



*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 11, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Michele Weaver – President-Elect, Gary Vonderohe – President, Chris Hirsch – Past President, Kate Self – Vice President, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Jorden Smith – Treasurer, Joe Lemanski – Internal Director, Alex Harrison – External Director, Tjaden Archer – OSU Student Subunit

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

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

- Chris moved to approve the December Minutes as edited and submitted and Jorden seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

**Main topics of conversation**

- Oregon Lakes Association letter for Wild and Scenic River (lakes)
  - Gary spoke with District Biologists, and it was discussed that Management actions could happen if an illegal introduction occurred.
- Alex moved that ORAFS refrain from signing the Oregon Lakes Association letter for Wild and Scenic River (lakes) and Joe seconded the motion. There was a discussion and the motion passed.
- Chapter logo update
  - Another submission- A total of four have been received, more submissions are pending.
- Operating Budget – check in on spending
  - \$6,000 left over from the legislative liaison.
  - Potential for hiring a graphic designer to develop new ORAFS Chapter logo. Options include taking and acknowledging the member designed logos and having a designer update. Will be notifying the members that have created Chapter logos that ExCom is going in a different direction and will gift swag.
  - ACTION: Michele will contact Patrick regarding creating an updated ORAFS logo.

- Jorden motioned to spend up to \$1,500 for the updating of the ORAFS logo and Tjaden seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.
- Joe discussed having more ORAFS exposure for other colleges and universities across the state and the potential for creating an ORAFS internship from the additional disbursement fund. It could have the potential to use excess funds for scholarships if two candidates are very strong. Michele noted that the ORAFS Scholarships are open to all on the chapter site.

### **Officer Reports**

#### **President – Gary Vonderohe**

- See above.

#### **Past President – Chris Hirsch**

- Membership voting for new ExCom.
  - All candidates have submitted their statements and are in the Pictorial Press.
  - Gary discussed using Election Buddy to vote for candidates and the possibility to put in the Operating Budget for every year. **ACTION: Chris will research using Election Buddy as a voting method.**

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

- 2024 Annual Meeting Planning updates
  - Planning team file
    - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1r7WAnHGzdzyxzoUQoNqswaiR3c3W0CN8?usp=sharing>
  - Number of student volunteers needed for Annual Meeting. Total of 38 volunteers, no more volunteers needed. Will discuss more at next Fall Retreat for the ideal number of volunteers.
  - How to advertise Annual Meeting sponsors and vendors (Gary bringing up topic)
    - Michele suggested having a slide for each room that has the logos for the sponsors and vendors to give more exposure.
  - Annual Meeting Plenary dinner with ExCom will occur on Tuesday night. Will start researching restaurants.
  - Six zoom accounts are needed for live streaming.
  - Discussed the ORAFS/ORTWS Liaison position met with TWS and agreed to revive position, there is potential for crossover. Off season DEI workshop could be attended by TWS. Derek Broman has agreed to be the ORAFS/ORTWS Liaison.

#### **Vice President – Kate Self**

- Potential Bylaw changes
  - Updated student subunit verbiage.
  - Michele motioned to send the potential bylaw changes for membership for voting at the end of the 30 day period and **Kate?** seconded the motion.

- Admin handbook updates
  - Will look over the updates before the next ExCom meeting.
- Instagram hostage update
  - Discussion of a better way to store passwords and two factor authentication. Possibly a cheap cell phone could be used for the storing of passwords and authentication for only ORAFS ExCom.

### **Student Representatives**

- OSU update – Tjaden Archer:
  - First meeting of the new term
    - Current pending events are the Native Fish Committee meeting and a Fish print workshop.
    - Working with getting more OSU students to the Annual Meeting.

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

- Non-Riverview rooms are being booked up, working with hotel staff to open up more GSA rooms.

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

- No updates.

### **Secretary – Sarah Sapienza**

- Meeting minutes have been added to the ORAFS website.

### **Treasurer – Jordan Smith**

- Treasurer’s Report
- CTA Reporting
- UO payment from Annual Meeting 2023
  - Proposed late fee due to non-payment.
- K-12 Grant Money
- IRS lost the packet again. Pending updates.

**ORAFS Executive Committee  
10 Jan 2024  
Treasurer's Report**

**Checking Account Statement**

<b>Beginning Balance (12/01/2023)</b>	<b>\$32120.30</b>	
Deposits/Credits	\$4,900.00	Native Fish Award Donations, Jerry Bouck Scholarship Donation
Debits	(\$5,466.30)	PO Box, Lanyards, I-pad cases, Fliplet App, Jerry Bouck Scholarship Donation to Investment Account
Checks	(\$2,382.31)	Native Fish Award, WDAFS Retreat Reimbursement, MHCC Student Subunit
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
<b>Statement Balance (12/31/2023)</b>	<b>\$29,171.69</b>	

**Available Funds**

<b>Beginning Balance (01/01/2024)</b>	<b>\$32,120.30</b>	
Deposits/Credits	\$4902.65	Cvent, Native Fish Award Donations
Debits	(\$398.86)	Badge Sleeves, Website Domain
Checks	(\$21.29)	Native Fish Award
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
<b>Statement Balance (01/10/2024)</b>	<b>\$33,654.19</b>	

Adjourned 5:08 PM