



**2011 Annual Winter Business Meeting Report  
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
Fawcett Center Assembly Hall, Columbus, OH  
9:00-9:50 am, 4 February 2011**

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- 1) Call to Order and Determination of Quorum: Yes – 38 people present.
- 2) Welcome by President Curt Wagner: Opened with welcome to the group.
- 3) AFS-NCD Presentation: Gwen White, NCD President-Elect: Presentation by Gwen on the NCD. Discussion items: introduction of officers, web site, liaison between parent society and state chapters, 1,400 members and 1/3 are students, provide scholarships, advocacy role, professional certification, funded by AFS Parent Society dues.
- 4) Officer Reports
  - i) President: Curt Wagner: Thanked Buckeye Student Subunit for assistance with raffle which generated \$400.
  - ii) President-Elect: Joe Conroy: Deferred
  - iii) Past President: Nick Radabaugh: Deferred
  - iv) Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro: 170 members and \$5,642.64 balance.
  - v) Webmaster: Kevin Kayle: OCAFS now has a Facebook page. Kevin posts information on the OCAFS website as it is submitted and is always looking for more real-time information.
- 5) Committee Reports
  - i) Member Services: Chris Aman: New committee chair and had nothing to report.
  - ii) Aquatic Stewardship: Eugene Braig: OCAFS sponsored two scholarships to the Stone Lab sampling workshop.
  - iii) Information Transfer and Outreach: Curt Wagner for VACANT: Kevin Kayle will be taking over this position as a reorganization effort that combined Webmaster role and IT responsibilities.
  - iv) Buckeye Student Subunit: Adam Kautza: This group is official and starting to integrate into OCAFS. Nick will talk to the group this spring. Planning a wildgame feed this spring as a fundraiser. Have a Facebook page.
  - v) NCD Technical Committees: To keep the meeting on schedule, these reports were submitted in writing.
    - a) Centrarchid – Kevin Page
    - b) Esocid – Curtis Wagner
    - c) Ictalurid – Ethan Simmons
    - d) Rivers and Streams – Kraig McPeck
    - e) Salmonid – Kevin Kayle
    - f) Walleye – Deb Walters

6) Old Business

- i) Popular Writing Workshop update: Curt Wagner: Discussed the February workshop. Room for 55 people and the class was filling up fast.
- ii) Membership Survey – announced Ad Hoc committee formation and solicit participation/ideas/comments: Curt Wagner and/or Eugene Braig: Planning a survey of the membership to look for what OCAFS can do to provide better services.
- iii) NCD Strategic Plan Update: Joe Conroy: Moving ahead with representation from ten chapters. Eugene and others will work with Joe to provide comments.

7) New Business

- i) By-law changes: Curt Wagner and Joe Conroy
  - (1) By-law / Strategic Plan alignment project: Joe Conroy: We will work to align our by-laws with the Parent Society. Revisions will take place in 2011 and we will vote on revisions @ the summer meeting.
  - (2) Buckeye Student Subunit Vice-President (Fisheries) as OCAFS Officer: Joe Conroy: This was discussed and will be addressed in future by-laws changes.
  - (3) Eliminate Webmaster as Officer, duties moved to Info Transfer & Outreach Committee Chair: Joe Conroy: This was voted on and passed unanimously. Kevin Kayle will take over this role.
- ii) OCAFS President-Elect Nominations & Term Discussion: Curt Wagner: We were not able to get someone to step up to take this role. Need to find out why there is a lack of interest. Need to better advertise the benefits of serving as an OCAFS officer. We will hold current officers until we can find a candidate. One option is to have the Officers serve a two-year term. Also discussed voting on the Secretary/Treasurer position to use this as a springboard to the President's role.
- iii) Other – none.

8) Adjourn: Meeting was ended on time.