



*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, May 18, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Gary Vonderohe – President, Michele Weaver– President-Elect, Kate Self –Vice President, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Jordan Smith – Treasurer, Nat Godwin, Tjaden Archer– OSU Student Subunit, Jason Dunham – Human Dimensions, Troy Brandt – Legislative Liaison

**Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum (3:00) – Gary Vonderohe**

**Approval of Meeting Minutes – Sarah Sapienza (3:10)**

- **Kate moved to approve the Spring Retreat as submitted and Michele seconded the motion. The Business Meeting minutes will go to members for a vote. There was no discussion and the motion passed.**

**Main topics of conversation**

- 3:15 PM Human Dimensions Committee discussion of annual meeting participation
  - All of the committee has been engaged,
    - Goals:
  - want to pull more people into AFS
  - Engage more AFS members in Human Dimensions
  - Work collaborations with social sciences
- Place science talks within other sessions not separate to get better attendance.
- Fee assistance waiver for Human Dimensions to attend the Annual Meeting.
- If you had a Human Dimensions workshop then registration would be covered for the workshop organizers.
- DEI Committee and Human Dimensions Committees have some overlap but are very separate committees with different focuses.
- **Action: In Piscatorial Press- Human Dimensions for a meet and greet for the committee, have link for articles that HD C have written.**
- Also “Why this is important” Workshop?
- Committee members have
  
- 3:40 PM Legislative Committee update- Troy Brandt
  - Republican walk out has delayed bills.

- Will send update to Gary for minutes inclusion.
- 4 written testimonies on the Google Drive-
- Bills still alive- in other committees now but wrap up will occur mid-June
- Revenue update- positive update
- Calls occur every Tuesday during session.
- Investment account is doing well, Jordan asked for the information to listening into the Sustainability Committee.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President – Gary Vonderohe**

- WDAFS Mid monthly meeting.
  - Idaho Chapter Meeting- Attended Idaho Chapter Business meeting, gained ideas for ORAFS
  - Student Colloquium- cancelled due to low enrollment, funding will be rolled over for next year.
  - AFS will pay \$15/ per hr for student workers at the AFS National Meeting in Grand Rapids.
  - Comments on BLM proposed rule
    - ORAFS ExCom is supportive of the comments moving forward.
- Website/Admin Handbook/ Annual Meeting Handbook updates
  - Need to divide and conquer for the updates.

#### **President-Elect – Michele Weaver**

- Website updates including the Annual Meeting Handbook
- Sara Hart will help with Auction and Raffle
- More cornhole boards and reducing the entry price
- Action: First deposit due June 30 for Riverhouse
- Action: Michele, Kate and Sarah will start looking at locations for the 2026 ORAFS-Western Division Meeting in Portland
- Travel Portland board was very informative and helpful-Michele has contact.
- Cvent
- Discussion for a virtual option, would we want an app? Or more virtual components?
- Action: Jordan will look into app options for Annual Meeting (Whova)

#### **Vice President – Kate Self**

- Action: Kate will start a list of contacts for the Annual Meeting.
- Will update awards and descriptions for the website.
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#### **Student Representatives**

- OSU update: No update
- MHCC update: Absent

**Internal Director – Joe Lemanski**

- Absent

**External Director – Alex Harrison**

- Absent

**Secretary – Sarah Sapienza**

- Bought 10 clear totes with lids for Annual Meeting supplies.
- Action: Will be posting Spring Retreat Minutes.

**Treasurer – Jorden Smith**

- Jorden has received new bank card.
- Had meeting with new accountant.
- Per accountant: Excel should be the only accounting software that ORAFS needs.
- Action: Jorden proposed cancelling the Zero accounting software, ExCom agreed.

Adjourned 4:26 PM