – talked about inviting them to the meeting and having them get more involved with ORAFS
  - Next summer deadline covers climate adaptation white paper – Jason is still trying to recruit people to help with this, will put out a call again in the Piscatorial Press (PP)
  - Discussed Oregon’s “cap and invest” strategy – possible alternative funding for conservation
- Kancler subcontract – Erik would like to subcontract for some of the bill tracking, clerical work, etc.
  - Jason motioned to allow Erik Kancler, our legislative liaison, to subcontract for clerical work, Natalie seconded; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Disbursement Funds
  - List of potential projects to fund – table until more ExCom members are on the call
- Requests
  - Fish Out of Water Waiver (FOWW)
  - First come first serve as long as they meet the requirements
  - Applicant (Alex Cuda) meets all the requirements
  - Natalie motioned to grant the FOWW for Alex Cuda, Jason seconded; there was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Past-President- Shivonne Nesbit (not attending)**

- Ad Hoc ORAFS Communication Committee

**President-Elect – Becky Flitcroft (not attending)**

- Annual Meeting Planning update

**Vice President – James Bartlett**

- Raffle Auction committee has been making requests - items are not ready to be specified for the website yet. T-shirts are in the works.
- Needs to start working on volunteer opportunities, contact Shannon to check in on things and see if she needs any help.
- Spawning Run - contact Michelle Weaver

**Internal Director – Kevin Stertz**

- Kevin had lunch with Michelle and she is working with a graphic designer on getting the run shirts done.
- Kevin has been assisting Becky in preparation for the Annual Meeting - going over the contract

**Treasurer – Katie Pierson (not attending)**

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**External Director – Jason Brandt**

- Committee reports
  - Legislative

- Climate Paper - ORAFS appropriate response – getting momentum
- Reached out to committee chairs to get sessions and talks together for the 2019 AM
- Kelley Lawrence is the new co-chair for the Marine Habitat Committee
- Trying to make a push to get more marine talks
- 8-9 talks lined up
- One of the sessions was going to be about regulations and could be combined with the freshwater – Mike Gauvin is willing to moderate that session – reached out to Columbia River Management for session
- Jim Capurso requested if the Native Fish Conservationist of the Year Award could go up on the webpage
  - Should list that and the DEI sponsorship recipients on the webpage
- Depending on space – could still incorporate relevant committee posters – Jason will reach out about that idea
- For the next PP – climate paper volunteers – contact Jason

#### **Secretary – Natalie Scheibel**

- PP- Winter edition call for content was sent out
- Will vote on November minutes soon – email or next call
- WD Endowment discussion – Kris will follow up and we can decide on the next call
- Cvent event management software
  - Abstract Management: <http://bit.ly/2aNUXSM>
  - Event Registration: <http://wi.st/2DEN6PP>
  - Contacted Cvent and spoke with sales executive who is working on getting us a quote

#### **MHCC Student Representative – Jeffrey**

- Assisted with the student colloquium
- Working on a T-shirt for the annual meeting (T-shirt design contest) to sell at the AM
- MHCC needs to get their funding grants submitted, can work with Jim or Brooke to get an idea about how to do this and what kind of program and budget/proposal
  - Brooke sent examples to Miley – will send to Jeffrey

**Meeting adjourned at 4:08 pm. Next meeting will be at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2019.**