



AGENDA: 2014 ANNUAL WINTER BUSINESS MEETING
OHIO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
Ohio Union, Cartoon Room, The Ohio State University
Columbus, Ohio
1:30 pm-2:30 pm, 4 February 2014

1. Call to order and determination of Quorum

Meeting called to order at 1:39 pm. Presence of quorum determined.

2. Welcome by President Tony Sindt

Tony Sindt (TS) welcomed everyone and thanked Jake Marina and the Student Subunit for securing the venue for the meeting.

3. Officer Reports

a. President: Tony Sindt

Deferred until Old Business portion of the meeting

b. President-Elect: Chris Winslow

Deferred until New Business portion of the meeting

c. Past President: Joe Conroy

Deferred

d. Secretary/Treasurer: Mike Sovic

Mike Sovic reported that online access to the OCAFS Huntington checking account has been set up. This was done so that 1.) monthly statements could be received electronically, eliminating fees for paper statements, and 2.) money can be easily transferred from the new PayPal account. Account balance as of the end of January was \$4960.52, but will change based on revenues and expenses associated with the annual meeting. Based on discussions with TS, he projects that registration fees charged for the annual meeting will more than cover the costs, largely as a result of higher than expected attendance. Major expenditures since the summer governing board meeting included two scholarships for \$192 each for students participating in the Fisheries Techniques Workshop at Stone Lab, and costs associated with development and hosting of the new chapter website (~\$200).

Joe Conroy noted that because no students applied for the OAS partnership award and associated Joan Duffy award this year, we did not spend the ~\$400-\$500 associated with these awards. He encouraged students to take advantage of these opportunities in the future.

TS introduced Gwen White from the North Central Division (NCD), who gave an overview of the NCD, and encouraged involvement at the NCD level. She suggested that technical committees are a good way to get involved, and noted that the Great Lakes, Salmonid, archives, audit, and continuing education technical committees are currently in special need of leadership/volunteers. She also announced the opportunity for local chapters to invest funds with the parent society. The slides from her presentation will be made available on the OCAFS website.

4. Committee Reports

a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership: Nick Radabaugh

Nick Radabaugh (NR) reported that development of a new OCAFS website is underway to replace the old website that was hosted by OSU, but is no longer functional. A committee was formed to work on this that included NR, TS, Mike Sovic, Chris Aman, and Brian Zimmerman. A number of hosting and design options were investigated, and a decision was made to pursue commercial hosting and design options. Bluehost was chosen to host the website. NR also noted that a PayPal account is now functional on the website, and that many members successfully used it to register for the annual meeting. Anyone who has content to post to the website can contact NR.

The Chapter now has an official e-mail account. The address is theocafs@gmail.com.

Joe Conroy pointed out the NCD's use of social media including Facebook and Twitter, and asked Gwen White how these are used at NCD, and how they might be used by OCAFS. Gwen responded that NCD uses social media to get news out about new research, awards given to students, announcements about meetings,

achievements, etc. NR said that OCAFS has a facebook page, but it hasn't gotten much use. Chris Winslow suggested that the generations that OCAFS will want to reach out to don't use e-mail as much, and maybe the Chapter should be moving in the direction of using social media more.

b. Education/Continuing Education: Eugene Braig

Eugene Braig reported that he, along with EPA and DOW biologists, continue to teach a Fisheries Techniques workshop at Stone Lab each year. OCAFS awarded two scholarships this year for participants in this workshop. The awardees were Justine Patmon and Sarah Vanderhorst, who are both students at OSU.

c. Value of Membership: Chris Aman

Chris Aman reported that the committee completed a search for president elect, and deferred details until later in the meeting.

d. Buckeye Student Subunit: Jake Marina

Jake Marina was not present, but Eugene Braig announced that the Buckeye Student Subunit will be holding a cookout on April 16. He encouraged OCAFS members to attend and network with the students. TS also noted the importance of having fisheries professionals show up for this event.

e. NCD Technical Committee Representative Reports

i. Centrarchid: Steve Tyszko

Steve Tyszko reported that he was contacted by a graduate student from South Dakota State who inquired about what agencies were involved in Centrarchid work, and he passed information along to the student.

ii. Esocid: Curt Wagner

Curt Wagner announced that there are still Pike symposium books available for \$30. He also reported that the 2nd International Musky symposium is planned for 2016 in the Twin Cities area.

iii. Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons

Ethan Simmons reported that the Ictalurid committee has put together a website that currently includes information on sampling techniques, and is still in development. The

committee met at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife conference and Ethan sent a report to update them on what's been going on in Ohio.

- iv. Rivers and Streams: Tony Sindt
TS reported that the Rivers and Streams committee is again planning to hold their annual meeting in Illinois.
- v. Salmonid: Kevin Kayle
Nothing to report (by e-mail to TS).
- vi. Walleye: Patrick Kokovsky
Nothing to report (by e-mail to TS).

TS announced that he will be moving to Minnesota, and so his position on the Rivers and Streams technical committee will be vacant if anyone is interested in taking it over.

5. Old Business

a. President's 2013-2014 initiatives: Tony Sindt

i. OCAFS Website

TS reported that work on the website has been a huge success, and he recognized Nick Radabaugh as playing a major role in this. He noted that the new website will be very useful going forward for things like disseminating information, registering meeting participants, tracking membership, and collecting membership dues.

ii. 2014 Annual Meeting

TS reported that the meeting has been very successful so far. He recognized the Buckeye Student Subunit for their efforts in securing the venue, and noted the higher than expected attendance (70+ attendees).

b. Other Business

TS asked John Navarro to provide an update on the Milt Austin Aquatic Science Awards. John said that the Chapter will sponsor

these awards again this year for middle and high school students at the Ohio Academy of Science. He and Eugene Braig served as judges last year, and other volunteers would be welcome as judges this year.

6. New Business

a. Past-President Recognition and Installation of President: Tony Sindt

TS introduced Chris Winslow (CW) as the new president of OCAFS for the upcoming year. CW pointed out that because TS is moving away to Minnesota, he will not be able to serve as past president. A motion was made by Eugene Braig that Joe Conroy would continue as past president for another term. Deb Walters seconded. Motion passed.

b. Recruitment: Chris Winslow

i. President-Elect

Chris Aman reported that Tory Gabriel was nominated, and has accepted the nomination to serve as president-elect. CW pointed out that Gabriel serves as an extension educator for Ohio Sea Grant, has a background in both education and biology, and is based out of the Oak Harbor area.

c. President's 2014-2015 Initiatives: Chris Winslow

CW presented 5 initiatives that he would like to focus on in the upcoming year. These include...

- 1.) Increase the Chapter's exposure with both NCD and the parent society.
- 2.) Increase our contact with potential new members in Ohio. Work is already underway to compile a database of contacts who are not currently members, but may be interested in membership.
- 3.) Investigate the possibility of having some type of OCAFS merchandise that could be sold to raise money for things like scholarships.
- 4.) Continue and increase use of the new website. Possibly increase use of social media.

5.) Survey agencies to identify skill sets that make fisheries biologists marketable, and then develop additional workshops that focus on these skills.

d. Annual Meetings

Joe Conroy pointed out that we had decided to try to have joint meetings every other year, and so next year we would be up for a joint meeting. Possibilities for partners would be PA, MI, IN, or KY. He suggested targeting MI or PA, and possibly meeting in northern half of state, later in the year (i.e. early summer). This might allow some of the Erie folks to be involved, as this time of the year (Feb) is a busy time for them. He encouraged feedback about this.

e. Other

Deb Walters asked about archiving information. She said that at one time the Chapter archived materials at the Historical Society, but didn't know if there are still materials there or not, or whether we still have that option in the future. CW said he would check on this.

Joe Conroy recognized and thanked Tony Sindt for all of his work as president over the past year.

7. Adjourn

Perry Orndorff motioned to adjourn. Motion passed at 2:25 pm.

8 March 2014

Minutes Addendum

At the time of the business meeting, revenues and costs associated with the annual meeting were not available. They are reported in this addendum to the meeting minutes.

Total revenue from meeting registration fees was \$2956.47. Total expenses associated with the meeting were \$1595.40. These expenses include catering and equipment use fees paid to OSU, miscellaneous costs for items such as nametags, programs, etc, and also reimbursement of travel costs for the plenary speaker. Venue fees for use of the Ohio Union (\$500/day) were waived because the event was sponsored by the Buckeye Student Subunit. An additional \$100 not included in the above expenses was awarded for student presentation awards.