



Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society

ExCom Monthly Call Agenda

Wednesday, October 8, 2025 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

VOTE

ACTION

REVIEW FOR MISSING INFORMATION

Call to Order 3:02 PM

Additional Agenda Items/Establish a quorum*– Cory Sipher

*4 officers including president

Present: Cory Sipher, Michele Weaver, Kelcee Smith, Katie Woodside, Jordan Smith, Amy Unthank, Bianca Wiens, Adel Bordas, Karah Roof. Gina Maag-Klobas arrived at 3:21 pm.

Approval of Meeting Minutes - Katie Woodside

September 2025 Notes

Voted and Approved TASK: Katie will clean up notes and submit to website.

Annual Business Meeting

Reflects what was said at meeting, reflects what was actually at meeting

Jorden replaced treasurers report

Goes to members for vote

Could use new listserv to test link to notes with quick yes/no poll

Will wait to correct any comments to post to website

Annual Business Meeting Notes missing from 2023 and 2024

TASK: Katie look for approved notes from 2023 and 2024

Introductions since new individuals were on call.

Officer updates

Past President -Michele Weaver

- Transition to Google for non-profits
 - Everyone has logged in to new google workspace
 - Each account has workspace drive. There is also a shared group workspace drive.
 - Could use this opportunity to clean up old files
 - Need to make an official group decision to transition.
 - **TASK:** Decide this at retreat.
 - **TASK:** We should go through this at retreat to see different users view and access.

- o Treasurer has been maintaining thumb drive due to sensitivity of files
 - Jordan: Can secure files be uploaded to this drive? Michele: Unsure
- o Needs to test transfer of files from original google drive
 - We need to decide who has access to what files
 - Can send link and then once individual goes into it then permission will be requested
- o Google groups “OR AFS News” could be new listserv
 - Can send a test to sub group before sending test to whole listserv
 - This test will help provide instructions for posting
 - Group administrators: Weaver, Sipher, Ashley Sanders
 - Posting to whole group would need to go through admin
- o ORAFS emails will now go to google site, will no longer be forwarded
 - Can set up through own google profile to be forwarded

President –Cory Sipher

- Western Division call review - student subunits
 - o How are various chapters working with student subunits?
 - Involvement varies throughout year
 - Subunits are sometimes more social
 - Have a student social at Annual Meeting sponsored by student subunit
 - Most states are two to four reps per ExCom
- ORAFS Strategic Plan 2026-2030 **Link** (AFS Strategic Plan 25-29 **Link**)
- Sub-units reporting
 - o Each Chapter gives annual operating plan and activities to national chapter
 - How many registered in 2025 meeting?
 - How many attended in 2025? (we may not be able to access this info since changing over from ho-va)
 - A lot more student walk-ins in 2025
 - o Legislative report due in fall
 - TASK: Jordan needs to send final expenditure to Cory
- Planning and agenda for fall retreat
 - o AM planning driven
 - Gina working on carpool, meals, etc.
 - Initial details
 - Planning committee
 - **TASK: Cory will get out draft agenda**
 - Google workspace
 - Strategic plan
 - Registration costs, budget
 - Technical workshops, vendors, etc.
 - AV needs
 - Remote participation options
 - TASK: All send any topics to Cory
 - TASK: Cory will send out draft agenda and place in drive
- Annual Meeting
 - o How do we engage student programs or schools that lack fisheries specific or aquatic science programs?
 - This is difficult with scholarship access
 - Fliers of how students can join AFS (More info – Gina discussed flier)

- Bianca invited Karah to talk at student sub-unit. Wants to tie into OR AFS.
- Liz Perkins offered to join call to organize technical sessions, could be a future ExCom candidate

ORTWS Liason - Derek Broman

- Not present

President-Elect – Kelcee Smith

- Meeting with WD to kick off core planning meeting next week (Oct 14)
 - No announcement on dates in P.P. (Pisca Press) yet
 - Reached out to Elizabeth Wilson on logo and didn't hear back – TASK: Bianca will reach out with theme and request. Kelcee will let her know what logo needs to include.
 - Michele not available. Kelcee can fill in.
- 2026 WDAFS Meeting Update
 - Theme: [Power of Perspective](#)
 - [Planning Committees](#)
 - Order of sub-committees adjusted by Kelcee
 - Look for announcements in P.P., Tributary, and Fisheries (forthcoming)

Vice President – Karah Roof

- New OSU Student Reps.
 - Communication with Bianca and Adel
- Most discussions will take place at retreat

Student Representatives

- Adel (OSU)
 - Fish and Wildlife Club more of a social club, less fish representation
 - Will participate more at fall retreat
- Bianca (Mt. Hood)
 - Volunteer event Salmon Safe Certified Campus
 - Cleaning up bioswales, partnering with water soil conservation district in Oct
 - Guess speaker Oswego Lake watershed council, looking
 - Fish O ween, dress up as favorite fish
 - End of year party
 - Columbia kids fishing event
 - Fly-fish tying
 - Looking for guide for coastal trip educational component
 - Viewing Fish Wars Documentary

Internal Director – Gina Maag-Klobas

- Fall retreat is October 24th-26th in Sunriver! Michele and I went over the meal plan and shopping list: [Fall Retreat Planning.xlsx](#) **Please view this and adjust as needed.** If no one is a wine drinker, we'll remove that from the list. Carpooling: Cory, Katie, and Adel carpooling together? Kelcee, Gina, Michele, Karah, and Bianca all leaving from Clackamas/Sandy. Two cars? Shopping on the way. Staying in for meals to reduce budget and for more team bonding!

- o Friday: Pizza, Gina will do shopping Friday afternoon
- o Sat: Burrito Bowls, sandwiches
- o Sun: Eggs, lox
- o **TASK**: Gina will send out driving directions to email
- o Carpool arrangement:
 - Big group from Clackamas ODFW and Gina in Sandy
 - Cory, Katie, and Adel from Corvallis and Springfield
- Internal committees- Jen Bayer is the new scholarship committee Chair. Dylan O’Keefe taking over as co-chair with Brian Bangs for Awards.
- 2026 Annual conference:
 - o Need to print this in agenda
 - o Needs to be discussed on joint planning call
 - o Do we want to provide morning coffee refreshments for the conference?
 - o Add in happy hour for silent auction perusal (like at 2025 conference)?
 - o AV
 - Michele/Kelcee: Tim would like Sean Johnson as outside AV, but need to look at cost
 - Need to lock in pricing by end of year
 - We could hire hotel for AV cost in each room
 - Need to give 30 days advanced notice if using outside AV support and possible additional fee TASK: Gina will look into.
 - Cory: Teams?? Remote options?? Who running? Stacy again?
 - TASK: Kelcee adding back into planning committee
 - Michele: Maybe we should increase cost
 - Whova app built into schedule
 - Hybrid meeting integrated
 - Individual zoom accounts need to be linked
 - o Review budget as a team? At retreat? (due by end of October according to MOU). (Jordan inserted comments)
 - Review 6 months prior
 - Need to bring draft budget for approval
 - Need specific WD review for comped rooms
 - TASK: Jordan need to add Zoom back into budget

External Director – Amy Unthank

- Carpooling with Jordan from East Region to retreat
- **Need to find/outreach for a leader for the Climate Adaptation Committee.**
- Will check in with Guillermo to see how the DEI web trainings/presentations are going.
 - o Oct 29 next DEI meeting, Amy can follow up
 - o **TASK**: Amy will take training before retreat to fill us in
 - o Can put this in P.P. that this is available
- **Have committee leaders who will want to be involved in WD meeting sessions/plans so will focus on that to bring to Fall Retreat.**
- **Will follow up with Karen Hans to see if she has accepted transition to the Legislative Committee lead.**
- PP Edits
 - o Dylan reviewed past awards info for Gina
 - o Stacy still working on PP and waiting on submissions
 - o Stacy will send draft back for review

- Gina followed up on who DEI is targeting

Secretary – Katie Woodside

- **TASK:** Katie follow up with Brian Bangs on sharing his personal contact info with ExCom and send in email.

Treasurer – Jorden Smith

- WDAFS budget is in the works. Will schedule a small group review soon. Can we make time to discuss with everyone at the retreat?
 - o Waiting on food cost updates
 - o We need to make \$, registration fees could be increased or we may need to cut back on costs
- Treasurer’s report

**ORAFS Executive Committee
8 October 2025
Treasurer’s Report**

Checking Account Statement

Beginning Balance	\$22,384.34	
(09/01/2025)		
Deposits/Credits	\$0.00	
Debits	(\$39.95)	Website hosting
Checks	(\$301.00)	CT-12 (taxes)
Transfers	(\$0.00)	
Fees	(\$0.00) a	
Statement Balance	\$22,043.39	
(09/30/2025)		

Adjourn @ 4:36 PM