



*Oregon Chapter*  
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*American Fisheries Society*  
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**To:** ORAFS Executive Committee

**From:** Sarah Sapienza, Secretary

**Subject:** Minutes from the ORAFS Executive Committee Teleconference – Thursday, March 9, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Chris Hirsch – President, Gary Vonderohe – President-Elect, Scott Heppell – Past President, Claire 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 (3:03) – Chris Hirsch**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sarah Sapienza (3:05)**

- Scott moved to approve the January and February meeting minutes as submitted and Alex seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

**Main topics of conversation**

- DEI training opportunity - Guillermo Giannico
  - Courageous Conversations: Racial Equity Systemic Transformation- Company based in Georgia.
  - Presented Component 1, 2, & 3 proposal for EDI training with price quotes.
  - Chris suggested possible use of grant funds from Meyer Memorial Trust or cost sharing with Western Division to cover the trainings.
  - Possible to see if all trainings could be virtual and not just in person?
- AM meeting discussion/celebration
  - Follow up survey?
    - Gary has draft for questionnaire for attendees.
  - Photos-under Annual Meeting.
  - Business meeting vote-Finalize minutes and send out for vote.
  - ORDER MORE LANYARDS. Red lanyards were a success.
  - Fewer talks on Friday with a later start seemed to work very well.
- Finalize date for Spring Retreat in Newport-April 21-23.

- Plan for FY23 budget closeout.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President – Chris Hirsch**

- WDAFS Mid monthly meeting.
- California had 200 attendees for their meeting.
  - Info on Student Colloquium- R workshop and resume review.
    - Students can attend early and have peer visit.
  - Funding request for Student Colloquium.

#### **Past-President – Scott Heppell**

- Thanked everyone for their hard work pulling off a successful meeting.

#### **President-Elect – Gary Vonderohe**

- Evaluation survey will be sent out.
- Working on work plan and budget.

#### **Vice President – Claire Rosemond**

- Sending out Thank You notes for the auction and raffle donors.

#### **Student Representatives**

- OSU Update: No major update, lots of positive reviews from OSU students that attended.
- MHCC Update: Absent

#### **Internal Director – Joe Lemanski**

- Absent-Disconnected before update.

#### **External Director – Alex Harrison**

- Committees are interested in asking for more funding from the Chapter.
- Get requests for funding in sooner rather than later.
- Reimbursement for Fish Culture Conference students: checks have been sent out in the mail.
- Legislative point person as back up for Alex- contact Gary.

#### **Secretary – Sarah Sapienza**

- Working on getting draft of Annual Business Meeting notes.

#### **Treasurer – Adrienne Averett**

- Total number of annual meeting registrants listed in Cvent is 391; actual attendees ~370 due to registrant cancellations, no shows, and registration errors (e.g., registrants who accidentally added a guest registration).
- Need to order a portable office printer and new iPads for the registration desk.

- Business account balance is \$131,402.22. Balance will be in flux until early May due to Annual Meeting income/expenses and end of FY23 operating budget expense reconciliations.
- Ongoing coordination with current accountant to get FY22 state and federal taxes filed by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Search for new accountant is looking good.

Adjourned 4:23 PM