

Annual Winter Business Meeting
The Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Fawcett Center Assembly Hall, Columbus, OH
9:30 – 10:30 a.m., February 3, 2006

Governing Board Attendees: K. Cunningham, E. Braig, M. Wilkerson, A. Burt

I. Call to order and determine quorum - 38 members present

II. Welcome and announcements

III. Officer reports

President Ken Cunningham

- [Deferred till later](#)

President-Elect Eugene Braig

- [Passed out 2006 Schedule](#)

Past President Mike Wilkerson

- [25 members attended the Dan Mecklenburg stream restoration talk last summer.](#)

Secretary/Treasurer Stacy Xenakis via Deb Walters

- [Current Balance - \\$8476.67 after we receive the statistics workshop reimbursement.](#)
- [C. Knight and P. Orndorff motioned to accept the treasurer report.](#)

Webmaster Andy Burt

- [Had problems updating web site since December. It is now current.](#)
- [The site is always looking for more information](#)
- [Goal to have new design by summer meeting.](#)

IV. Committee reports

Member Services John Navarro

- [24 members attended the 2 day Stat Workshop at a cost of \\$65 per person. It was very well received. A second iteration is proposed at \\$75 per person \(with lunch\). Emails will follow the meeting.](#)
- [Ken is looking for a place and time to have the 2006 Summer meeting. John suggested Gibraltar Island](#)
- [John encouraged everyone to view the jobs board. It has Division Jobs posted and people representing the Cadet school and EPA in attendance.](#)

IT/Outreach Stacy Xenakis

- [Since Stacy was absent, the IT outreach report was tabled till later.](#)
- [Awards:](#)
 - [Milt Austin Award at the State Science Fair: 1st Edward Ricard, sophomore from Bowling Green High School; 2nd, Elizabeth Heising; 3rd, Jacqueline Boltik](#)
 - [Stone Lab Scholarship co-sponsored with Cleveland Muskies Inc. and Central Basin Steelheaders: Kelly Downey, a junior in Biological Sciences at OSU and John Foltz, a senior in Forestry from OSU received scholarships to pay for housing](#)
 - [No Student Travel Grant was awarded last year](#)
 - [At 2005 OFWMA,](#)
 - [Best poster – R. Scott Hale, and Donald J. Degan, entitled “Evaluation of](#)

Transect Length and Sample Size for Acoustic Surveys in Small Reservoirs."

- Best Paper - Ray Petering, Mylynda Shaskus (presenter), and Mark Smith entitled "Will Contamination Problems Keep You From Eating Ohio's Fish".

Stewardship Perry Orndorff

- The Stewardship committee needs more members to take part. Scott helped develop a plan based on parent society plan.
- Resolutions:
 1. Meade land resolution – motion passed in support of DNR perusing property:
 2. Lake Erie elimination of commercial fisherman – Andy Burt posed question whether our society should be in favor of banning commercial fishing. He supported not eliminating it, but doing everything possible to eliminate the corruption. Carey Knight posed question on advocacy. Lloyd Wright suggested addressing only specifically yellow perch instead of commercial fishing in general. Roger Knight stated the yellow perch fishery is most profitable although there are other commercial fishing opportunities (\$3 million/year). There are 18 licenses each worth \$800 annually. ODNR Wildlife's orders are not thorough to allow adequate enforcement and penalty for commercial fishing violations. Mike Burr brought up that not all 18 licenses have been indicted and are corrupted. Carol Stepien proposed adding the desire for changes in Wildlife's orders and not elimination of licenses. Jeff Tyson didn't think the resolution was worded in an AFS professional manner. Eugene Braig thought the last paragraph should be eliminated. Ken Cunningham suggested tabling the matter and resubmitting the resolution after re-crafting it at the summer meeting. Send any comments on the resolution to Eugene so the resolution can be rewritten.
 3. Wildlife Law enforcement related. Since Perry had just received the resolution that morning and did not have time to read or proof the copy, it was decided to table it until the summer meeting.
- NCD technical committees
 - Centrarchid and Esocid have no committee chair currently.
 - Ictalurid – Ken attended at Midwest meeting and has now turned the liaison role over to Rich Zwiefel. A catfish 2010 symposium is proposed and will be somewhere "South" in June
 - Rivers and Streams – Perry Orndorf resigned, John Navarro took over role
 - Walleye – Deb Walters had nothing to report

V. Old Business

Student Life Sciences Forum – Stacy Xenakis via notes

- Date for Forum is April 7th. Members who were involved in contacting professors will be asked to please do so again. She made a flier to send out to university contacts. A planning meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23 from 10-1:30.

VI. New Business

- A tri-state Fish and Wildlife Conference is being proposed with MI, IN, and OH for 2007

- AFS requested donations to support Equal Opportunity program that provides support to send someone to AFS annual meeting in Lake Placid.
 - Motion to give same support as last year – Scott Hale, Eugene Braig.
- Andy Burt mentioned that Dennis Taylor at Hiram College is sponsoring a Stream Workshop with Dave Rosgen as the Keynote speaker via live webcam on March 20, 2006. Andy volunteered OCAFS to sponsor a coffee break if needed. The meeting will focus on standardizations in stream data on a local, state, and national level. Andy will send out email with info in coming weeks.

Installation of new president

VII. Adjourn motion – Carey Knight, John Navarro