



**Spring Governing Board Meeting/Conference Call
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
2:00-2:55 pm, 7 June 2006**

Minutes:

- I. President Eugene Braig called the meeting to order. The full Governing Board and John Navarro were in attendance, making a quorum.

- II. Officer reports
 1. President: Eugene welcomed everyone and mentioned he had recently submitted a small essay to *Mainstream*.
 2. President-Elect: Andy Burt discussed an e-mail he received from the NCD Rivers and Streams Committee requesting participation in the Symposium the committee was hosting during the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference this year. As John would not be able to attend, it was decided that Eugene would attend while he was at the meeting.
 3. Past President: Ken Cunningham had items to be discussed later.
 4. Secretary/Treasurer: Eric Weimer reported that the Chapter currently had \$6,101.75 in its account.
 5. Webmaster: Andy reported that the President's e-mail address had been corrected on the website so Eugene could now receive his messages. Also, Division of Wildlife staff at Fairport Harbor will be hosting the website starting this summer. Andy will be training staff there in hosting and updating tasks in July.

- III. Committees
 1. Committee Reports
 - i. Member Services: John is procuring the DVD 'How to be a fish manager' so copies can be distributed to schools and DOW offices. It was also decided that the flyer for Professional Certification reimbursement would be distributed by email. The first three applicants in each category would be accepted. The deadline for application would be one month following the email flyer, or until all reimbursements were claimed. Ken announced that another Fish Statistics workshop is being planned for March 2007, with enrollment offered to university and other agencies first, with DOW staff allowed to fill other vacancies as available. Finally, John questioned whether the OCAFS was being recognized for supporting the scholarships in Sea Grant's *Twine Line*. Eugene said he would try to get a note in the next edition.
 2. NCD Technical Committees: It was agreed that Matt Ward, District 3 biologist, would be the new representative to the Esocid Technical Committee. In addition, Eric questioned the availability of the Centrarchid Technical Committee position. It was

determined to be vacant, and Eric will contact Patrick Kocovsky (USGS, Sandusky) to gauge his interest in the committee. If he could not serve, the request for someone to fill the position would be sent out via e-mail. If no one wanted the position, Eric volunteered to continue his involvement in the CTC.

IV. Old Business

1. Student Life Sciences Forum: The forum was cancelled this year due to lack of interest. The OCAFS should determine why. Andy suggested he and Mike Wilkerson could form a questionnaire to be sent to area schools. Eugene wondered if asking schools to rotate hosting the forum wouldn't stimulate interest at least among the host school's students. This would allow OCAFS to focus on advertising, and we could provide funding for refreshments. Eugene volunteered to discuss the possibility of OSU hosting the event with Dr. Lance Williams. Others agreed that this would be very helpful.
2. Milt Austin Award: Mike had difficulty finding OCAFS members to serve as judges this year (Thanks to Tim Parrot and Dick Day for judging this year). The consensus of the group was that notice was not given early enough to avoid scheduled conflicts. Several governing board members expressed interest in judging if they could get it on their calendars earlier, while others suggested that living several hours away from Columbus made participating difficult.
3. Tabled resolutions: Ken will send copies of the Wildlife Violators Compact and Commercial Buyout resolutions to the membership via email for comment. It is hoped that comments can be distilled by Perry Orndorff and refined resolutions could be voted on at the Summer Meeting.

V. New Business

1. Workshop planned for March 2007
2. Summer meeting/Fishing outing: All agreed that combining the meetings would be helpful. Eugene will talk to John Hageman about having the meeting at Stone Lab on Friday, August 25th. When the meeting location and time have been confirmed, fishing arrangements will be made.
3. Joint OH-MI-IN meeting: Eugene is still waiting to hear from the Michigan governing board, which met last week. Stone Lab is a possible location for the Joint Meeting.
4. Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act: It was suggested that the OCAFS should send a letter of support for this piece of legislation; John will draft a letter for Eugene to sign. A motion to do so was set forth by Andy, with John seconding. The motion was accepted.
5. Other: Ken asked about the cost involved with the conference call. A quick estimate put the price at about \$30.00, considerably less than meeting together. All seemed happy with the service (except for Eugene's digital echos), and it is likely that this tool will be utilized again for smaller meetings.

VI. Motion to adjourn made by Eric, seconded by Andy.