



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

From: Sarah Sapienza, Secretary

Subject: Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference – Thursday, January 8, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Chris Hirsch – President, Gary Vonderohe – President-Elect, Scott Heppell – Past President, Clair Rosemond – Vice President, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Adrienne Averett – Treasurer, Alex Harrison – External Director, Joe Lemanski – Internal Director, Guillermo Giannico – DEI Committee Chair

Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum (3:01) – Chris Hirsch

Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sarah Sapienza (3:04)

- Gary moved to approve the December meeting minutes as submitted and Alex seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Main topics of conversation

- DEI committee update - introduction of new chair and background of DEI consultant efforts
- Student membership of subunits
 - Verify that students are members of the Oregon Chapter also that are in the subunits.
- WDAFS awards - due 2/24/23
- Contract requirements for auctioneer- do they have contract? Claire will look into drafting one if not. The auctioneer wanted tickets for the dinner instead of payment. Claire-Need to verify how many people and which meals they would like.
- Latin American and Caribbean Fisheries Congress
- changing year for hosting WDAFS from 2027 to 2026?
 - When was the last Wildlife Society and AFS Meeting? Would that be a joint?
- Scott moved to change the host date for the WDAFS to 2026 and Gary seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- email address to use for my person Ex Com mailing list (usually just meeting reminders)
- logo update- not a requirement to update the OR-AFS logo.

Officer Reports

President – Chris Hirsch

- WDAFS Mid monthly meeting
 - Dan Brauch will be the WD member attending our meeting
 - Travel Grant and Award nominations are open - due Feb 24th
 - Encourage student subunits to put in for best subunit
 - Request to WDAFS to waive tuition for student winners (most likely)
 - March 15th abstract deadline
 - AFS has adopted Snake River Policy
 - AFS Strategic Plan expires 2024
 - Society level awards - encouraging early to mid career nominations

Past-President – Scott Heppell

- Where are all the officer candidates?
- Brief update on sponsorships- Bouck-Invited to be part of the scholarship selection process
- Sponsorships- \$11,000 looking like we will surpass \$15,000
- Possible candidate for Vice President.
- Sponsorship logos are in last years AM folder.

President-Elect – Gary Vonderohe

- Extension on Poster Deadline for Annual Meeting
- 125 talks scheduled.
- Registration reminder sent out, deadline quickly looming.
- What about a retirement mixer at the end of the student/mentor mixer?
- **Need to post Chapter Work Plan Budget and Strategic Plan on website.**
- DEI Training “Navigating Difficult Conversations” booked for the Annual Meeting. Will have left over funds for additional work afterwards.
- Need to think about Spring Retreat, Chris gets to choose location.
- 16 registered for “Navigating Difficult Conversations”

Vice President – Claire Rosemond

- Auction and Raffle solicitations \$7000 worth of donations
- Auction Committee meeting tomorrow morning.
- No need to order raffle tickets, have plenty at ODFW HQ.
- Working on getting students involved.
- Will get started on ordering merchandise.

Student Representatives

- OSU Update: Absent.
- MHCC Update: Absent.

Internal Director – Joe Lemanski

- Check agenda on google drive.
- Any specific requests for specific events.
- Will trying to check the registrants have not been charged the incorrect room rate.
- Looking over hotel contracts regarding additional room use.
- Should we be basing the budget for next year on the 2020 Bend meeting?
- Olivia will get working on the rooms needed for students.

External Director – Alex Harrison

- Guillermo now DEI Chair
- OSU putting together a group for DEI mentorship
- Mentor training has occurred in the past
- OSU is looking at late March or early April for DEI Conference
- Vendor booth for DEI Tribal?
- Claire suggested that if the groups attend the meeting, they could also join the student/mentor mixer also.
- Priority to instate educators but educators from Washington eligible, not just Oregon, possibly bring this to Western Division or Washington/BC?
- \$8000 dedicated to education and legislative liaison.
- 1,800 bills looked at 48 bills related to fish/wildlife

Secretary – Sarah Sapienza

- Updated ORAFS website with Workshop page.
- Working with Adrienne on site updates as needed.

Treasurer – Adrienne Averett

- The Business Account balance is \$48,807.72. Recent deposits include Cvent registration income (\$79.05) and a \$4500 donation to the Bouck Memorial Scholarship.
- Leads on accountant replacement.
- Post Office Box has been renewed for another year in the Portland location.
- Call for Officers earlier in the process, rather than just the Pictorial Press.
- Adrienne- Will verify that we are receiving checks from the mothership.

Adjourned 4:05 PM