



**2009 Annual Winter Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Fawcett Center Assembly Hall, Columbus, OH
4:15-5:00 pm, 6 February 2009**

- 1) Call to Order and Determination of Quorum - 23 individuals were present and there was a quorum.
- 2) Welcome by President Rich Carter - Rich kicked off the meeting.
- 3) AFS Presentation: Stu Shipman, AFS Representative - Stu gave a quick presentation of the NCD and their desire to meet with all the Chapters. Indicated that the NCD has increased the Student Travel Grant from \$100 to \$200. The Chapters can match this amount for a total of \$400.
- 4) Officer Reports
 - i) President: Rich Carter - Deferred
 - ii) President-Elect: Nick Radabaugh - Deferred
 - iii) Past President: Andy Burt - Thanked the group for being able to serve.
 - iv) Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro - Balance is currently \$7,047.16. We made \$1,444.48 from the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference raffle. The Student Chapter of the Wildlife Society was instrumental in operating the raffle and a decision was made to give them \$300 for their efforts.
 - v) Webmaster: Kevin Kayle - No Report
- 5) Committee Reports
 - i) Member Services: Open - This committee is still looking for a leader and is open to anyone interested. Nick will be soliciting for this position.
 - ii) Aquatic Stewardship: Eugene Braig - Eugene introduced his recently recruited members. They will be assisting with new initiatives.
 - iii) Information Transfer and Outreach: Kevin Page - No report.
 - iv) NCD Technical Committees:
 - a) Centrarchid: Kevin Page - Kevin said that the Centrarchid Committee is looking to have a joint meeting with the Esocid Committee.
 - b) Esocid: Curtis Wagner - No Report
 - c) Ictalurid: Rich Zweifel - No Report
 - d) Rivers and Streams: John Navarro - No Report
 - e) Salmonid: Kevin Kayle - No Report
 - f) Walleye: Deb Walters - No Report
- 6) Old Business
 - i) Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference Update: Andy Burt - Andy stated that the conference went well and appreciated all the people that assisted behind the scenes.
 - ii) Award Participation (Jan Fenske Memorial Award, Midwest Best Student Papers/Posters): Deb Walters - OCAFS contributed \$200 for the Jan Fenske Memorial Fund and \$300 for the Midwest Best Student Papers and Posters.
 - iii) 2005-2009 Strategic Plan Update: Nick Radabaugh - Nick will start working on the revision of the OCAFS Strategic Plan (2010-2014). The current committee leaders will head up the revision of each of the chapters (Information Transfer and Outreach

- Kevin Page; Aquatic Stewardship - Eugene Braig; Membership – John Navarro). Nick will be soliciting people to help with these committees.

- iv) Student Dues - Student membership is free so please take advantage of this opportunity.
- v) Student Life Sciences Forum & Ohio Academy of Sciences Partnering Update: Rich Carter - Rich has contacted OAS and they are interested in partnering with OCAFS on this initiative.
- vi) OCAFS OSU Academic Subunit Update: Eugene Braig/Andy Burt - Andy discussed the formation of the OSU subunit. Mazeika Sullivan (SENR Assistant Professor) is leading the initiative. It will be statewide, and will be called the Buckeye Chapter.

7) New Business

- i) Evaluation of 2009 OFWMA - The conference was a success with 300 registrants. The switch to using invited speakers appears to be a success. Perry Orndorff said that the Job Fair was also well attended and should be continued next year.
- ii) Awards (2009 best paper, best poster, and student travel) - Mike Wilkerson went over the different OCAFS awards for the year (attached). After discussions with Eugene, it was decided that OCAFS will have a vote on the Ohio Aquatic Science Scholarship.
- iii) Support request for Walleye Technical Committee publication: Rich Carter - No report
- iv) Other - No additional items.
- v) Election Results/Installation of New President - Nick Radabaugh was installed as the new OCAFS President and Curt Wagner was voted in as the President Elect for OCAFS.

8) Adjourn