



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, November 13, 2018
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Becky Flitcroft – President-elect, James Bartlett – Vice President, Jason Brandt – External Director, Katie Pierson – Treasurer, Kevin Stertz – Internal Director, Natalie Scheibel – Secretary, Brooke Schlipf – OSU Student Representative

Becky- Call to Order 3:04 PM

Vice President – James Bartlett

- Sara Sapienza is the Raffle & Auction chair
 - 5 other folks on the team
- Ramona Hulick agreed to be the auctioneer (\$150 + 2 dinners) – just need to draw up the contract with her
- Jim has been working on the shirts for the AM
 - Deciding on the types and shirts we need
 - Need to decide on shirt styles (women's and men's shirts?)
 - Decided to just sell at the meeting, not pre-orders online, get about 100 or fewer
 - Will talk with the printer to get opinion on best way to print the logo
 - Action item: Becky will send the gray scale version of the logo to Jim
 - Action item: Katie will send Jim the list that Shannon made of the shirt sizes (sent)
 - Deadline – need to figure out – at the latest need it done by March 1, 2019
- Entertainment
 - Decided to go with Anna Robinson for the AM entertainment– need to draw up a contract
 - Action item: Natalie will send Anna's contact information to Becky, Shivonne, and Kris

OSU Student Representatives – Brooke Schlipf, Sarah Busmire

- Two meetings so far this semester
- Wildlife biologist presented on how recreation affects wildlife
- Dr. David Bell presented on ecosystem issues
- Graduate student presented on the fish and wildlife mentorship program
- Bruce Koike – Gyotaku is coming up

- Colloquium coming up - starts on Thursday, Nov. 15

President-Elect Becky Flitcroft (Kris Homel absent- Becky leading call)

- Climate paper update
 - Jason, Kris, and Troy had a call to discuss the direction to take
 - Contacting people they know to assemble a team
 - Maybe not a complete white paper, but at least a document with pointed concerns for aquatic species and mitigation strategies
 - Spoke with ODFW Policy Coordinator – ODFW won't be able to provide much input, without being asked by the legislature
 - Jason, Troy, and Kris have a living document of contacts to connect with
- Requests
 - Jeremy Romer- Set up fund to bring watershed council coordinators/ directors to AFS (see email) – hold on to this idea- could be something we fund with dispersement funds
 - Wil get Jeremy on the phone to discuss this
 - Britta Baechler
 - Western Division Colloquium – needs additional \$845
 - ExCom discussed suppling more funding, what amount? (\$500 left in student discretionary spending); \$750 left in general sponsorship and discretionary funding
 - Katie motioned to sponsor the WD student colloquium at \$500 from the 4.4.a.ii student discretionary fund. Kevin seconded the motion and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Annual Meeting Planning update
 - Number of programs, meeting bags, and name tags and lanyards needed?
 - Katie will help derive this number once we get past the abstract deadline and closer to the early registration deadline
 - Proposed fish print workshop at Annual Meeting
 - Bruce asked ORAFS for space at the meeting and advertising for him to put on a fish printing workshop
 - Consider a space before we set up or after the meeting
 - Could having it on Friday after the meeting keep more people at the meeting
 - Good way to connect art and science, but AM may not be the appropriate time. Could do it another time – involve grade school students, could sponsor him to do something like this–
 - Table until Shivonne is here to discuss
 - By December – Becky will ask Kris to follow up with him to see how much it would cost to put on a workshop for children
- Jeremy Romer – Watershed Councils grant opportunities
 - Oregon watershed councils have similar goals –aquatic resource restoration and outreach, also have the capacity to coordinate volunteers
 - They have issues with federally sourced funds – i.e. can't use for engineering and design, can't use for education and outreach, or transportation for children
 - Even though they have substantial budgets, they don't have funds that could be allocated towards education and outreach
 - Way to connect with the watershed councils

- Similar goals – would benefit our Chapter because we would not have to coordinate all the aspects of projects or events, but we could accomplish goals related to our mission and would have a major impact on natural resources and communities in Oregon)
- Would be a way to sponsor events and could get feedback from the watershed councils about where the funds go
- The amount needed for a grant to be effective ranges from \$5,000 - \$10,000
 - Envisioning a competitive grant, for watershed councils only, with complete autonomy where the money goes (i.e. education and outreach)
- Would like to set it up with an annual framework
- Potential option for disbursement funds

Past-President- Shivonne Nesbit (not on the call)

- Ad Hoc ORAFS Communication Committee
- RAWA: Lame Duck Session Offers Opportunity for End of Year Co-Sponsor Push

Internal Director – Kevin Stertz

- Nothing new to report

Treasurer – Katie Pierson

- Treasurer's Report
Accounts Update

Business Checking		
October	10/01/2018	\$52,794.80
	Credits	\$14,935.80
	Transfers	\$0
	Debits	-\$225.70
	Checks	-\$2,431.61
	10/31/2018	\$65,073.29

Investments **Will be updated quarterly

WDAFS Endowment Fund – Oregon Chapter fund

Balance 06/30/2018 \$21,846.49

Charles Schwab ORAFS Investment Account

Balance	9/30/2018	\$376,619.18
	Transfers	\$0
	Lifetime Gain/loss	+46,374.92 (15%)
	Equities/ETFs/Bonds	\$355,487.47
	Cash & Cash Invested	\$21,131.71

2018 Disbursement Amount

2018 gains to date (01/01/2018 – 09/30/2018) = \$26,025

50% of gains = \$13,012

Amount to be disbursed: \$13,012

\$13,012 transferred to ORAFS checking account on 10/22/2018

- Still have \$4,479.00 from last year's disbursement that is still available
- Disbursement FSPIP update— we have about \$17,491 (from this years' and last years' disbursement fund)
 - Need ideas with actual cost values
 - We do not have to spend all of the disbursement money
 - Katie has a list of things that we have talked about funding
 - Not consistent every year, but would be good for creating a grant or something more long-term
 - Examples: Website overhaul, outreach and education, travel scholarships
 - Jerry Bouck Memorial Scholarship – talked to Christine Moffitt in development, would like support from ExCom – would like to discuss (30 minutes discussion – so they can go over their plan and ExCom can discuss)
 - OFWIM update – Katie represented ORAFS - received positive feedback and appreciation for the sponsorship and our forward thinking approach
 - We have three accounts: Checking account (Bank of America), Charles Schwab (managed by FSC), and then have Western Division endowment (also managed by Troy Brant)
 - Katie motioned that we take the money out of the WD endowment account and move it into the ORAFS investment account and Kevin seconded.
- Discussion
- Need to move it over so we can manage it better
 - Does WD benefit from us having that money there?
 - Our investment fund has regular disbursements, where in WD it does not
 - Our investment account is young, before we just had the WD endowment fund
 - Troy recommended that we take it out
 - Katie will double check what effects taking the money out will have, if any
- Katie retracts the motion and will figure out whether there will be repercussions if the money is pulled out of the WD endowment.

External Director – Jason Brandt

- Jason has been working with Katie on the Marine committee - trying to get technical sessions together
- Heard back from about half of the committees about technical sessions for the AM
- Need to get the committee works plans submitted and posted on the website
- Jason went to State of the Coast – represented – met the marine committee
 - Good way to connect with the marine side and they appreciated the sponsorship
- Committee mixer – need to get accommodations lined up for that
 - Legislative
 - Climate Paper – discussed with Kris and Troy
 - Kris and Jason put a call out in the Fall Piscatorial Press to generate interest

Secretary – Natalie Scheibel

- Piscatorial Press Fall edition – sent to Kris and should be sent out soon
- Natalie motioned to approve the 2018 October ExCom meeting minutes. Jason seconded and there was no discussion; the motion passed unanimously.
- Winter Edition Piscatorial Press deadline is December 20, 2018.

MHCC Student Representatives – Miley McLaughlin (not on the call)

Annual Meeting-Childcare options update (Shannon Richardson)

- Shannon has the results from the childcare poll that was sent out to the membership
 - 30 people responded
 - 43% said onsite care would help, 20% said maybe – most people willing to pay
 - Plenary and technical sessions are the most popular times when people needed childcare
 - Could have a set rate per day?
- Reached out to the childcare provider – cost wise \$15-18 per hour (within what most people would be willing to pay)
- Need more specifics to offer the membership
- Need deadline for securing a contract and then a deadline for financial commitment from members
 - Need a general commitment by January 1, 2019 (if we cancel after that date there will be a cancellation fee)
 - Would need to have responses and financial commitment from members at least 3 weeks before the meeting
- Both of the companies are willing to be flexible with financial deadlines, with the exception being the January 1 deadline
- Shannon needs to know what parts to move forward on
 - Could go directly through the firm to financially reserve a time block
 - Need to reach out to firm and make sure the deadlines work
- Shannon will review and make recommendation and get back to ExCom

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm. Next call will be on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.