



**2011 Fall Governing Board Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Ashland Soil & Water Conservation District – Ashland, Ohio
10:30 am -12:30 pm, 12 December 2011**

- 1) Call to Order – eight members were present
- 2) Welcome by President Curt Wagner - Deferred
- 3) Officer Reports
 - i) President: Curt Wagner – NCD Update: AFS looking to revamp the certification program; seeking new chairs for a couple of committees; NCD wants to send officers to OCAFS annual business meeting at OFWMA and we are ok with attendance but not going to support travel or have time on the agenda; chapter role in advocacy is mixed amongst states; City of Cincinnati is pushing for the NCD to have Ohio host the national AFS meeting in 2016, but we are hesitant because of the following: time commitment, Cincinnati is not centrally located for OCAFS members, need buy-in from Division of Wildlife Administration, and the fact that we will be hosting the Midwest FWC in 2018.
 - ii) President-Elect: Joe Conroy - Deferred
 - iii) Past President: Nick Radabaugh - Deferred
 - iv) Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro – Chapter balance is \$4,739.26 which is below the \$6,000 target but we will track balance to make sure it does not drop below a critical point (\$3,000?). We want to move our member data from Excel to Access and better track membership. Also need better information from parent society on members that pay through them. Eugene will provide a good contact for the Parent Society. Will request AFS-paid OCAFS memberships after 2012 OCAFS Annual business meeting in February.
 - v) Webmaster: Kevin Kayle – Refer to the Ohio Fisheries Leadership Committee (i.e. former Information Transfer and Outreach Committee).
- 4) Committee Reports
 - i) Ohio Fisheries Leadership (I.T.O.): Kevin Kayle – Updating information as it comes in. No real change in our OSU host site (how we post files to web has changed), but AFS Parent Society is updating their website and may be willing to host chapter websites in future.
 - ii) Education/Continuing Education (A.S.): Eugene Braig – Recruiting new members.
 - iii) Value of Membership (M.S.): Chris Aman – No report
 - iv) Buckeye Student Subunit: Adam Kautza – Getting members is a struggle. Curt inquired about student involvement in the Passport to Fishing Program. Curt reminded subunit about possible lake sampling project and management report for Lake Tomahawk in NE Ohio.
 - v) NCD Technical Committees: No report from any of the technical committees.
 - (1) Centrarchid – Kevin Page
 - (2) Esocid – Curt Wagner

(3) Ictalurid – Ethan Simmons

(4) Walleye – Deb Walters

(5) Rivers and Streams – Kraig McPeck

5) Old Business

i) OCAFS By-law revision update: Joe Conroy – Got go-ahead from Parent Society to move forward with update. We will send out draft to the membership and then have a vote at the annual business meeting in February. We will then get approval from NCD and Parent Society.

ii) Nominations for President-Elect: Curt Wagner – It was mentioned that Tony Sindt from the Division of Wildlife would be willing to accept nomination as the President Elect. Value of Membership (Chris) will send out email solicitation for nominations in December. OCAFS will vote at OCAFS the Annual Business Meeting in February. Mike Sovic from OSU has also shown interest and may be a good candidate next year.

iii) Fisheries Science Partnership Award update: Joe Conroy et al. – Group is reviewing abstracts and three were chosen for the scholarship (\$65 OAS application fee). We will judge the presentations at the Ashland University Meeting and winner will receive the Joan Duffy Scholarship.

iv) Revisit OCAFS Awards: Curt Wagner and Chris Aman – Need to make a list of awards and make sure the financial outlay is sustainable. Eugene will look into reviving the Aquatic Science Scholarship (Stone Lab support) and see if we can get fishing groups to contribute.

v) Other- none

6) New Business

i) 2012 Support for OFWMA: Curt Wagner and John Navarro – OCAFS will support OFWMA for running the OFWC (\$250) but may pull our support in the future.

ii) OCAFS Membership Survey implications/2012 focus: Curt Wagner and Chris Aman – Item tabled for future discussion.

iii) OCAFS Ohio Stream Book – reprint for profit?: Curt Wagner – Group decision was no. Let groups interested in the guide to contact publisher directly (Watkins Printing).

iv) OCAFS Science of the Seas – revisit: Curt Wagner – Do not feel that this video warrants further discussion, but will talk to Phil Hillman to discuss origin.

v) New logo: Joe Conroy & Adam Kautza – Brian Argo will work on new OCAFS logo.

vi) Other: Joe discussed continuing education workshop idea and has focused on side-scan sonar and bathymetry technology. A workshop on the basics of Program R for fisheries professionals – hosted/taught by Quantitative Fishery Center at Michigan State University – was also mentioned. Group wants to look into having a bi/tri-state meeting with Indiana and/or Michigan chapters.

7) Adjourn – Meeting concluded.