



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 9, 2023, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

In attendance: Gary Vonderohe – President, Michele Weaver– President-Elect, 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, Emma Schaffers – Mt Hood Student Subunit

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

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

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

Main topics of conversation

- WDAFS Workplan for western division. Asked chapters to provide info for Western Division newsletter.
- Will put information on Annual Meeting to the Tributary (Western Division newsletter).
- Shared ideas between the chapters.
- Going to share the Annual Meeting Handbook with the Alaska Chapter.
- Some chapters use Black Friday deals to purchase for the Auction and Raffle fundraising.
- Possibly send the Best Student Paper winner to AFS meeting in Honolulu for a “Best of the West” symposium of best student papers in Western Division.
- Possible travel grants from Western Division for students to go to Honolulu ? What would the options be?
- Write up of why membership is important with multiple viewpoints for Piscatorial Press.
- Proposal for disbursement of spending, \$35K
 - Update banners and logos
 - Best Paper send to Honolulu
 - 6K for K-12 Grants, for a total of 10K (4K already budgeted)
 - DEI trainings

- New logo swag to membership at next Annual Meeting
- Also 60th Anniversary swag with custom logo swag for this year Annual Meeting. (Sili pints, dry bags).
- ACTION: Jordan and Helena will coordinate request for adding disbursement for Carl Bond scholarship, \$5K.
- Possibly cover registration for students that are AFS Members, would still need to pay for banquet and hotel rooms. (Since registration is up and running this probably won't work)
- Does the disbursements need to be used before next years Annual Meeting? Could the funding be used for next years meeting if what it is identified for be applied?
- Rationale needed for the Financial Sustainability Committee.
- Received 3 new logo designs with the American Fisheries Society national level included with the ORAFS logo.
- Tjaden motioned to support letter to Senator Wyden for the protection for Scenic Lakes, Michele seconded the motion. Jordan motioned table until December's meeting, Kate seconded the motion. There was a discussion about some of the uncertainties of the Oregon Lakes letter and if this would effect management in the future. More research is needed., is there an Executive Summary. A meeting was suggested with Ivan Arismendi or Theo Dreher to have more questions answered before ExCom gives their support.

Officer Reports

President – Gary Vonderohe

- WDAFS Mid monthly meeting.
 - See above for updates.

Past President – Chris Hirsch

- 2024-25 ExCom recruitment-
 - Call to serve sent out to all ORAFS members via email.
- Vendor sponsor letters updated. Ready to be sent out. ACTION: Chris will look into vendors that are normally at the Idaho Annual Meeting due to the dates being in other months this year.

President-Elect – Michele Weaver

- 2024 Annual Meeting Planning updates
 - Planning team file - [https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IAFm6zVSNFk-rYdaumyfldyJBpI5mJSv/edit?usp=drive link&oid=104877884719263382265&rt_pof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1IAFm6zVSNFk-rYdaumyfldyJBpI5mJSv/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=104877884719263382265&rt_pof=true&sd=true)
 - First Abstract has been submitted on the Abstract Submission site.
 - Pictures added to Google Drive for adding to website. ACTION: Discussion of Picture Policy Disclaimer for photo being taken at meeting registration. Work on taking more curated pictures without people in them. Annual Meeting pictures from last year added the Annual Meeting folder from last year.

Vice President – Kate Self

- Kate will be attending the OSU student subunits in December.
- Will also will be attending the Mt Hood student subunits in December also.
- ACTION: Kate will work on getting the student scholarship plaques names added, these plaques are in Corvallis now.
- Potential Bylaw changes, easiest route could be to have two student reps for different schools (OSU and Mt Hood). Change has to go to membership for 30 day comment period. Potential for the finalization of it in February to vote for all members.
- Admin Handbook updates.

Student Representatives

- OSU update – Tjaden Archer:
 - State of the Coast was highly enjoyable, saw many talks that would likely be good at the annual meeting.
 - Student Subunit completed a scotch broom removal with USFS botanist David Hill out at Cascade Head national wayside on October 28th.
 - Events for the winter are being planned right now, including an educational opportunity with the Portland Audubon in collaboration with Bird Nerds (fellow OSU club).
 - Presented to FW 107 (freshman required class for FWCS major) about the student subunit on Tuesday evening, including encouraging students to go to ORAFS meeting for their internship requirement.
 - Changed FW Club bylaws to remove requirement regarding society membership, still including incentive.
 - Do we have a lower rate for non-profits to reserve a table at the annual meeting?
 - Asking Oregon chapter of TU if they wish to have a table at the annual meeting, including representatives from the different city/region chapters.
 - Do we ever have watershed councils come table at the annual meetings?
- Mt Hood update – Emma Schaffers:
 - Student Sub-unit had Halloween party with movie viewing.
 - 11/9/23 -Guest speakers and presentation from Washington County Fly Fishers concerning scholarships they offer, and discussion with them about future collaboration between their organization and the MHCC student subunit.

Internal Director – Joe Lemanski

- Registered for PTAGIS workshop.
- Will work with Treasurer to get payment for the vendor table.

External Director – Alex Harrison

- External Committee contacts are updated.
- Discussed funding for Fish Culture and Fish Culture Conference meeting attendance. Discussed how to divide up funds for students to attend, located in Boise, ID.

Secretary – Sarah Sapienza

- Met with Kate and Michele last week and noted inventory for the Auction and Raffle.
- Registration site is live and abstract submission site has been updated.
- Will be contacting the webmaster to get minutes added to the ORAFS site.

Treasurer – Jordan Smith

- Tax update: still receiving incoming fees from IRS.

**ORAFS Executive Committee
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Treasurer's Report**

1. Business Account Update

Checking Account Statement

Beginning Balance	\$36,007.12	
(10/01/2023)		
Deposits/Credits	\$0.00	
Debits	(\$0.00)	
Checks	(\$2,318.35)	Fall Retreat Mileage Reimbursement, AFS Profession Certification Reimbursement, I- Pad and Printer Reimbursement, 2024 AM Logo
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
Statement Balance	\$33,688.77	
(10/31/2023)		

Available Funds

Beginning Balance (11/01/2023)	\$33,688.77	
Deposits/Credits	\$0.00	
Debits	(\$0.00)	
Checks	(\$291.86)	Fall Retreat Food Reimbursement
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
Statement Balance	\$33,396.91	
(11/09/2023)		

FY24 Operating Budget Cap = \$53,577.61

Adjourned 4:58 PM