



*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 - Wednesday, August 14, 2019  
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Kris Homel – Past President, Becky Flitcroft - President, Natalie Scheibel - Secretary, Michelle Scanlan – Vice President, Anna Klundt – MT Hood, Elizabeth Osier Moats - Treasurer, Sarah Busmire – OSU Student Representative

**Becky- Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum**

**President- Becky Flitcroft**

- WDAFS Update call
- Discussion about the National Annual Meeting
- RAWA- legislation being proposed in Congress
  - New legislation supporting wildlife
  - We have the Oregon version passed – this is for federal legislation
  - Becky sent an email with attachments to ExCom with more information
- Governing Board Report Submitted
  - Elizabeth got all the financial information together
- Quarterly ethics report completed
  - Charged a fine because it was a little late – will ask to waive the fine
- Requests
  - National AFS to support Annual Meeting - \$100-\$500
    - Request came in 8/14/19
    - In the past declined to support the annual meeting – instead supported the EOS for travel grants
    - DEI group and Early Career professional group were soliciting for travel grants
    - We still have \$500 in the discretionary, \$1000 non-ORAFS sponsorships
    - We could create our own travel grant to the meeting – could be more effort and time in this short amount of time
    - Last year \$1500 discretionary - \$500 went to EOS – the rest went to OFWIM, SOUL River Gala, and Soul River Deployment
    - This year sponsor AFS book and freshwater mussel conference
    - If we want to support EOS and State of the Coast we should keep that in mind as we are thinking of supporting new requests

- Proposed \$500 for DEI or Early Career
- Kris motions that we provide \$500 to DEI or EC individuals to attend the National AFS meeting and Andrew seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passes.
- The \$500 will come out of the non-ORAFS conference and projects
- [June](#) Minutes for review and vote
  - Natalie motioned that we approve the June ExCom minutes and Michelle seconded. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- The scholarship funds from OSU not come in yet
  - Action Item: Becky will follow up with them to find out where the check was sent.

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

- [Bouck Scholarship](#) – Not ready for a vote yet
- Send the scholarship back to Steve Bouck to answer a few questions– once they answer we will vote
- 2019-2020 officer recruits
  - Sent out recruiting emails

#### **President-Elect – Peter Stevens (not on the call)**

- Becky relayed information for Peter
- Creating a meeting planning document and beginning to fill in sections
- Plenary symposia and workshops – Becky sent him Herman’s information from fish migration
- Fleshing out symposia ideas – some new, some from previous years
- Technical writing workshop
  - Potential - David Noakes
  - Jason Dunham
- Advertisement on society webpage and in WD Tributary newsletter
- Getting ready for the planning calls
- Interested in showing the Artifishial movie but does not want to make it seem like an endorsement. Thinking about having a panel discussion. May cause some divide with the members involved in aquaculture.
  - Do not want to alienate
  - Potential Red Gold as an alternative, World Fish Migration – dam removal related
  - ORAFS is a place where all fisheries science is welcomed

#### **Vice President – Michelle Scanlan**

- Do we need to update and review bylaws and resolutions? – wanted to make sure that we have the current updates
  - Need to add Mt. Hood Community College to the bylaws and the handbook (last updated 2016)
  - Also need to get the 2018 financial sustainability and investment policy in the bylaws
  - Could work on the handbook and review our own sections and update as needed
  - Anna just sent Michelle a copy of the Mt. Hood bylaws
  - OSU is in the process of modifying their bylaws to account for the officer membership status
- Chrissy Murphy – poster chair
- Shannon will not be attending – need a new volunteer coordinator

**Internal Director – Andrew Derugin**

- Fall Retreat Planning
  - Site visit to the Riverhouse – Typically on Saturday, but there is an event that day at the hotel – 8:00 am on Saturday would work – Andrew will schedule that
  - Agenda for the fall retreat will be sent out soon
  - Becky and Peter will be working with Andrew on the agenda
  - Blane Bellerude agreed to do the logo for the meeting – connect with Peter

**Treasurer – Elizabeth OsierMoats**

- Treasurer's Report
- Business Checking Update
  - Checking Account Statement

<b>Beginning Balance (07/01/2019)</b>	<b>\$61,268.21</b>
Credits	\$2,708.18
Debit/Fee	(\$3,590.98) → Riverhouse deposit (\$2,500) on 7/26/19
Checks	(\$500.00)
<b>Ending Balance (07/31/2019)</b>	<b>\$59,885.41</b>

- Available Funds

Balance as of 7/31/2019	\$59,885.41
Deposit 8/9/19	\$3,149.38 → ScCS Registrations
Deposit 8/13/19	\$664.05 → AFS Dues rebate
Funds owed to ScCS	\$4,974.24 (transferred 8/14/19)
<b>Available Funds</b>	<b>\$58,724.60</b>

- FSC Update

**Overview:**

The starting account balance for 2019 Q2 was \$396,773. During 2019 Q2, one deposit of \$35,000 was made to the Schwab account on 6/17/19. The deposited funds included \$30,800 profit from the 2019 Bend Meeting, and \$4,200 for the Bouck Memorial Fund. No withdrawals were made during the quarter. Income during 2019 Q2 was \$1,552 and an investment gain of \$14,621. The account balance at the end of 2019 Q2 was \$436,945. The account had a quarterly gain of \$51,036 and total return of 13%. The gain and return less the deposit were \$16,036 and 4%. Table 1 in the attachment includes an account summary.

**Account Summary (from 6/30/2019 account data)**

Investment	Amount	% of Account	Unrealized Gain/Loss	2019 ORAFS Total Account Performance %	2019 S&P 500 Performance %
Stocks	\$143,223	33	\$27,365	15.1	17.4
ETFs	\$155,992	36	\$13,415		
CDs	\$50,053	11			
Cash	\$37,679	9			
Money Market	\$50,000	11			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$436,945</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$40,780</b>		

- **ExCom needs to develop written spending plan for disbursement**
  - Must serve Chapter's mission and enhance services to membership
  - Disbursement funding shouldn't be an afterthought. ExCom should have running list of projects/programs to fund out of investment disbursement.
  - Can be novel programs, scholarships, grants, etc. Should tie into 5-year goals of Chapter.
- Discussion of environmentally sustainable stocks: Let FSC know if people have specific stocks they want to invest in. Good topic to discuss at the Spring Retreat.

**External Director – Jason Brandt (not on the call)**

- Committee Reports
  - Native Fish workshop funds –Jason authorized the \$2000 for the genetics project

**Secretary – Natalie Scheibel**

- Piscatorial Press Update
- Cvent – Elizabeth

**Student Representatives – Sage Fox, Sarah Busmire, Anna Klundt**

- OSU update
  - OHRC – organizing the trip
  - Seeing what dates will work for them and the OSU subunit
  - Showing a film called “The Breach” – willing to do a live Q/A via skype
    - Sarah has a connection if that is something we are interested in
- MHCC update
  - Nothing to report – just over a month before school is in session

**Meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m. Our next meeting will be in Sunriver, Oregon September 20-22, 2019 for the ORAFS ExCom Fall Retreat.**