



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, March 21 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, Alex Harrison – External Director, Joe Lemanski – Internal Director

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

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

- Joe moved to approve the February Minutes as submitted and Kate seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

Main topics of conversation

- New Chapter logo - decision time
 - Very close on votes., slightly more votes to Option 2 (state shape with ORAFS)
 - ACTION: Gary will ask Lauren to make a couple more changes before selecting a final.
- Chapter By-law change update
 - Gary sent the by-law changes to Randy Schultz to check for consistency with Society By-laws. Then it will need to be approved by the management committee.
- Spring Retreat dates April 19-21, house is booked near Welches.
- 2026 Western Division meeting hosted by Oregon.
 - Travel PDX is on standby waiting for us to initiate a request for proposals for local venues.
 - Discuss the possibility of Riverhouse or other Oregon locations. U of O Law School may be possible.
- Spring Piscatorial Press needs.

Officer Reports

President – Gary Vonderohe

- See above.

Past President – Chris Hirsch

- **ACTION: Chris will work up Thank You letters to vendors.**

President-Elect – Michele Weaver

- Annual Meeting brief recap - will go over in depth at the ExCom Spring retreat.
- Wind Energy Letter - did that get sent? - Yes, Troy submitted the letter.

Vice President – Kate Self

- Ready to get an updated Instagram account started.
- Kate is going to the WA/BC/Idaho meeting.
- Working with Emma and Tjaden to have a smooth transition with the new Student Subunit representatives.

Student Representatives

- OSU update – Tjaden Archer: Absent
- Mt Hood CC update – Emma Schafers: Absent

Internal Director – Joe Lemanski

- Met with Stephanie Messerle this week, started information transfer and position overview.
- Received master bill from Riverhouse 3/20/24, will review soon.
- Need to review contract for payment dates and see if a grace period is allowable due to bill getting to us so late.
- Need to follow up with meeting metrics.
- Check awards info with Brian.

External Director – Alex Harrison

- Still working on identifying a committee chair for Marine Habitat and Ecology.
- Need for a new Legislative Committee chair - Troy looking to step out of this role soon.
- Fish culture would like to request additional funds in next year's budget for a workshop and additional student support (\$2,500 total, up from \$1,000).
- Online merch option?

Secretary – Sarah Sapienza

- **ACTION: Sarah is finalizing the Annual Meeting business meeting notes to be sent out soon.**

Treasurer – Jorden Smith

- Treasurer's Report
- Chasing down the rest of the registration payments. Cvent shuts down after the meeting, so people can't log in and pay there.

**ORAFS Executive Committee
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Treasurer's Report**

1. Business Account Update

Checking Account Statement

Beginning Balance (02/01/2024)	\$40,463.23	
Deposits/Credits	\$28,540.86	AM Cvent & Other Registration Dues, AM Auction/raffle/swag/cornhole income, AM Sponsorships
Debits	(\$4,643.26)	AM App, AM beverages, AM Swag, AM storage boxes, AM Cash Withdrawal, AM Plenary dinner
Checks	(\$8,581.93)	AM deposit, Accountant, AM reimbursements, AM Framing, AM beverages, Early Career Professional Lodging Reimb,
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
Statement Balance (02/29/2024)	\$55,778.90	

Available Funds

Beginning Balance (03/01/2024)	\$55,778.90	
Deposits/Credits	\$59,044.07	AM Cvent & Other Registration Dues, AM Auction/raffle/swag/cornhole income
Debits	(\$1,698.38)	AM App, Spring Retreat Lodging
Checks	(\$17,823.99)	Early Career Professional Lodging Reimb, AM DEI Workshop, AM Band, AM Reimb, AM Beverages, Scholarships, Cvent contract overage, AM plaques, AM Plenary Honorarium
Transfers	(\$0.00)	

Statement \$95,300.60
Balance
(03/21/2024)

Adjourned at 4:30