



*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, November 10, 2022, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Chris Hirsch – President, Gary Vonderohe – President-Elect, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Adrienne Averett – Treasurer, Claire Rosemond – Vice President, Alex Harrison – External Director, Joe Lemanski - Internal Director

**Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum (3:05) – Chris Hirsch**

**Main topics of conversation**

- WDAFS mid year meeting Requests and Updates
  - WDAFS request for chapter to support a student to present at Boise meeting (proposed to have the winner of the Best Student Paper) -
  - ORAFS Membership “committee” - who covers? participate in the WDAFS membership committee?
  - Request for chapter support for new Pacific Island chapter, will track budget and possibly see how budget is for March.
  - New logo, how to incorporate into existing logo, looked at required colors for new logo.
  - WD DEI -
    - November 16th at 3 chat with chapters
    - Inclusive language in our awards such as “fosters a diverse and inclusive culture in the fisheries community” to awards, especially Lifetime Achievement.
    - Joe will contact Brian regarding inclusive language.
- Request for field visit for aquatic sciences professional development and cohort-building workshop for students attending the [SACNAS](#) conference in Portland, Oregon (26 - 28 Oct 2023).
  - “We would love to have an experiential component to our workshop, like taking students to see field sites/research done by organizations/communities who represent similar backgrounds (SACNAS centers the advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in STEM). Would this be something that the Oregon Chapter and/or CRITFC would be interested in collaborating with us on?”
  - Chris will contact Sarah for Portland contacts: Mt Hood Community College, Johnson Creek Watershed Council, local hatcheries, Environmental Professional Program at Portland State University.

- Free or reduced Annual Meeting registration for tribal members
- payment to student subunits
- Eugene meeting compliance with 889.

## **Officer Reports**

### **President – Chris Hirsch**

- WDAFS Mid year meeting
  - Looking for committee members to engage with indigenous colleges/groups to support tribal participation in the WDAFS meeting/ Boise
  - Make sure we have nominations for WDAFS awards
  - Student Colloquium will likely be held in Boise ahead of the annual meeting
  - Snake River statement update
  - Reminder to submit articles of interest for The Tributary
  - WD is reviewing the need to continue with a Native Fish Committee at that level (ScCS)
  - WD annual budget includes planned spending from investment account (\$15K this year for support to Pacific Islands chapter and student travel support). They usually don't need to pull due to other items not being fully spent out.
  - Discussed parent society hosting for national meeting. Hosting chapter only gets 10%, it was changed from 25% of the profit.
- Emerging Technologies Information Systems registration and travel awards
  - Ended up with 4 complimentary passes
    - Sarah and Alex - virtual
    - Richard McConnel
    - Peter Stevens
    - Chris will be attending also

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

- Absent.

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

- Bi-monthly planning meetings
- DEI Communication workshop- searching for host/presenter
- Working on getting Abstract Management up and running for registration.

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

- Adrienne suggested “Dam Removal” program for a waiver or Tribal student scholarships.
- Larval Lamprey Id has left over funds but unknown if it could be used for Tribal members to have registration paid for by chapter.
- Claire will develop language for Tribal only waiver similar to “Dam Removal” or “Fish Out of Water” waiver, registration will be \$50. Will cap waiver requests at 10 and see registration demand.
- Claire suggested stating on website “Open until filled”.
- Claire presented at OSU Subunit group, will present at Mt Hood Community College next week.

- Olivia will be the Volunteer Coordinator for Annual Meeting.
- Working on language for Solicitation Letter.
- Auction and Raffle Committee now has 5 members.

**Student Representatives**

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

**Internal Director – Joe Lemanski**

- Working with Kate Self for the Scholarship Committee.
- Lots of questions this week regarding capacity at Eugene Hotel.

**External Director – Alex Harrison**

- Still looking for DEI Chair.
- Legislative Liaison has been created.

**Secretary – Sarah Sapienza**

- Created excel document for the current inventory of shirts and sweatshirts located at ODFW HQ.
- Adrienne and Sarah met with Cvent to discuss website and in person registration options.
- Will not have an app for phones but will have tablets for registration and be able to print badges right then.
- Updates to ORAFS Annual Meeting website is near going live.

**Treasurer – Adrienne Averett**

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Treasurers Report

1. Business Account Update

Checking Account Statement

<b>Beginning Balance (10/01/2022)</b>	<b>\$47,716.39</b>	
Deposits/Credits	\$0	
Debits	(\$0)	
Checks	(\$539.88)	Lemanski Fall Retreat Expenses
		Reimbursement
Transfers	(\$0)	
<b>Statement Balance (10/31/2022)</b>	<b>\$47,176.51</b>	

Available Funds

Balance as of (11/01/2022)	\$47,176.51	
Deposits/Credits	\$2000.00	DEI Scholarship Donation (D. Lassuy)
Debits	(\$0)	
Checks	(\$0)	
Transfers	(\$0)	
<b>Available Funds as of 11/10/2022</b>	<b>\$49,176.51</b>	

**FY23 Operating Budget Cap = \$58,994.06**

2. Incoming Restricted Funds

- Due to market performance this year, Denny Lassuy donated an additional \$2,000 for the FY23 DEI Scholarship Award.

3. Legislative Liaison (Workplan/Budget Item 2.1.a)

- Troy is coordinating with TWS to hire a joint ORAFS-TWS Legislative Liaison, Jack Dempsey, for the 2023 Legislative Session (long session). \$6K of the allocated \$8K will be needed for contract expenses during FY23 (January – April).
- We will need to allocate \$11K in the FY24 budget for the remainder of the 2023 Legislative Session (May – July 2023) and the 2024 Legislative Session (January – April 2024).

4. Taxes

- Lyssa Kemper (Accountant, Owner Virago Consulting) is wrapping up our FY22 taxes and will be filing them in a few weeks. She notified me today that she has closed her business and provided recommendations for finding another accountant for the FY23 tax season. I hope to find a replacement by the end of the calendar year.

Adjourned 4:59 PM