



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society  
**Summer Member Meeting - AGENDA**

Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Meeting Time: 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve  
2514 Cleveland Road East Huron, OH 44839

1. Call to Order (9:30 am)
  - a. Determination of quorum: yes
  - b. Meeting called to order at: 9:30
  - c. Attendance:
    - i. ODNR: Ed Lewis, Joel Plott, Chris Aman, Bryan Kinter, Curt Wagner, Janice Kerns, Kristi Arend, Nick Radabaugh, Roger Knight (retired-ODNR) and Joe Conroy (phone-in)
    - ii. OH Sea Grant: Tory Gabriel
    - iii. OSU: Suzanne Gray, Steven Grat and Anna Colterman
2. Welcome by Suzanne Gray, OH AFS President
3. Officer Reports
  - a. President (Suzanne Gray)
    - i. Goal to increase membership of students and more diverse professional/student members
  - b. President Elect (Bryan Kinter) – no report
  - c. Past President (Janice Kerns)
    - i. Completed annual report to AFS
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer (Janice Kerns, acting)
    - i. Need to recruit new member for this position
    - ii. Expect proceeds from 2020 to be significant (\$20-\$30k)
    - iii. Circulated current budget (see attached) – most goes to awards and meeting sponsorships
    - iv. AFS Fisheries Strong Video
      1. Worked on contracting and payment
        - a. \$16 k still outstanding
      2. Video to highlight OH fisheries
  - e. Student Subunit Representatives
    - i. UT Rockets
      1. No member present but an update was submitted by Chris Mayer
      2. Discussed work that unit put into Midwest Student Social
      3. Currently recruiting new leadership after past officers have graduated

- ii. OSU (Anna Colterman)
        - 1. April Passport to Fishing Event at 4H pond (~80 kids attended)
          - a. Sponsored by ODNR grant – provided all equipment to run event (poles, etc)
        - 2. 15 people at Fish and Wildlife Society meeting on 9/5/19
      - iii. BGSU (Evan Lewis) – no report
4. Standing Committee Reports
  - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh)
    - i. Beginning communication with Beth Beard (AFS HQ) around the 2020 meeting website
  - b. Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig) – no report
  - c. Value of Membership (Kristi Arend)
    - i. Will be recruiting 3 positions (Secretary/Treasurer, President Elect, and Social Media Coordinator (See new business))
    - ii. Professional Outreach Event with Urban Community School (CLE) at Old Woman Creek on Wed. September 11th
  - d. Meetings and Events (Curt Wagner) – covered later...
5. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports
  - a. Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko) – no report
  - b. Esocid (Curt Wagner)
    - i. Hopping to have a symposium at the AFS 2020 meeting
  - c. Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons)
    - i. Planning a symposium in 2020 separate from the AFS 2020 meeting
  - d. Reservoir (Joe Conroy) – no report
  - e. Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt) – no report
  - f. Salmonid (Kevin Kayle) – no report
  - g. Walleye (Matt Faust) – no report
6. Old Business
  - a. Tracking student membership
    - i. Students secretary/treasurer send an e-mail saying that they want to be a member, but no e-mail is sent annually to renew membership – need to do this.
    - ii. Additionally, if they haven't joined the parent society or e-mailed the secretary/treasurer in the current or previous year, they are dropped from the e-mail/membership list.
    - iii. Decided Spring Governing Board Meeting to create a protocol to make easier and more efficient for Student Subunits to report on membership (Gray and Banda).
    - iv. Discussion:
      - 1. Still a challenge getting info
      - 2. Need a protocol for informing governing board, specifically due to student subunit leadership turnover

3. More effective way to maintain membership list and communication including:
    - a. General call for membership email
    - b. Way to have students “register” online
    - c. Student subunits could require membership to get certain benefits
    - d. Recommended to put up fliers to recruit students at relevant buildings on campuses
    - e. Recommend having student officers visit intro level courses
  - b. Logo contest
    - i. Winner was Genevieve Ivec. She will receive a 2020 AFS membership.
7. New Business
- a. Winter Annual General Meeting: due to AFS 2020 planning and commitments, no conference or joint meeting being held in early 2020. Need to discuss venue, time, place to hold a small annual meeting.
    - i. Discussion:
      1. Possibly while school is in session so that we could do a student outreach/professional development event
      2. Probably best to keep winter meeting central (weather, etc); maybe COSI?
      3. Estimated 30 attendees given it is a standalone meeting
      4. Could be a resume/cover letter/interview workshop
      5. Day/time of week?
        - a. Saturday, but may be tough on professionals
        - b. Could be on a Friday during working hours with professional development in the late afternoon/evening
      6. John Glen Center instructor short courses for students? – Suzanne agreed to look into this along with a date/time/venue
  - b. Officer recruitment:
    - i. Secretary/Treasurer: Jo Ann Banda, former Secretary/Treasurer, has left for a new job. Janice Kerns (Past-President) volunteered to stand-in as Secretary/Treasurer for now. We need to find, nominate and vote on a replacement no later than 30 days prior to the Annual General Business Meeting.
      1. Fairly straight forward responsibilities; file taxes, manage budget, and taking meeting minutes
    - ii. President-Elect: we are seeking the next President-Elect for 2020.
    - iii. Please provide names for nominations!
      1. Could reach out to individuals who have previously shown interests, relatively new biologists or academic professors
  - c. AFS 2020 Updates
    - i. 2020 meeting updates (Curt Wagner and Janice Kerns): planning team, Reno promotions, etc.

1. Showed meeting promotion video created by the Columbus Victors Bureau
2. Promotion at Reno via booth and video/C-bus team presentation during business meeting
3. Currently have core OH team (OCAFS members) for different categories
4. Still have some needs for people:
  - a. Local accommodations chair
  - b. Budget/Finance chair
  - c. Volunteer coordinator
  - d. Auction organizer
  - e. Tradeshow facilitator
  - f. Volunteers will be need for registration/AV during meeting
    - i. Students will likely have the option to get paid for this
  - g. Interested individuals should contact Curt or Janice
5. Will start monthly meeting in November
- ii. 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Event (Kristi Arends): historical exhibit, event volunteers, etc.
  1. Reviewed some of the year-long event planned for 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration
  2. Joe planning AFS 2020 150<sup>th</sup> Special symposium
  3. Kristi planning community outreach event aimed at more diverse/inclusive group
  4. AFS seeking people for “Meeting of the Generations” discussion to span generations (see AFS website)
  5. Kristi will follow up with Eugene about History Exhibit
- d. Professional Development event for all three student subunits.
  - i. Combine or take care of with winter workshop/meeting
- e. Social media coordinator?
  - i. Need to link Facebook and Twitter account to OCAFS website
    1. Add Instagram?
    2. Twitter and Instagram are used by more of the young-professionals
    3. Nick agreed to oversee this
      - a. Please send any ideas for posts to Nick
  - ii. Students don’t use email as much anymore, so need to get info out via Social Media
  - iii. Could make a Snap Chat Geo-Filter? – talk to AFS for 150<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. Need to update procedures to reflect these new responsibilities
    1. Group agreed to make these changes when a review of the bylaws is conducted after the 2020 meeting
- f. Strategic Plan
  - i. Expires this year and will need to be updated after the 2020 meeting
- g. Janice mentioned the “Women of Fisheries” Facebook group (> 600 members)
  - i. Currently only women
  - ii. Working to become a non-profit for fundraising
  - iii. Working on writing a Fisheries Magazine editorial paper “How to be an Ally to Women of Fisheries”

- h. General Discussion
  - i. Training, familiarity, and greater use of social media
    - 1. Conversation about effective use and diversification of communication
  - ii. Potential workshop on scientific communication in the realm of different social and related platforms
  
- 8. Wrap up
  - a. Motion to adjourn – Janice; Bryan second
  - b. Motion passed
  - c. Meeting adjourned at: 11:17 am
  
- 9. Action Items