



*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, July 11, 2024, 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

**In attendance:** Cory Sipher– President-Elect, Michele Weaver– President, Gary Vonderohe – Past President, Sarah Sapienza – Secretary, Jordan Smith – Treasurer, Roberto Ponce – OSU Student Subunit, Elizabeth Grassl – MHCC Student Subunit

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

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

- Gary moved to approve the June Minutes as submitted and Sarah seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion passed.

**Main topics of conversation**

- See below.

**Officer Reports**

**President – Michele Weaver**

- Action Item from June: Review the 2022 draft handbook, make necessary edits by July monthly meeting and someone will make final edits by August. Postponed another month (edits due Aug 8).
- Action Item from June/and follow up email: Discuss and vote on edits to work plan and budget following some clarifications received from accountant and financial sustainability committee.
- Gary motioned to approve the revision Work Plan and Budget and Cory seconded the motion, there was no discussion and the motion passed.
- Action Item from June/and follow up email: Discuss venue options for the 2026 WDAFS meeting.
  - Hilton Downtown and Holiday Inn Hayden Island are top options for location.
  - Access to public transportation and downtown vs the really a unique location.
  - Room block will take up whole establishment in Holiday Inn Hayden Island but other hotel options are on Hayden Island.

- Discussion of possible hiring shuttle for Hayden Island location for ease of attendees going to downtown Portland.
- NOTE: For future ORAFS Annual Meeting: Holiday Inn Hayden Island is ideal location.
- Elizabeth attended the Cadet/Captain this past AM and suggested: Meeting in room ahead of time at start of AM for students to meet all captains, not just assigned captain.
- Jim Lichatowich - celebration of life and memorial in the next Pictorial Press and posted to website - <https://orafs.org/in-memoriam/>
- WDAFS ExCom meeting news:
  - mostly preparing for HI AFS.
  - request for help with a membership push, email sent out to all members that didn't renew their membership from last year.

#### **ORTWS Liaison – Derek Broman**

- MOA with American Foresters, the next meeting will be at the Salem Convention Center.
- Workshop scheduled in December for writing, scheduled to be online, four days for a couple hours.
- Student Affairs Committee is seeking more opportunities for connection of retired professionals and students.

#### **Past President – Gary Vonderohe**

- Working on the printing of ORAFS new banners.
- Fall retreat dates- Checking to see if September or August would be better.

#### **President-Elect – Cory Sipher**

- 2025 meeting planning
  - Plenary –Contacting multiple people and in discussion, working on confirming dates with speakers. Brainstorming on two speakers for 45 minutes each or three speakers for 30 minutes. Possibly Aparna Bamzai-Dodson.
  - Invocation—Corey will contact person from previous Annual Meeting.
  - Some people have responded about being a part of the Annual Meeting planning team.

#### **Vice President – Kate Self**

- Absent.

#### **Student Representatives**

- OSU update – Roberto Valez
  - No updates.
- Mt Hood CC update – Elizabeth Grassl

- Internship pictures and posts for the subunit. Possible information to add to the Pictorial Press in the future.

**Internal Director – Stephanie Messerle**

- Absent.

**External Director – Amy Unthank**

- DEI Committee information request from WDAFS on 6/30/24.
- DEI trainer has committed and details are coming.
- Absent.

**Secretary – Sarah Sapienza**

- Received updated membership list for June. Will be sending to ORAFS webmaster.

**Treasurer – Jorden Smith**

- Treasurer’s Report (see below).

**ORAFS Executive Committee  
11 July 2024  
Treasurer's Report**

**Checking Account Statement**

<b>Beginning Balance</b> <b>(06/01/2024)</b>	\$55,007.14	
Deposits/Credits	\$17,231.39	Disbursement, Membership dues
Debits	(\$526.40)	154th AFS meeting flights
Checks	(\$3,470.54)	Fish culture committee scholarship, K-12 grant, MHCC subunit
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
<b>Statement Balance</b> <b>(06/30/2024)</b>	<b>\$68,241.59</b>	

**Available Funds**

<b>Beginning Balance</b> <b>(07/01/2024)</b>	\$68,241.59	
Deposits/Credits	\$0.00	
Debits	(\$0.00)	
Checks	(\$959.93)	Best student paper flights and registration reimbursement.
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
<b>Statement Balance</b> <b>(07/11/2024)</b>	<b>\$67,281.66</b>	

Adjourned at 4:13 PM