



**2008 Annual Winter Business Meeting**  
**Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society**  
**Fawcett Center Assembly Hall, Columbus, OH**  
**4:00 – 5:00 p.m., February 1, 2008**

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1) **Call to Order.** (Quorum present – 14 members)

2) **Welcome by President**

3) **Officer Reports**

i) **President** – Andy Burt

Hopes everyone found the recent email blog helpful. Communication is lacking and we need more involvement, but if no one is aware of activities or needs, few will participate. All of us should participate in some manner. We can also do a better job in notifying others what events are occurring and updating each other on research. A quick note every year for the website would keep everyone informed on research. We often incorrectly assume others know what is happening in the state or no one is interested. Perhaps employees of the same business are aware of activities, but others outside of your circle likely would find the work interesting and provoking. Andy's challenge for all members is to get involved in some way in 2008. Be it a volunteer for a committee, the Midwest, high school science fair judge, student forum, or even submitting a project update. There will be many needs and many of opportunities this year.

ii) **President Elect** – Rich Carter:

iii) **Past President** – Eugene Braig:

iv) **Secretary/Treasurer** – Eric Weimer: (Via Andy)

Current balance is around \$5600 but Andy could not remember actual figure. This is approximately what it was last year so we did well in keeping a balanced budget.

v) **Webmaster** – Kevin Kayle (Via Andy)

As always, Kevin is looking for more content. Regular updates and additions are being made as necessary.

4) **Committee Reports**

i) **Membership Services** – John Navarro

The raffle/silent auction brought in \$787 for our chapter (\$301 from the raffle and \$486 from the silent auction). This is comparable to proceeds from previous raffles.

Since John is the 2008 Secretary/Treasurer, a new person will need to chair the member services committee. No takers at the meeting

ii) **Aquatic Stewardship:** – Open (via Andy)

There is much we can accomplish in this arena if we get only a little participation. Many of us are currently involved in stewardship issues, but we don't make the Chapter aware of the events.

iii) **Information Transfer and Outreach** – Kevin Page no report

Awards and student forum in the New Business fall under this committee.

iv) **NCD Technical Committees** (no representatives were in attendance)

a) **Centrarchid** – Kevin Page:

b) **Coldwater** – Kevin Kayle: no current activity in this committee

c) **Esocid** – Open

d) **Ictalurid** – Rich Zweifel

e) **Rivers and Streams** – John Navarro

f) **Walleye** – Deb Walters

## 5) Old Business

### i) OCAFS video

Andy reported that he recently found a trial version of a program to convert the Fish Management Video to a .mp4 format suitable for upload to Google videos. However, after a single test, the trial expired before the DVD could be converted. Procedures and links were provided to Kevin Kayle to attempt to run the trial, upload the video, and place a link to the video on the OCAFS website. Look for it soon!

### ii) Other - none

## 6) New Business

### i) Evaluation of 2008 OFWMA

Andy: The 2008 OFWMA seemed to be well received by most. Although two presenters could not make the conference, others stepped up and filled the time slots. The arrangement of the posters and vendors worked well. Most liked the keynote address and raffle over lunch and the elimination of the social, but Randy Sanders commented he did not like having to pay for lunch in order to hear the keynote address. Rich Carter and Perry Orndorff explained the OFWMA justification. Others agreed and suggested in the future, placing tables in the back of the room for brown bag lunches. The vendors had positive comments on the conversations they had as well.

It was also unanimous that no one liked the OFWMA meetings at the end of the day. Our attendance was severely limited. We either need to return to the previous format of all meetings in the morning, or move the Chapter meetings to just after lunch. Perry Orndorff and Rich Carter explained that to place the meetings during lunch would likely extend the lunch and create too long of a break. This led John Navarro to suggest discussion of disbanding the OFWMA and have the WS and AFS chapters organize and run the conference. This would allow for both meetings in the morning. Andy explained this was not a new idea, but it is an idea that has not had much push. Many like the OFWMA as is and any change would likely be slow. The only way for the OFWMA to go away is to have the conference run in the red. When the money is not available, the OFWMA could not exist in the current state.

### ii) Awards (2007 and 2008 best paper, best poster, and student travel)

Mike Wilkerson submitted the awards report and presented the 2007 best paper and post certificates to Kevin Page and Joseph Faber, respectively, in absentia. Because our meeting was after the conference, we could announce the winners of the 2008 Best Paper and Poster as well. Wilkerson announced that Joe Conroy won best paper for his presentation entitled "*Quantifying the potential for restoring Sandusky Bay, Lake Erie: A mere dream?*" and Emily Sokovich and Carol Stepien from UT won the best poster entitled "*Temporal and spatial population genetic structure of the Eurasian round goby: Invasion patterns in the Great Lakes.*" Wilkerson also announced that the best student podium presentation went to Rebecca Gorney, so she will be offered the \$100 student travel award to the Midwest with a matching \$100 from the NCD. Mike Wilkerson also announced judges will be needed for the State Science Fair on March 8<sup>th</sup> at the OSU French Field House across from the Fawcett Center in Columbus.

### iii) Student dues

In order to get more student participation, a discussion was held on whether to eliminate dues for students. By getting their e-mail address and having them attend meetings, we can better involve them in our chapter. A motion passed to eliminate the student dues in 2009 so long as the application form included a faculty certification of enrollment. Due to how the Parent Society extends memberships, it was decided to offer this only to those

that were provided the forms or through the OCAFS website and not to those registering through the national Parent Society AFS. Our chapter will need to make sure to disseminate this form to Universities next winter.

**iv) 2008 Student Life Sciences Forum**

Ken Baker offered to have student forum at Heidelberg, but thought it would be better at a larger University. Jeff Miner disagreed, but he would be willing to hold the forum if Ken Baker couldn't. Baker and Miner will work together to plan logistics of the forum. It will likely occur in April. Baker and Miner both suggested having the forum on a Saturday so students and faculty could better fit it in their schedule. It will also be easier to reserve a room on a weekend as opposed to a weekday at a university.

**v) Midwest meeting**

Andy asked for chairpersons to lead each ad hoc committee for the Midwest meeting. No one volunteered at that time.

**a) Workshops**

For submitting for a workshop see the form on our website. OCAFS may sponsor a workshop at the Midwest. We may be asked to support one on fish aging and one human dimensions. If we choose to support a workshop it will take a membership vote if total cost is more than \$200, and we likely will not be able to fully support more than one workshop.

**b) Social**

It has been suggested that OCAFS sponsor a student social at the 2008 Midwest. It is a great way for our chapter to support the student-professional interaction. No further discussion occurred.

**c) Fundraiser**

Mike Wilkerson has done some legwork on investigating T-shirt costs. For a box of 100, cost to chapter will be around \$5/shirt for a one-color design. We need a design! We may also want to hold a raffle or other fund raiser to offset any costs of workshops or socials. If anyone wants to head up these efforts, please contact Rich Carter.

**vi) Other New Initiatives**

none

**vii) Election Results/ Installation of new President**

It was announced John Navarro and Nick Radabaugh were unanimously elected Secretary/Treasurer and President Elect respectively. Rich Carter was installed as the 2008 President.

**7) Adjourn**