



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Fall Business Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 28th, 2021
Meeting Time: 1:00-2:00 PM
Meeting online via Zoom

- 1) Call to Order
 - a) Determination of quorum: quorum reached, more than seven members in attendance.
 - b) Meeting called to order at: 1:05PM
 - c) Attendance: 15; K. Fussell, B. Alford, Z. Slagle, C. Mayer, S. Gratz, E. Monaco, Z. Amidon, C. Doyle, N. Santucci, A. Markley, T. Gabriel, A. Alford, S. Gray, C. Wagner, S. Wong

- 2) Welcome by Kristen Fussell, OCAFS President
 - a) Introduction of attendees

- 3) NCD Report (Mark Fincel, President or Joe Conroy, Past-President)
 - a) *not present, written follow-up?*

- 4) Officer Reports
 - a) President (Kristen Fussell)
 - i) Thanks to Roger Thoma for informative Crayfish workshop. Please don't share Crayfish guide as it is due to be published soon.
 - b) President-Elect (Jeremy Pritt) – *not present*
 - c) Past President (Bryan Kinter) – *not present*
 - d) Secretary/Treasurer (Zak Slagle)
 - i) Renewed certification with Sec of State of Ohio
 - ii) Membership
 - (1) 122 current members
 - (a) 67 affiliate members, 53 regular members
 - (b) 56 Parent society members
 - (c) 10 new BGSU student members since 9/1
 - iii) Finances
 - (1) Expenditures: \$404 (\$350 for awards, \$29 AFS Gray Award, \$25 OH SoS Renew)
 - (2) Credits: \$8,005 (\$8K from AFS [profit sharing], Amazon Smile)
 - (3) Currently have \$11,010.52 in account
 - e) Student Subunit Representatives
 - i. UT Rockets (Zach Amidon, Treasurer reporting for President Kaitlen Lang)
 1. Recent activities: Net mending workshop (with BGSU), Walleye fishing,

- stream cleanup w/ Partners for Clean Streams, camping, Professional Q&As, sturgeon release, headboat perch fishing,
 - 2. Amidon and Lang serving on 2022 Joint Aq Sci Mtg Student Committee
 - 3. Future: mock interviews for bio/tech jobs, head boat rental?; generally want to facilitate more professional/student interaction
 - ii. BGSU (Nathan Santucci, Vice President) –
 - 1. working on registration with BGSU and with parent society for official subunit status
 - 2. Recent activities: monthly pond cleanups; sturgeon release, greenhouse tours, macroinvert workshop, campus fish species list
 - iii. OSU – *not present*
- 5) Standing Committee Reports
- a) Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh) – *not present*
 - b) Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig) – *not present*
 - c) Value of Membership (Brian Alford)
 - i) Will be looking for next president-elect in January
 - ii) Keeping up with social media. Looking for social media posts (e.g., job postings, new papers, pictures)
- 6) North Central Division Technical Committee Reports
- a) Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko) – *not present*
 - b) Esocid (Curt Wagner) – nothing to report; COVID has greatly reduced activity for this and other technical committees
 - c) Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons) – *not present*
 - d) Reservoir (Joe Conroy) – *not present*
 - e) Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt) – *not present*
 - f) ~~Salmonid (Kevin Kayle)~~ – committee no longer functionally exists with Kevin Kayle’s retirement
 - g) Walleye (Tim Parker) – *not present*
- 7) Old Business
- a) Student subunits
 - i) BGSU paperwork in process
- 8) New Business
- a) Winter 2022 OCAFS meeting
 - i) Need to search and vote for president-elect
 - ii) In-person, online, or hybrid? Latter is most difficult, in-person meeting on rise.
 - iii) Job interview workshop – helpful for students. Discuss interview styles, types of Qs
 - iv) Presentations on job types, ice fishing?
 - v) Governing Board will discuss futher
 - b) Winter 2023 Joint Meeting possibility?
 - i) MI and ON backed out in 2022, try to follow-up in coming year
 - c) Update Bylaws

- i) Past presidents need to be updated
 - (1) *Secretary had old version of bylaws, received 2017 version from C. Wagner and will update past officers.*
- ii) Strategic plan update? Not sure this is necessary (per group consensus).
- d) Upcoming Opportunities
 - i) NOAA Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship
 - (1) Seeking applicants, due by Feb. 18, 2022
 - (2) Info: <https://ohioseagrant.osu.edu/about/jobs/knauss>
 - ii) Great Lakes Fisheries Science Training Workshop
 - (1) July 30 – Aug 5, 2022
 - (2) Hosted by OSU, includes Michigan State
 - (3) For undergrads/recent graduates (pre-grad school); expenses covered!
 - (4) Apply by Jan 17, 2022
 - (5) Info: <https://ael.osu.edu/FSTWorkshop>
- e) Upcoming meetings
 - i) 2021 AFS Annual Meeting, November 6–10, 2021, Baltimore, Maryland
 - ii) 2022 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, February 13–16, 2022, Des Moines, Iowa
 - iii) 2022 State of Lake Erie, March 16-18, 2022, Cleveland, Ohio
 - iv) 2022 Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, May 14-20, Grand Rapids, Michigan
 - v) 2022 AFS Annual Meeting, August 21-25, 2022, Spokane, Washington
- 9) Wrap up
 - a) Motion to adjourn: B. Alford
 - b) Motion passed.
 - c) Meeting adjourned at: 1:58PM