



**2012 Spring Governing Board Meeting Minutes
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Horace R. Collins Laboratory*—Lewis Center, Ohio
10:00 am–12:30 pm, 12 April 2012**

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Six present so there was a quorum
2. Welcome by President Joe Conroy
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Joe stated his three goals for the year: 1) Work with TWS to hold an annual meeting, 2) Financial Stability, 3) track Membership.
 - b. President-Elect: Tony Sindt had no report.
 - c. Past President: Curt Wagner had no report.
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer: John Navarro discussed the financial history and the organization's balance which has been slowly decreasing. We will work to determine the amount of money that can be allocated on an annual basis to maintain solvency. We will work to get the membership information in a database so that we can better track this information. We need a volunteer to develop the membership database. Members have three ways to join: Parent Society, OFWC registration, and individual applications. John and Eugene will judge at the OAS State Science Fair on May 5th.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Kevin Kayle had no report and we are looking for a new chair. With the bylaw revision, the Ohio Fisheries Leadership Committee is responsible for fulfilling the objectives of Collaboration, Electronic Information Network, and Student Outreach.
 - b. Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig discussed his group and his recruitment of Mike Sovic (OSU), John Stark (TNC), Don Arcuri (GLFC), Grant Lewis (Girl Scouts of Ohio's Heartland), Tory Gabriel (Sea Grant), and Holly Tucker (OEPA). With the bylaw revision, the Education/Continuing Education Committee is responsible for fulfilling the objectives of Partnerships, Publications, and Programs.
 - i. Resolution on the current Lake Erie water withdrawal bill is being developed by Mike Sovic and the committee.
 - c. Value of Membership: Chris Aman had no report. With the bylaw revision, the Value of Membership Committee is responsible for fulfilling the objectives of Professional Development, Electronic Services, Recruitment and Retention, Strategic Plan Development, and Financial Security.
 - d. Buckeye Student Subunit: Adam Kautza had no report.
 - e. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports:

- i. Rivers & Streams: Kraig McPeck sent agenda from the Rivers and Streams symposium at Midwest 2011 and the Rivers and Streams Technical Committee Meeting held 27–28 March 2012. Tony Sindt attended and said it was a good meeting with about 30 participants.

5. Old Business

- a. 2013 OCAFS Annual Meeting Discussion: Joe Conroy discussed the pre-meeting with TWS on a possible joint meeting with OCAFS. Both groups will investigate this partnership with their membership. Scott Hale, Dave Scott, and Mike Tonkovich were invited and attended the spring Governing Board meeting to facilitate discussions between OCAFS and TWS.
- b. Fisheries Science Partnership Award Judges (14 April 2012): Joe Conroy covered this meeting and judged the presentations and determined the winner.
- c. *A Guide to Ohio Streams* Update: Eugene Braig discussed reprinting the guide. OEPA is printing the guide and other organizations are going in on this run which may be the last. John Navarro ordered 1,000 copies through the Division of Wildlife.
- d. Economic sustainability: John Navarro will work on this task.
- e. Membership tracking: Joe Conroy will work on this task.
- f. OCAFS Scholarship to AFS Annual Meeting: Chris Aman will wait for Economic sustainability study: This effort is officially off the books.
- g. Other

6. New Business

- a. NANFA support: Joe Conroy (from Ron Preston): This meeting will have an OCAFS presence.
- b. OCAFS Summer Meeting: Curt Wagner discussed having dual meeting with TWS.
- c. Future Workshop/Outreach-Event Ideas: Possible co-meeting with TWS on the use of telemetry in fish and wildlife management.

7. Adjourn