

**2016 Fall Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Old Woman Creek**

1. A quorum was established at 1:05 PM on 12/1/2016. Attending in person were Curt Wagner (CW), Chris Aman (CA), Chris Mayer (CM), Kristi Arend (KA), and Jo Ann Banda (JB). Calling in were Tory Gabriel (TG), Joe Conroy (JC), and Nick Radabaugh (NR).
2. CM welcomed to Jo Ann Banda as the new Secretary/Treasurer
3. Officers Reported
 - a. President: Chris Mayer; UT
Deferred to New Business
 - b. President elect: Kristi Arend, OWC / OH-DNR
KA discussed efforts to reach out to a broader audience. She is hoping to meet with a fisheries biology student at the joint meeting to discuss possible participation in the diversity project that the student is working on or get ideas from her about reaching out to a broader audience. Let KA know if interested in attending that meeting. CM mentioned that one of the things that she put out as an initiative was to increase professional diversity (e.g., more students, universities, and agencies participation), as well as gender and ethnic diversity.
 - c. Past President: Tory Gabriel
TG had nothing new to report.
 - d. Secretary /Treasurer: Jo Banda USFWS
JB reported the balance on the September bank statement was \$5,855.33. On the statement was an expenditure of \$217 for student support to attend a Stone Lab Fish Sampling Workshop and a \$470 reimbursement of dues from the parent society.

JB also reported that she met with Mike Sovic (MS) last week to change the name on the Huntington account, but they were unable to do so at this time. She referred to the e-mail that MS sent to the board on November, 30, 2017, which said that we will have to register with the Ohio Secretary of State's office and get documentation from the IRS of our tax-exempt status before making changes to the account. Attached to the e-mail is the form that MS is willing to submit once we decide who will go on as the Statutory Agent. JB reported that during the

meeting with MS that he went over the secretary duties with her, gave her a box material, and provided her with the electronic files associated with the position.

JB said that she is aware that as secretary that she should take notes during the meeting and asked if it was acceptable to record the meeting for this purpose. CM said that it would be okay and no one objected.

JB is in contact with MS, who is helping with the transition.

4. Committee Reports

a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Nick Radabaugh

NR reported that the registration for the meeting went live and that the OCAFS home page has a link to the home page of the Indiana Chapter and links to the registration form and meeting announcement. NR is going to update the dates on the websites membership renewal page with 2017 dates.

NR requested that JB provide a picture and he will put her picture and contact information on the board members page. JB said that she will provide a picture to NR.

b. Education/continuing Education: Eugene Braig (EB)

EB was unable to attend the meeting but sent an e-mail on 12/1/2016. There was nothing new to report for the committee, but he thinks that we should consider sending out an e-mail to members about the existence of the standing committees to recruit potentially interested members. TG said that sent something out last year when he asked for assistance with the strategic plan and that a couple of the committees got an additional person. TG thought that it might be worth doing it again. CM has the e-mail list and will send out an e-mail.

c. Value of Membership: Chris Aman

CA deferred discussions about a new president elect and JB, as treasurer, needing to go through the election process next year to new business.

He reported that there is a new committee member from the Rocket sub-unit.

CA then deferred until old business.

d. Student Sub Units: Buckeye Subunit, James Glover and Rocket Subunit, Martin Simonson (MS)

MS of the UT Rocket sub unit sent CM an e-mail and reporting the following:

There are 21 members of the UT sub unit; most are graduate students, and about half are actively involved.

Their activities include a beach cleanup at Maumee Bay State Park on 9/17, with 11 attending; fish fry and raffle at the Lake Erie Center on 11/17, raising \$400 after expenses; campus river clean up on the Ottawa R. on 10/21, with a total of 25 UT students participating that included some club members and resulted in the removal of 150 lbs. of trash; and they are trying to set up a fly or ice fishing trip this winter or spring. MS would welcome suggestions for the fishing trip.

They reached out to BGSU, and 23 BG students sign up to receive e-mails. Some of the BG students came to the fish fry. CM does not think that BG students can official join because the UT sub group is an official UT organization, but they are at networking with the BG students. CM said that there is some interest in an undergrad sub unit at BG.

There was no treasury report for the sub unit, as they just got is a new secretary.

They will be picking up an undergraduate sponsor for student AFS membership.

The club may be able to make some travel awards for AFS or IAGLR.

There was discussion about the club being very active and very student driven. CW suggested that it would be a good idea for MS to start grooming a successor to continue the success of the club.

e. Meeting Planning: Curt Wagner and Joe Conroy

- i. CW and JC gave an update on the 2017 joint meeting in IN: He said that planning is going well and that it has been great working with the Indiana chapter.

The meeting will be a half day on Wednesday, all day Thursday, and a half day on Friday. Wednesday and Thursday will consist of be plenary speakers, talks, and chapter meetings. There will be a dinner, poster social, and student raffle Wednesday evening and dinner at a restaurant in downtown Muncie Thursday evening. Friday Jason Doll at Ball State is doing an R workshop. CM will send out more details in an e-mail to the membership on 12/2/2016.

The student sub units will provide transportation for the Wednesday social.

One of the planning committee members is taking care of the student end of things and will make sure the various student sub units get together.

CW passed out a budget handout that included various cost and income scenarios based on the number of attendees (i.e., 100 or 120 attendees), which was the number of attendance at the other two joint meetings. He said that the meeting may end up costing a little more than the last two meetings and that we may go into the red (by about \$500 for each chapter if 100 attend), but he mentioned that \$2,732 of the current OCAFS balance is income from previous meetings and that those funds should be used on like kind expenses (i.e., could be used to cover any loss). CW said that if we get a large amount of excess money JB can work with the State's Office and look into that requirement further, but for the context of this meeting we are okay going into the red because we have that money. He said that on the other hand if 120 people attend, there will be an income of over \$440 per chapter. He stated that we might need to use the \$2,700 if there was bad weather or was some reason that we had far fewer attendees, but pointed out that the registration is non-refundable and would help offset some of the costs. The bottom right side of the handout is associated with internal discussions about whether or not to charge a workshop fee. CW said that both Indiana and Ohio are okay with the current projections. JC added that those costs would fluctuate if people did not stay for dinner on Thursday and breakfast on Friday and that there is a little bit of slush, but that's why it is essential to know what peoples plan to do by Mid-January.

JC said that there will be a maximum of 22 presentations, and thus far two abstracts had been submitted. If more than 22 abstracts are submitted, presenters will be asked to present a poster. It was mentioned that most abstracts don't come in until close to the submission deadline. The abstract submission deadline is January 6, and the early registration deadline is January 15. It was discussed that the abstract deadline could be extended and that it has always been extended in the past. JC said that he would encourage people to get things in and that if someone wanted to send him a title and list of authors that he could use it as a placeholder. JC reiterated that the registration stuff is live on the website and said that the abstracts will go directly to him. It was discussed that there is also a printable form that can be used. CW said that they will probably put out a reminder around Christmas or the New Year.

Future meetings were discussed. JC brought up that the joint meetings held every other year were going well and that the smaller meeting in Columbus went well. He thinks the joint meetings every other year and doing a smaller meeting in the other years is worthwhile. He said that the plan is to do another joint meeting in 2019 with Michigan or

Kentucky. There was discussion about skipping the 2021 meeting as the 2020 AFS meeting will be held in Columbus in August or September. KA suggested that we have a meeting at the AFS meeting in Columbus, and CW pointed out that we would still need to have a winter meeting but that it just would not be a joint meeting. The Lake Erie Center was suggested as a venue for a future in-state meeting.

TG and CM have not heard from anyone at AFS about the 2020 meeting in Columbus in a while. It was suggested that as the time gets closer to that meeting, we might want to create a subcommittee. It also was mentioned if the chapter participates part of the money from that meeting goes to the chapter.

f. North Central Division (NCD) Technical Committee (TC) Reports:

i. Centrarchid; Steve Tyszko

Nothing was reported.

ii. Esocid; Curt Wagner

CW reported that there was a Muskie symposium in Twin Cities in March and that manuscripts from the symposium have been submitted, and they are in various stages of review and revision. There will be an AFS special publication, which will probably be out at the end of 2017.

CW also reported that folks from WV started an Esocid committee within the southern division of AFS. They have engaged the NCDs Esocid Technical Committee (ETC) and there has already been engaging e-mail exchanges. There also is an ETC member from the southern division represented on the NCDs ETC.

iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons (ES)

ES sent CM an e-mail saying there hasn't been any meetings and that there is nothing to report.

iv. Reservoir: Joe Conroy

JC reported that there is a special symposium with 7-8 talks at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (MFWC) on February 6, that will start off with the plenary presentation by Jeff Boxrucker and that there will be a NCD mainstream one page newsletter. There also will be a site visit to a habitat restoration site outside of Lincoln at the meeting.

v. Rivers and Streams: Jeremy Pritt (JP)

Nothing was reported.

vi. Salmonid: Kevin Kayle (KK)

KK reported via e-mail that there has been no activity in the NCD Salmonid Technical Committee in about a decade. He doesn't know if it is still on the NCD books and thinks that most of the Great Lakes activities are being covered under the auspices of Lake Committees and Task Groups at the Great Lakes Fishery Commission. JC said that they are reviewing the by-laws for the NCDs and that there was talk about disbanding a couple of the committees at the MFWC business meeting last year. JC expects that sometime soon several committees will be removed and that salmonids will be one of those that are removed. JC noted that the salmonids TC does have money and could do something if they wanted, but that everyone seems to agree that everything is being done by the lake committees.

vii. Walleye: Mathew Faust (MF)

MF reported via e-mail that he is working on the walleye TC report due in January.

5. Old Business

a. CM thanked CA for finding out the process for getting a new treasurer.

b. Voting procedure for student sub-units

CM said that it is clear that there is only one vote for all students of sub-units. CA motioned that we modify our procedures list so that if student sub-unit is present at a governing board meeting that they get to vote and that if more than one sub unit is present that they draw lots to determine who gets to vote. The motion was seconded by NR. The voting was unanimous in favor of the motion.

6. New Business

a. The match for the Walleye Technical Committee award was discussed. Based on the e-vote, CM agreed to match the \$100 Walleye Technical Committee award that will be given to an OSU student at the MFWC. JB and MS are collaborating to get that payment made. JC will be attending the meeting and agreed to give the award at the meeting.

There also was discussion about the NCD Joan Duffy award to provide student funding for travel to the MFWC. CW read the notes surrounding discussions last year about the Joan Duffy award. According to those notes last year a call for accepted MFWC abstracts was solicited from the OCAFS student members, which served as the applications for an OCAFS Midwest Travel Award (\$200). The winner of the travel award was the nominee from Ohio for the Duffy award.

Last year it also was discussed that if a winner would be determined earlier in the year, it would be helpful for the student to know if they would be getting travel support for the MFWC. The notes also mentioned that there was discussion about increasing the value of the award. CW suggested that a plan should be made in the spring business meeting. A motion was made by JB that CA investigate the possibility of whether it is still possible to nominate an Ohio student for the Duffy award, and if so to send out a call for soliciting accepted abstracts. KA seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

b. The need to recruit new president elect was discussed. CA said that usually an e-mail would go out to the membership asking for nominations or self-nominate and that the governing board also identifies people. The names mentioned were Jeremy Pritt (ODNR), Janice Kerns (ODNR), Bill Zwaski (Ohio EPA), Matt Foust (ODNR), and Mike Durkalec (Cleveland Metroparks). It was suggested that there might be additional names on the membership list, which is available from the website. CM pointed out that if there was someone interested in the position who was not a member that they could become a member. The possibility of bringing in someone from a university (i.e., other than OSU and UT) was discussed. The secretary/treasurer position also will need to go through the official voting process at the next meeting, and CA will ask nominations in the announcement for the president elect position.

c. CM is going to appoint a proxy for the executive committee meeting at the MFWC to vote and give an update/report from our chapter. CM will need to inform the president when the meeting announcement is sent.

d. The next meeting will be the winter meeting and will be at the joint meeting on Thursday February 16, from 3:15 pm – 4:15 pm.

CA motioned to adjourn at 2:29 PM.

Action Items:

CM will send out an e-mail to members about the existence of the standing committees.

NR is going to update the dates on the website membership renewal page with 2017 dates.

JB provide a picture to NR for the website.

CM will send out an e-mail with more details about the joint meeting schedule to the membership on 12/2/2016.

JB will work with MS to get the check (\$100) for the award that will be given to the OSU student at the MFWC to JC so that he can present it at the meeting.

CA will see if it is still possible to nominate an Ohio student for the Duffy award, and if so to send out a call for soliciting accepted abstracts.

CA will ask for nominations and self-nominations for the president elect and secretary/treasurer positions.

CM is going to appoint a proxy for the executive committee meeting at the MFWC (to vote and give an update/report from our chapter).

JC will talk with Jeremy Pritt and Janice Kerns regarding the president elect position.

CA will contact Mike Durkalek and Mike Foust regarding the president elect position.

CW will contact Bill Zwaski regarding the president elect position.