



**Minutes: 2019 Winter Business Meeting
Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Hilton Downtown Cleveland—Cleveland, Ohio
5:00 pm., 29 January 2019**

- 1) Call to order
 - a) A quorum was determined.
 - b) The meeting was called to order at 5:07 p.m.
 - c) Thirty-one members and guests in attendance
- 2) Welcome by President
 - a) Introduced visitors from the national AFS
 - i) Current AFS president – Jesse Trushenski
 - (1) Thanked chapter for everything that the chapter does and
 - (2) Continuing education courses for fisheries professionals being developed (e.g., communicating science to non-scientists, running a meeting, managing a budget, etc.) to be rolled out ahead of the Reno 2019 AFS national meeting
 - (3) Reno meeting will be the first time that AFS has had a joint meeting with The Wildlife Society at the national level
 - ii) AFS President elect – Scott Bonar
 - (1) Working with Ohio folks through the planning of the 150th meeting
 - (2) Commended the Chapter for how well they put together the Midwest meeting
 - (3) Excited to work with the Chapter
 - iii) Past NCD president - Jessica Mistak thanked Chapter for Fenske contribution and help with the review committee
 - iv) NCD president - Heather Hettinger said that NCD is happy to help and let them know if we need any assistance.
 - v) AFS Executive Director - Doug Austen
 - (1) Introduced Lauren Maze, Director of Communication, and Dan Cassidy, Deputy Director
 - (2) Looking forward to working with the chapter on the 150th
- 3) Officer Reports
 - a) President: Janice Kerns (JK)
 - i) Helped organize the Midwest Fish and Wildlife meeting
 - ii) Coordinated chairs for the 150th AFS meeting.
 - iii) Trivia Event
 - (1) Thanks to the University of Toledo subunit for the trivia event at the Midwest meeting.
 - (2) There was good feedback that she received.
 - iv) Wild Jobs Café
 - (1) Worked with Geoff Westerfield of The Wildlife Society to organize some of the events
 - (2) Looking over resumes for students
 - (3) Also got good feedback about the Cafe
 - v) 150th AFS Meeting - She has been working with Curt Wagner (CW) on the AFS meeting.
 - b) President-Elect: Suzanne Gray (SG) deferred until the announcement of new officers
 - c) Past President: Kristin Arend (KA) deferred to New Business
 - d) Secretary/Treasurer: Jo Ann Banda (JB)
 - i) Annual Report given
 - ii) Since the beginning of this year we received \$502.85
 - (a) Membership dues of \$97.85

- (b) Members for meals at the last meeting \$405
 - (2) There was one expenditure of \$21.16 for the PayPal account
 - (3) Pending is \$650 in student awards
 - (4) Current balance to \$2,895.84
 - iii) Receipts from previous meetings
 - (1) Balance of \$1,992 (includes loss from joint meeting with Indiana)
 - (2) Will get more detail about how the \$1,992 can be used
 - (3) Membership dues from AFS received in the spring
 - e) Student Subunit Representatives
 - i) University of Toledo Subunit: Megan Niner
 - (1) Trivia event held
 - (2) Participated in a river cleanup in September
 - (3) Maumee River sturgeon release
 - ii) The Ohio State University Subunit: David Dippold
 - (1) Increase in graduate students participating in the subunit
 - (2) Talks at state and national meetings
 - (3) Passport to fishing event
 - (a) Introduce kids to fishing hosted by the Division of Wildlife
 - (b) They participated in a similar event in September.
 - (c) Several members have gone through formal training and they plan to hold their own event in the coming year.
 - (d) Hosted a fall picnic (~50 students, fishery professionals, and professors)
 - iii) Bowling Green State University: No report
- 4) Standing Committee Reports
 - a) Ohio Fisheries Leadership/Webmaster: Nick Radabaugh
 - i) Joan Duffy Award
 - (1) Thank you to members for their review
 - (2) Will be announced on the website
 - b) Education/Continuing Education: JK for Eugene Braig
 - i) Fish sampling workshop at Stone Lab
 - (1) Co-taught with ODNR, Ohio EPA and Sea Grant
 - (2) Seeking two possible scholarships of \$250
 - ii) Milt Austin award
 - (1) State Science Fair is May 11, 2019 and EB will be looking for people to judge the exhibits. Buckeye Subunit is encouraged to assist, as they are in Columbus.
 - (2) <https://www.ohiosci.org/ssd/>
 - (3) Seeking \$350 in award funds, which goes to junior high and high school students.
 - iii) New fisheries person at Hocking College - Franklin Woitel
 - c) Value of Membership: Chris Arman deferred to later
- 5) Special Committee Report
 - a) Meeting and Events Special duties will be incorporated into exiting committees including value of membership or leadership positions
 - b) Likely not going to have an overnight state chapter or bi-state conference for a couple years (maybe 2021, but likely 2022)
- 6) North Central Division Technical Committee Reports
 - a) Centrarchid: Steve Tyszko had no update.
 - b) Esocid: Curt Wagner had no update.
 - c) Ictalurid: Ethan Simmons
 - i) Ictalurid subcommittee is working on assembling regulations relating to catfish from each state.

- ii) Once consolidated, these will be posted on their website.
- d) Reservoir: Joe Conroy (JC)
 - i) Had a well-attended session
 - ii) Will keep using standardized assessments to evaluate regulations. Good framework for other agencies.
 - iii) Thank you to contributors for providing data, hauling nets, aging fish using otoliths, etc.
- e) Rivers & Streams: Jeremy Pritt
- f) Walleye: Matt Faust
- 7) Old Business
 - a) Option to make Meetings and Events Committee a standing committee (see above)
 - b) Awards
 - i) Megan Niner received the Sander and Joan Duffy Awards
 - ii) Chelsey Nieman won the Fenski Award
 - iii) Zoe Almeida won the Sander Award
 - iv) For the upcoming year (after Midwest) – Milt Austin (\$350), Stone Lab Workshop (\$500), Joan Duffy (\$200), Sander Award? (\$200)
 - v) Balance income with expenditures
 - (1) Want to keep \$3,000 reserve
 - (2) Possibly do some fund raising (e.g., silent auction)
 - (3) Profit sharing with 2020 meeting
 - (a) Negotiable, but generally ~20% to host chapter and 10% to divisions
 - (b) Depends on chapter involvement
 - (c) Receive end of the next year
 - (d) Memorandum of agreement with principal tasks, committee structure, etc.
 - (e) Will involve AFS, NCD and Ohio Chapter
- 8) New Business
 - a) AFS 2020: Curt Wagner
 - i) Chairs/Committees
 - (1) Co-chairs - CW and JK
 - (2) Meeting Program Chair - JC
 - (3) Budget and Finance Chair - JB
 - (4) Conference Logistics Chair - Mike
 - (5) Communications Chair – Kristen Fussell
 - (6) Networking Event Planning Chair/150th Celebration liaison - KA
 - (7) Continuing Education - SG
 - (8) Need Accommodation and Meeting Program Chairs and other positions open – reach out to CW or JK if interested
 - (9) Each chair has an AFS staff person that carries most of the load
 - ii) 150th Celebration Event (KA)
 - (1) Highlight accomplishment and current activities and looking into the future
 - (2) Engage a variety of people
 - (3) Show global impact and promote the mission of AFS
 - (4) Activities throughout the year (e.g., 150 days of fish on social media, special issues of Fisheries, commemorative stamp, etc.)
 - (5) Exhibits
 - (a) Divisions, chapters and sections
 - (b) Ideas – history and activities of the chapter, event relevant to Ohio,
 - (c) Be creative
 - (6) Community engagement

- (a) Decide who we are trying to engage with and what do we want to be the message
- (b) Contact KA if interested in participating
- (7) Birthday cake and fireworks
- (8) Special symposium (JC) looking forward - what will the Society look like, what will be the challenges, who will be our constituents, etc.
- (9) Possibly coordinate with US Fish and Wildlife Service, as their 150th is the following year
- b) Future Facebook Page has not been attended to in the last year or more.
- c) New Chair Positions
 - i) President Elect – Bryan Kinter
 - ii) Value of membership Chair
 - (1) Thank you to CA
 - (2) KA new Chair
 - iii) New President – SG
 - (1) Thanked K, KA, and Chris Mayer for helping prepare for President position
 - (2) We will play pivotal role in the 150th
 - (3) Working with subunits will be a priority over the next year
- d) Twitter – We now have a twitter so if you publish a paper, in the field, or other something else interesting send email to OhioAFS@gmail.
- e) Wrap up
 - i) Motion to adjourn by JK
 - ii) Motion seconded by SG
 - iii) Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.