



**Agenda: 2016 Winter Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Nationwide & Ohio Farm Bureau 4-H Center—Columbus, Ohio
12:30 PM–1:30 PM, 29 January 2016**

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum

Tory Gabriel (TG) welcomed everyone and a quorum was established at 12:40 PM.

2. Welcome by President

3. Officer Reports

- a. President: Tory Gabriel, Ohio Sea Grant
TG deferred to Old Business
- b. President-Elect: Chris Mayer, University of Toledo
CM deferred to New Business
- c. Past President: Chris Winslow, Ohio Sea Grant
Nothing to report.
- d. Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Sovic, The Ohio State University
MS reported the current balance is \$6254.96, with a \$200 check outstanding. Recent expenditures include an award (\$200) to Rich Budnik, student at Bowling Green, for travel to the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, and a contribution to an AFS publication associated with the upcoming Musky symposium (\$200). He said if there is anyone who is not getting e-mails and thinks they should be to contact him.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Nick Radabaugh
NR reported that Holly Embke has volunteered to serve on the Ohio Fisheries Leadership committee. Kristi Arend raised an issue with Paypal recently – apparently folks were not able to pay dues through Paypal during early January. This problem is now fixed.
- b. Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig
EB was not present.
- c. Value of Membership: Chris Aman
CA will report on the election in New Business.
- d. Buckeye Student Subunit: Jake Marina
JM was not present.
- e. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports:
 - i. Centrarchid: Steve Tyszko
Ohio is wrapping up a largemouth bass research project this year.
 - ii. Esocid: Curt Wagner

Various Midwest chapters have donated ~\$6000 to date for the AFS special publication associated with the upcoming musky symposium – this is getting close to the target.

iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons

iv. Reservoir: Joe Conroy

v. Rivers & Streams: Jeremy Pritt

JP attended the NCD Rivers and Streams meeting at Midwest. There is an upcoming meeting on March 29&30 in Rock Island, Illinois, and they are looking for presenters at this meeting. This meeting is usually around 30-40 people. Information about the meeting will be on the NCD website. There seems to be some interest in getting a Rivers and Streams symposium and/or workshop together for the next Midwest meeting.

Curt Wagner noted there is a symposium being organized for AFS 2016 for stream Black Bass research and research methods.

vi. Salmonid: Kevin Kayle

vii. Walleye: Matt Faust

5. Old Business

a. President's 2015-2016 Initiatives

i. Strategic Plan

The Strategic Plan is very close to being completed – all comments are in and Joe C. is working on assembling this document and making sure it aligns with the NCD plan. TG will send an e-mail to the membership soon for a vote on the document.

ii. Meeting schedule

Had quarterly meetings during the past year, and a schedule for upcoming meetings has been established by the new meeting planning subcommittee. Curt Wagner reported a Sept. meeting is planned for this summer at Stone Lab. Feb. 2017 is a target for the next meeting after that. Joe Conroy talked to Indiana reps at the Midwest meeting and they expressed some interest in a joint meeting for 2017. They seemed interested, but they will not be able to stay out of state, so it would have to be in Indiana. Eagle Marsh was raised as one potential location to consider.

iii. Chapter listserv and OCAFS merchandise

The Chapter listserv is up to date, but no merchandise is currently available. In terms of the listserv, we will consider adding a link on the website that makes it easy for students to sign up as members.

b. Rocket Student Subunit update

Marty Simonson (MS) reported they recently got pending status as an official student group at Toledo, and expect final approval in the coming weeks. At that point they will submit a petition to the national society along with their constitution. Chris Winslow asked if students from outside of University of Toledo could be involved with this group. MS thought it was limited to UT students, but will verify.

6. New Business

- a. Skinner Fund request
TG received a request that OCAFS contribute to the Skinner Fund, which provides student travel funds for the AFS annual meeting. The solicitation was specifically for the Incredible Skinner Challenge, which aims to raise a total of \$75,000. The Education section has contributed \$25,000 and will match up to another \$25,000 that is contributed by state chapters. After discussion, Curt Wagner motioned to contribute \$250 to this fund, Chris Winslow seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- b. Past-President Recognition and Installation of President
Chris Mayer (CM) was installed as President for 2016-2017.
- c. President's 2016–2017 Initiatives: Chris Mayer
CM presented two new initiatives and plans to continue one.
 - 1.) Continue to keep Curt Wagner and Joe Conroy on the meeting planning subcommittee for the sake of continuity.
 - 2.) Increase student involvement. The Rocket subunit forming is one step, but maybe work on expanding this further. She also hopes to get more students involved in Chapter committees and activities, and to encourage students to more actively apply for awards from AFS including national, NCD, etc.
 - 3.) Work to increase institutional diversity so that the Chapter better includes representatives from other universities, federal agencies, etc. that are not currently represented.
- d. Installation of President-Elect
Chris Aman reported we had two nominees for president-elect this year: Steve Tyszko and Kristi Arend. Voting is now complete, and Kristi Arend won the election.

7.) Other Business

John Navarro noted that OCAFS offers a student award called the Milt Austin Award at the Ohio Academy of Science State Science Day in Columbus each year. This year the event is on May 14 (a Saturday), and judges from OCAFS will be needed. If anyone is interested, contact Eugene Braig.

Chris Winslow expects an aquaculture-related RFP soon through Sea Grant that will make \$3 million in research funds available. He said the aquaculture emphasis has previously been in marine systems, but there seems to be some effort/interest in expanding to freshwater systems, so he expects some of this money to go to those systems. He encouraged Ohio institutions to apply for these funds, and especially encouraged joint efforts between academia and agencies.

CA motioned to adjourn at 1:30.

Action Items

- 1.) Add committee report to future agendas for the meeting planning committee (Conroy and Wagner).
 - 2.) TG will send e-mail with strategic plan when it is completed and ready for a membership vote.
 - 3.) Consider adding an option to the website for students to register (Ohio Fisheries Leadership Committee?).
 - 4.) MS will send a check for the Skinner Fund award (\$250).
 - 5.) MS will check in to what past presidents did not get plaques, and will order those plaques.
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