



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, March 12, 2019
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum

In attendance: Katie Pierson- Treasurer, Jason Brandt-External Director, Kevin Stertz-Internal Director, Becky Flitcroft-President-elect, Kris Homel-President

Vice President – Jim Bartlett (not on the call)

OSU Student Representatives – Brooke Schlipf, Sarah Busmire (not on the call)

President- Kris Homel

- Chapter of the Year Award
 - Kris requested all Chapter of the Year Award application edits by 3/14/19 at 5 PM.
- Website
 - ExCom talked about removing redundant or outdated content from the website and not using the website to archive old files. We identified the following items to send to archive (with a link on the website so anyone can view them).
 - Minutes (currently go back to 2004, will keep the last 3 years on the website and archive the rest)
 - ExCom work plan and budgets- will keep the last 5 years on the website and archive the rest. 5 years corresponds to the length of our strategic plan.
 - External committee work plans- will keep the last 3 years on the website and archive the rest.
 - Past meetings- will keep programs and abstracts for all years and remove extraneous or redundant files.
 - Newsletters- will keep the last 3 years and archive the rest.
- Legislative Session ([list](#) of bills being tracked as of 2/7/19)
 - Letter to support ODFW funding bill (delayed vote until after speaking with Troy Brandt and Erik Kancler)
 - ExCom expressed support for preparing a letter in support of the ODFW budget (specifically regarding supporting the legislature funding management and conservation of aquatic species).

- As long as it comes from the Chapter and there were no names associated, ExCom speaks for the Chapter
 - Jason informed us about the topic of the Wallowa dam repairs
 - Part of the Governor's budget is to allot money (millions of dollars) to Wallowa Dam for replacement — Jeff Yanke's district supports it and so does ODFW — was hoping the Chapter could weigh in on it and potentially comment on and support it.
 - Jason needs to talk to Erik about the ditch cleaning bill – ODFW has contacted Jason about it as well
 - Jason thought he saw that the suction dredge fines that would be used pay suction dredgers to clean up rivers – doesn't look like it will go forward
 - Jason heard from Michelle Weaver (ODFW legislative liaison) and provided a list of the ODFW's priorities in the legislation
 - Keep an eye on what they have and potentially work with what they have
 - Legislative session goes until June 30
 - Identify which bills we are most interested in
 - Could regularly share the list of bills we are paying attention to – create a space where people could vote on these issues, which often have a fast turnaround time
 - Jason wants to include people but doesn't want to overload everyone
 - Busy time - In other long sessions usually do not see this many relevant bills, but anyone who wants to be involved – but need to opt in if want to be included
- Requests
 - Troy Brandt- AFS Fisheries professional certification
 - Becky moved to fund Troy's AFS professional certification, Katie seconded, and there was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Ad Hoc ORAFS Communication Committee
- [Career Counselor](#) list
- 150th Meeting team - anyone interested in participating on team?

President-Elect – Becky Flitcroft

- Notice from Chante Davis about the Emmaline Moore prize, asking if we could we post it to the list serve and on ORAFS Facebook and twitter.
- Becky will be getting plaques engraved from the meeting for award winners.
- Post-meeting survey to be sent out (about 10 questions) – Kris can look for the one from last year and get it to Becky.
- Kris copied the one from two years ago and sent a new one out after the Eugene meeting. Becky could do the same and can add anything new. Needs to be done before the Spring Retreat, so we can go over the results.
- Katie suggests google forms, instead of survey monkey.
- Action item: Katie will get the list of emails to Becky for those who attended the meeting.
- There is a way to make the google forms anonymous.
- Spring Retreat Agenda
 - Need to get the work plan and budget to everyone ahead of time.
 - Action item: Becky will get the work plan and budget to ExCom and incoming ExCom by the 29th.

- Katie mentioned we will have to be a little creative, because we will not have our net earnings from the meeting before (in two weeks) the budget gets created for the Spring Retreat.
- Lose ends from last week (annual meeting)
 - Need to get invoices for those who still need to pay.
 - Still need the sponsorship check for the for the diversity and inclusion workshop.

Internal Director – Kevin Stertz

- Spring retreat reminder that it is on April 5-7 in Government Camp. Katie reserved a house and Kevin will include the instructions on the agenda when Becky sends that out.
 - Kevin needs contacts for the incoming officers and asks that they are reminded of the date and location for the Spring Retreat.
 - Please carpool if possible.
- Contacted Riverhouse for a final invoice from the 2019 Annual Meeting and should have it within a day or two. Katie or Becky can review and sign them. Kevin will bring the invoice as an example and show the incoming internal director.
- Most of the materials from the meeting are stored at Kevin's office, but they will be brought to Salem soon.

Treasurer – Katie Pierson

- Treasurer's Report – none for this call.
 - Will have a report at the retreat
- Due for an update to the Annual Meeting Handbook
 - Katie suggests a piece meal approach
 - Kevin did a lot of the planning and can start off with the edits, then get it circulating through ExCom to get updates input.
 - Once it gets sent try to turn it around in one to two days Meeting metrics update – these will not be updated until we have all the information back from invoice – Excel file or word if that is easier
- Need a structured way to talk at the retreats
 - Summarize things so that the retreat notes are more filled out before the actual meetings
 - Detailed agenda is needed for the retreat

External Director – Jason Brandt

- Committee reports – no additional reports
- Legislative session – covered in Kris's section earlier in the call

Secretary – Natalie Scheibel

- January minutes are out for review
- February minutes will be sent out soon
 - Incorporate the votes from the last planning calls and the annual meeting
- Business meeting minutes need to be in the proper format and will be sent out to the entire chapter
- Piscatorial Press – Natalie will be doing the Spring Edition and then will be looping in Stacy Strickland to start as the ORAFS Newsletter Editor

MHCC Student Representative – Miley Mclaughlin (not on the call)

**The 2019 ORAFS Annual Meeting wrap up call is scheduled for Thursday, March 14 from 3-5 p.m.
The ExCom Spring Retreat is April 5-7, 2019 in Government Camp, OR.**

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.