



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Spring Governing Board Meeting - MINUTES

Tuesday, May 26th, 2020
Meeting Time: 10:00-11:00 AM

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

1. Call to Order (10:00 AM)
 - a. Determination of quorum: yes
 - b. Meeting called to order at: 10:08am
 - c. Attendance: Bryan Kinter, Suzanne Gray, Kristen Fussel, Janice Kerns, Eugene Braig, Curt Wagner, Nick Radabaugh, Joe Conroy
2. Welcome by Bryan Kinter, OH AFS President
 - a. Introduction of attendees
3. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Bryan Kinter)
 - i. At February meeting we signed an official petition for BGSU subunit to exist, form sent to students and awaiting faculty advisor signature.
 - ii. NCD updates – looking to improve Continuing Education course coordination among chapters; Jeff Kopaska or new NDC Continuing Education coordinator will likely reach out to Eugene Braig.
 - iii. We need to recruit a new Value of Membership board member asap (since this person recruits for other positions); suggestions included Brian Alford (Assistant Director Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab), Paul deRolfé (MBI) and Amy Alford.
 - iv. Zak and Bryan need to send all meeting minutes since 2015 to the National Fish and Aquatic Conservation Archives
 - b. President-Elect (Kristin Fussel)
 - i. No updates
 - c. Past President (Suzanne Gray)
 - i. Thanks all who participated in our Winter Meeting, especially in the mini-workshop on inherent biases.
 - d. Secretary/Treasurer (Zak Slagle) – *notes sent to Bryan Kinter in advance of meeting*
 - i. Taxes were filed mid-April
 - ii. Total in account as of April 1 = \$2971.76 (\$419 of that marked for OSU Student Subunit)
 - iii. Membership rosters – 78 registered members (32 students, 46 non-students; 53 also registered with parent society); email lists now updated – one with current and one with all including former members; continued conversation about large

vs. small chapters – technically > 100 members is a large chapter therefore we should technically be considered a small chapter

iv. Note that AFS does have good membership software for tracking, could possibly investigate ways to learn the software

e. Student Subunit Representatives

i. UT Rockets: no update

ii. OSU: no update

iii. BGSU: no update

4. Standing Committee Reports

a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh)

i. Past minutes are up on website

ii. Have had a trickle of students registering through the website – those names and contacts are forwarded by Nick to Zak and Bryan to help maintain the membership and email lists

b. Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig)

i. State Science Fair judging of online posters starts May 26, 2020 for any students signed up for the Milt Austin Award

ii. Stone Lab workshop scholarships (\$250 x 2) requested – currently the workshops are still scheduled despite the Covid pandemic.

c. Value of Membership (Vacant)

i. *We need to recruit someone for this position ASAP*

5. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports

a. Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko) – no update

b. Esocid (Curt Wagner) – no update

c. Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons) – no update

d. Reservoir (Joe Conroy) – there is a grey literature database for reservoir research with AFS (See Appendix 1)

e. Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt) – no update

f. Salmonid (Kevin Kayle) – no update

g. Walleye (Matt Faust) – there is an Esocid and Centrarchid meeting planned for Wisconsin in late July (though likely virtual due to Covid); in future years this would be a good meeting to send an OCAFS representative; Janice (as past chair of Esocids) said something very important but her connection made it impossible to hear 😊

6. Old Business

a. Develop procedures for better accounting (from Spring 2019 Governing Board meeting)

i. Itemized spreadsheet example (Conroy)

1. Meetings Fund

2. Student subunit travel fund

** see Action Items for suggested creation of a living Google doc, and creation of Work Plan with budget (e.g. awards) by the President*

b. Social Media coordinator

i. Unresolved action item from last meeting:

1. Either have a social media presence facilitated by Nick Radabaugh in his

webmaster role as Chair of the Ohio Fisheries Leadership Committee or have someone else serve in this capacity.

** Need to re-invigorate Twitter and Facebook feeds; for now falls to Nick; suggestion of having an intern/student be responsible for this (maybe under Nick's supervision?)*

7. New Business

- a) ODNR secondary employment requirement
 - a. This requirement includes volunteer activities and requires a form to be filed for approval stating role played as volunteer, member of professional society, etc.
 - b. Need to create language for OCAFS members who are ODNR employees that is consistent (for officers and general members)
 - c. **Post meeting addendum: We have received new direction from ODNR that so long as OCAFS activities are completed on work time and an employee's supervisor approves, no secondary employment form is needed.**
- b) AFS 2020 Updates (Janice Kerns, Curt Wagner, Joe Conroy)
 - a. Cancellation update – meeting will be completely virtual (mid-September) with no ties to Columbus
 - b. Virtual meeting update – individuals can decide what level of involvement or none that they want to
 - c. Impact on OCAFS budget?
 - i. Want to keep \$2-3K in account
 - ii. Question: will AFS consider the work performed by OCAFS over the year in prep for the in-person meeting, despite the Columbus meeting being moved to 2025/2026?
- c) AFS Governing Board motion on affiliate membership
 - a. Zak Slagle has volunteered to be on this committee; membership pending
 - b. AFS is looking for ways to entice affiliate members to become Parent Society members
 - c. AFS will require Chapters to offer meeting discounts for those chapter members who are also AFS members.
 - d. By August 1st need to report affiliate members list to AFS
 - e. AFS will work on developing a platform to handle meeting registrations for chapters to use.
- d) OCAFS Summer meeting: We probably shouldn't plan an in-person meeting, so it would likely need to be something virtual. It will be around the same time as the AFS Virtual Meeting.
 - a. Suggestion of a virtual fishing tournament to promote involvement in a virtual Summer meeting; also consider adding a Continuing Education course to entice people to attend.
 - b. Will try to hold meeting in conjunction with Annual Meeting
- e) Other webinar opportunities?
 - a. Need to brainstorm ideas that could be Chapter hosted, need accessibility and value to members
- f) OCAFS Strategic Plan: Our strategic plan has expired, but we decided to wait until after AFS 2020 to update it. As the meeting has been cancelled, do we still want to?

- a. We should wait
 - b. Check out the 2019 AFS strategic plan as published in Fisheries
 - c. Consider creating a 10 year (rather than a 5 year) plan for OCAFS, with basic alignment with parent society plan
 - g) Begin thinking about recruiting a new President-Elect
 - h) Need to start thinking about Annual Meeting (February)
 - a. Probably makes sense to wait until 2022 for an in-person meeting; start reaching out to other neighboring states (Michigan, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky?)
7. Wrap up
- a. Motion to adjourn: Nick R.
 - b. Motion: passed
 - c. Meeting adjourned at: 11:40am
8. Action Items
- a. **Create Google Doc** as a living document for the procedures to be followed each year (e.g. when to organize governing board meetings, advertise for awards, etc.); can include tracking or logging of all Governing Board activities (e.g. NCD).
 - b. President will **create a Work Plan** for the year with a budget that should help us remain more neutral rather than have expenditures > income each year
 - c. President to reach out to other states in anticipation of an annual meeting in winter 2022
 - d. Recruit new Value of Membership officer and new President-elect ASAP.
 - e. Start planning virtual Summer Meeting for September (?)

Appendix 1

From Joe Conroy:

Here are a couple items from the NCD Reservoir Technical Committee:

Annual Technical Committee Meeting. The annual meeting of the NCD Reservoir Technical Committee was held in Springfield, Illinois on January 28, 2020 during the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. A new Chair, Andrew Bueltmann from Indiana, was elected. Of particular note were the reported activities on several ongoing multi-state grants obtained by AFS staff but with work by members throughout country, including Rebecca Krogman, Iowa DNR and former co-Chair of the NCD Reservoir Technical Committee.

AFS is building a Grey Literature Clearinghouse (I've heard this called *Fisheries Reports*, previously). This online repository for agency reports will allow index, search, and exchange of documents that are often unavailable. This could be a real treasure trove. The RTC may be an important entity for adding entries to the clearinghouse.

AFS is also building a Fisheries Research Tracking and Information Exchange Tool. This system would essentially be an online place to identify previously completed and active research projects. This system would communicate research to avoid inefficiencies and duplication while facilitating collaboration. Rebecca would like to see this tool essentially become a reporting tool for Technical Committees but it wasn't clear everyone organizing this tool shared Rebecca's vision!

AFS is building a Research Agenda project tracking. This system was sought by Fish Administration Section members (i.e., Fish Chiefs) to share research themes to promote coordination.

Volunteers for any of these projects, especially the second and third are sought. Contact Joe if interested.

AFS 2020 Symposium. In conjunction with the Fisheries Management Section, the NCD Reservoir Technical Committee is sponsoring the symposium titled, *Development, Validation, and Application of Standard Population Assessments in Inland Waters*, to be held at the 150th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society. Additional oral presentation and poster submissions are welcomed. The deadline to submit your abstract is May 18, 2020.