



*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, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:**

**Becky Flitcroft - President, Natalie Scheibel - Secretary, Peter Stevens – President-elect, Jason Brandt – External Director, Anna Klundt - MHCC Student Representative, Kris Homel – Past President, Michelle Scanlan – Vice President, Sarah Busmire – OSU Student Representative, Andrew Derugin – Internal Director, Sage Fox – OSU Student Representative**

**Becky- Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum 3:00 PM**

**President- Becky**

- Interest in OR AFS sponsoring an electrofishing training workshop
  - Michelle had a good experience in the past with a workshop held by the same organizer
  - Class and field components
  - Scheduling courses in April, May, September, and October
  - Not something we could sponsor in April or May, but could do in the future
  - Peter would be interested in facilitating this in the future
    - Would be a way to provide a service outside of the Annual Meeting
  - It would cost around \$2,500 to sponsor this and then attendees would still have to pay a fee to attend the course
  - **Action Item: Becky and Peter will respond to Jim Reynolds about interest in sponsoring the course.**
  - Kris suggested polling the membership to see how much interest there is
- AFS 150<sup>th</sup> historical exhibit. Need someone from the Oregon Chapter to help.
  - Peter will be attending the meeting in Columbus, OH and will be responsible for taking the display
  - Jason Seals is our current historian
  - Need to start compiling materials now to get ready for the meeting next summer
    - Consider putting together a poster
  - **Action Item: Andrew will reach out to Jason Seals regarding the exhibit.**
- FOOW – 4 applicants
- Becky compiled and sent them to everyone
  - Suggest 1<sup>st</sup> applicant to register as a student

- Consider what qualifies as financial hardship
- Peter motions to approve FOWW for the 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant, Jason seconded, and there was no further discussion. Motion passes.
- Andrew motions to approve the FOWW for the 3<sup>rd</sup> applicant, seconded by Kris, no discussion and the motion passes.
- Jason motions to approve the FOWW for 4<sup>th</sup> applicant, Andrew seconded, no discussion and the motion passes.
- Authorized 3 FOWW waivers, have 7 left
- Jordan Cove Letter for review
  - Becky was going to lead the review for the letter, with the opportunity for all ExCom members to contribute their reviews and get edits back by February
  - Kris took some time to work on editing it today
    - Has some components that are bit too strong on the advocacy side
    - Could be reorganized to focus on the most tangible components (habitat, fishing, erosion etc.)
  - Kris and Andrew will work with Becky on this – open to edits from others as well
- Application for Chapter of the Year award due in February
- ExCom voting – Stacy needs dates for the PP
  - Feb 1-15 so people have time
  - Online survey
- Candidates statements are in the PP already

#### **President-elect – Peter**

- Annual meeting updates – 164 oral presentations, 22 posters, 81 registrations with 4 of them being guest registrations
- 34 of the people who submitted a talk or a poster have registered
- Workshop Registrations:
  - 8 for Introduction to R
  - 3 for Technical Writing
- Workshop scholarships – students and/or early career professionals
  - One student has requested a scholarship so far – contacted, but still need to give him the discount code
- Schedule and talks – ran into some issues with committee chairs who were also moderating sessions
  - Made some adjustments
- Program
  - Doing well on the content
  - Still waiting on a few items –
    - Photos from Andrew, Elizabeth, Peter, and OSU officers
    - 2019 Business Meeting minutes
    - Treasurer’s Report – may have to have a placeholder for that given Elizabeth’s current situation
    - Tradeshow information – still waiting on information and commitment from the vendors – fewer this year many are going to Western Division
    - Final Printer deadline is January 30, 2020
  - Peter has been talking with Sarah Sapienza about the raffle and auction
- Still updating the logos and photos – which is on the raffle and auction folder on the google drive

- Becky still needs to sign the contracts for the auctioneer and the band
- Awards need to be discussed on Thursday

#### **Past - President- Kris**

- Vendor/sponsor update
  - Only have 4 lined up so far
  - Contacted everyone from the last 5 years – keep hearing that people are going to different meetings this year
  - Sponsorships - \$13,000 currently and waiting on a few more
  - Sent the reminder for the January 10<sup>th</sup> deadline
  - By the 10th all logos and narratives will be in the ready to be placed folder for the program
  - Kris will not be on the AM call on Thursday

#### **Vice President - Michelle**

- Subunit of the year award submission – encouraged the student reps to apply and would be happy to assist with reviewing the application
- Merchandise purchase
  - Received a revised estimate - \$1065 (40 hoodies – about 5-10 each size for about \$950)
  - Michelle motions to pursue the hoodie merchandise up to \$1000, Andrew seconded, no discussion, and the motion passes.
  - Michelle will send the mock-up of the sweatshirts
  - Michelle thanked the Mt Hood CC subunit for modifying the bylaws
  - Sarah and Sage will get back to Michelle with any updates to their bylaws
  - Michelle will be on the call on Thursday to discuss more on the Annual Meeting

#### **Internal Director- Andrew**

- Reservations for plenary speakers are confirmed
- Andrew will be getting in touch with Jason Seals
- Andrew will get the auctioneer contract done

#### **Treasurer- Elizabeth (not on call)**

- Treasurers Report

#### **External Director- Jason Brandt**

- Committee reports
- Keeping up with the External Committee chairs and motivating them on posters and talks
- Meet Your External Committee session – at a better time this year and could boost the attendance
- Could use a fresh influx of people in the committees
- Ted and Shane stepped down from the Climate Change committee
  - Kris is considering taking on the Climate Change Committee chair position
  - Not attracting very many people to the committee
- Still waiting to hear from a few chairs on what they plan to do at the meeting
- Ryan Battleson – (Education and Outreach) still planning to do the education grants
- Gabe is planning to still do the Diversity Scholarship
- Jason asked Peter to mention the grants and the scholarship in an email to let them know about the deadlines
  - Legislative liaison contract – still waiting to hear back on this

- Becky got a notification that our contract for the liaison had expired from the State Dept. of Ethics – she is following up with Troy about the notification
- Jason contacted Jeremy Romer about the watershed council topic and will arrange a call with Becky
- Jason and Elizabeth had been discussing perhaps rolling over the funds for the watersheds to make up a larger sum – would be more useful for watershed councils

#### **Secretary - Natalie**

- Minutes – sent out the December minutes for review, but still waiting on some edits

#### **Student Representatives – Sara Busmire and Anna Klundt**

- OSU Update
  - Starting the quarter off with an R studio workshop, part II to the one they started in the fall term
  - Upcoming event: TWS and AFS informational session – what to expect at the annual meeting
  - Elementary school science night
  - Winter Wildlife Field Day for students to gain experience
  - Always looking for new events if anyone has any suggestions
- MHCC Update
  - First meeting of the semester this week
  - Crabbing trip this month
  - The Subunit is doing Social Media takeover with the Mt Hood CC and will be documenting the crabbing trip
  - May have a movie showing this quarter
  - Excited for Oregon AFS Annual Meeting – encouraging new members to attend the ORAFS Annual Meeting

**Meeting adjourned at 4:35 PM. The next ExCom monthly call is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, from 3-5 PM.**