



# Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society

## ExCom Monthly Call Agenda

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

### **Call to Order/Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum\*– Cory Sipher**

\*4 officers including president, 3:05 pm

Adjourned at 4:31 PM.

### **VOTE**

### **ACTION**

Need info filled in or checked

**\*TASK Michele Weaver may need to run next meeting since it is during National AFS.**

**Present:** Cory Sipher– President, Michele Weaver– Past President, Kelcee Smith – President Elect  
Karah Roof – Vice President, Katie Woodside – Secretary, Gina Maag-Klobas– Internal Director, Jorden Smith – Treasurer, Amy Unthank – External Director called in late ~3:35 pm.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes - Katie Woodside**

**KATIE TASK: Resend May 2025 minutes. And Spring Retreat minutes, Annual Business Meeting minutes.**

### **Officer Updates:**

#### **Past President -Michele Weaver**

- OR AFS Strategic Plan update
  - No previous polls were conducted with membership for input
  - Asked Peter and Becky if required membership vote, neither recalled that it got sent out for vote
  - It is an ExCom driven plan, Internal process
  - @ next Business Meeting will inform membership on plan
  - **TASK Call out in Next Piscatorial Press for suggestions**
  - Include National AFS link, background and purpose
    - If we mention that we are modeling changes off of National AFS, we may want to mention that we are not removing DEIA language unless we hear about participation exclusion based on website language
    - Some Chapters have renamed Committees

- Hutton Scholar had to reword language removing “diversity” to receive federal grant money

### President –Cory Sipher

- **TASK: Cory will send out links to year’s worth of next meetings.**
- ORAFS Strategic Plan 2026-2030 [Link](#) (AFS Strategic Plan 25-29 [Link](#))
  - AFS Strategic Plan will be reviewed at National Business Meeting
  - Cory has powerpoint comparing big goals between AFS and OR AFS, below are screenshots

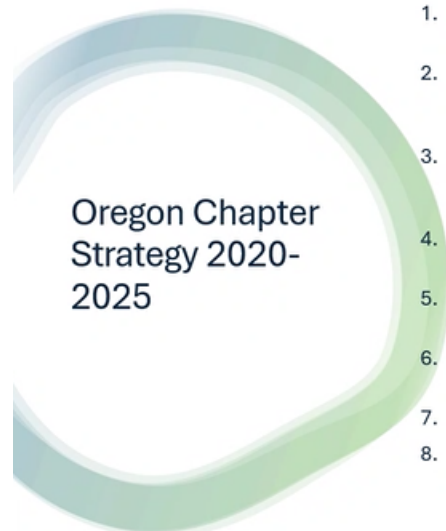
AFS 2020-2024 strategy

1. Advance fisheries disciplines, conservation, and management.
2. Develop fisheries professionals.
3. Communicate the importance of the implications of fisheries science for informing effective management and policy and the value of aquatic habitat and fisheries disciplines.
4. Increase diversity among fisheries professionals and promote an inclusive environment in AFS.
5. Provide effective governance of AFS and high-quality service to AFS’ members.

AFS 2025-2029 *draft* strategy

1. Promote fisheries conservation with science-based research, aquaculture practices, and effective resource management.
2. Provide effective governance at all levels of AFS.
3. Foster a respectful and welcoming environment within AFS to broaden participation and enhance representation among fisheries professionals.
4. Provide professional development opportunities to members.

<https://fisheries.org/2025/06/charting-the-course-for-the-american-fisheries-society-2025-2029-draft-strategic-plan/>



1. Develop programs that advance understanding of fishery science and responsible stewardship of fishery resources.
2. Advocate policies and laws that benefit the conservation and sustainability of Oregon fishery resources and their aquatic ecosystems.
3. Increase public awareness, understanding, and appreciation of fishery resources amongst chapter members and the general public.
4. Promote development of fishery and aquatic science students.
5. Support and encourage development of professional members.
6. Promote an inclusive fisheries professional environment to create and maintain diverse membership.
7. Maintain financial responsibility and investments.
8. Regularly assess Chapter and Executive Committee operational structure to optimize chapter productivity and efficiency.

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- See where we can improve and provide future flexibility
- These will drive Kelcee's work plan
- [Charting the Course for the American Fisheries Society: 2025-2029 Draft Strategic Plan - American Fisheries Society](#)
- WDAFS updates

#### **ORTWS Liason - Derek Broman**

- Not present

#### **President-Elect – Kelcee Smith**

- Michele Weaver can visit upcoming meeting space for visual and do introductions anytime
- 2026 Meeting Theme & Plenary Speakers
- **TASK Cory and Michele meet with Tim Copeland and Stev for Western Division Meeting next Tuesday June 17, 2025**
  - This will help establish different roles
  - Steve sent list of resources from CO Western Division meeting

#### **Vice President – Karah Roof**

- Bianca Wiens sent list of off-site suggestions to Cory
  - OR Zoo
  - OMSI
  - Willamette jet boats
  - Oaks amusement park
  - Birding tour
  - Spirit Boat
- SWAG suggestions
  - Reusable bag folds up in purse
- Switch to personal email for main email
- Discussed with Bianca about when they can attend one of their meetings
  - Will be when school in session
- Reached out to Roberto and Bianca to ask about potential alternatives to individual plaques
  - Perpetual plaque at the school
  - Certificate to frame (by us or individual)
  - Awards page on the website

- Instead of physical award, have on Chapter Website (list of names currently)
  - Michele would like to build Awards page on website, something more elaborate than list of names.
  - This is still a discussion for options, not ready for assignment

### **Student Representatives -**

- Not present (Bianca Wiens and Roberto Ponce-Velez)

### **Internal Director – Gina Maag-Klobas**

- 2027 \$1,000 invoice for signing fee (forwarded link for Jorden to pay)
  - Riverhouse sent link, link expired while Jorden was on vacation
  - TASK: Will send new link soon
- Cheryl compiling options for 2028 conference (Salem convention center, Eugene, Bend, and Newport) **TASK: Add Corvallis and Seaside**
  - Could mention Corvallis bc Michele mentioned too small, but can add to list if we want
  - LaSalle alumni center may work, **TASK check for upgrades**
  - Previously we had up to 500 attendees
  - Add Seaside convention center (**TASK upgrades? Rooms shabby? Noise barriers?**)
- Fall retreat
  - Where do we want retreat?
    - **TASK for all: Let Gina know preference for location and ideas**
    - **TASK: Gina will look into spots/options at various locations**
    - Cory suggests middle spot for Jorden and Amy
      - Hood River?
      - Bend?
      - Sunriver?
      - Eagle Crest?
      - Sisters?
  - Cory, Kelcee, Michele discuss fall retreat topics
    - Such as updating plans
  - Do we want to be near Portland so we can preview venue?
    - Since we are part of planning team, Michele doesn't feel we need group site visit
- Google form poll for fall 2025 retreat (Karah, Jorden, and Katie need to respond)
  - **Oct 24 thru Oct 26 looks best for most (works for Katie, Jorden, and Karak)**
    - **Decided**
  - Nov 12 thru Nov 14 (no Kelcee, she can make November if absolutely needed)

### **External Director – Amy Unthank**

- Inquired about what grants and education committee put together
- Next Piscatorial Press should be soon
- Marine Committee lead is vacant
  - Eric Anderson willing to help
  - **Amy TASK: Will send email to Karah so Karah can get tied into OSU club so there can be connection for non AFS**
  - Workshop students
    - Posters: how to write good abstract
    - Communication in science

- Art workshop
- Tidepool field trip

### **Secretary – Katie Woodside**

- AMY TASK: Updates website Committee Chairs and new contact info
- Katie TASK: Can put link to page and screen shot and info on our webpage on how to pay, Membership update, highlight process there
- Issue is that Chapters are losing money
- Issue is with renewing members
- No issue with new memberships (confirmed by Gina)
- Kelcee's ideas
  - Go back to original process
  - Have section that leads to list of chapter or links that lead directly lead to our Chapter website
    - Jorden – we don't have a registration option on our website for ORAFS member
    - Main issue is that then folks could be a Chapter member without being a National member

### **Treasurer – Jorden Smith**

- Submitted Taxes to Accountant
  - Have one tax document we haven't received
- Mail forwarding
  - Paid \$1 for 6 months forwarding, received welcome packet
- Needs DEI workshop payment schedule
  - Half due, TASK: Amy will follow up with Guillermo
- CVENT
  - \$2500 bill, but we have paid in full same amount so unclear if we were billed twice or if two different amounts were the same. Jorden found email chains that are conflicting. Two different documents documenting in 2022 files. Has some info indicating change in total. Adrian said she approved change for increase, but then there is another email indicating overpayment that means that we don't owe anything. We have invoices, invoice numbers, and partial spreadsheet (overpayments would be difficult to track). Adrian and Chris may have info (previous Treasurers). Called CVENT who supplied email contacts.
    - Should we pay?
    - TASK: Contact Chris and Adrian first.
    - If no illuminating information, Michele leans towards payment.
    - Jorden would like to summarize all our payments prior to any Teams meetings to ask direct questions to receive direct answers.
      - Kelcee: Could CVENT provide list of all payments?
- Expecting another \$8,000 to \$10,000. We may need to request money so we don't go below amount required in account without receiving charges
- Company Pacific Corrugated Pipe needs invoice that was going to employee's personal email address. Below is vendor's work email. Has been vendor for last 4 years.
  - Tim Hahn - **thahn@pcpipe.com**

### **ORAFS Executive Committee**

**11 June 2025**  
**Treasurer's Report**

**Checking Account Statement**

**Beginning Balance            \$37,215.67**  
**(05/01/2025)**

Deposits/Credits            \$0.00

Debits    (\$3,862.90)    AM Wine, WDAFS Sponsorship, Website, WDAFS Student Hotel

Checks    (\$8,567.95)    K-12 grants, Spring Retreat Reimb., Legislative Liaison

Transfers            (\$0.00)

Fees            (\$0.00)

**Statement Balance            \$24,784.82**  
**(05/31/2025)**

**Current Balance (6/11/2025) = \$18,258.72**

**Pending Balance = \$15,938.54**

