



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Annual Business Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 23rd, 2022
Meeting Time: 12:30-1:30PM ET

Meeting via Zoom in conjunction with the Ohio AFS Virtual Annual Meeting

1) Call to Order

- a) Determination of quorum: Yes (8+ members)
- c) Meeting called to order at: 12:32 PM
- d) Attendance: 24 participants; Kristen Fussell, Bryan Kinter, Erin Monaco, Jeremy Pritt, Zak Slagle, Nick Radabaugh, Zach Amidon, Kristen Lang, Touhue Yang, Jonny Lukens, Amy Alford, Brian Alford, Cathy Doyle, Jesse McCarter, John Rodstrom, Ed Roseman, Peter Grap, Tory Gabriel, Stephen Gratz, Joe Conroy, Chris Mayer, Eugene Braig, Curt Wagner, Stacey Provo

2) Welcome (Kristen Fussell, OCAFS President)

- a) Introduction of all attendees

3) North Central Division Report (Joe Conroy, NCD Past-President)

- a) General background of NCD
 - i) Technical committees are one of biggest draws, invitation to participate
- b) New VP – Sarah Thomas (MIDNR)
- c) Student participation – NCD Student Affairs Committee has two new co-chairs: Shaley Valentine (Shaley.Valentine@siu.edu) and Hadley Boehm (Hadley.Boehm@mail.missouri.edu). They are starting a Slack group to facilitate communication. First initiative is to expand the committee to include Early Career Professionals

4) Officer Reports

- a) President (Kristen Fussell)
 - i) Thanks to all for dealing with virtual format; hope next meeting can be in-person.
- b) President-Elect (Jeremy Pritt)
 - i) Requests from NCD and Ohio Division of Wildlife for Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA) – OCAFS sent letters of support to state representatives
 - ii) Looking forward to new ideas and reengaging student subunits
- c) Past President (Bryan Kinter)
 - i) Enjoyed tenure on governing board but unfortunately heavily affected by COVID
- d) Secretary/Treasurer (Zak Slagle)
 - i) Current available funds = \$11,384
 - ii) 116 current OCAFS members (71 students; 52 parent society members)
 - iii) See attached for full report.

- e) Student Subunit Representatives
 - i. UT Rockets – K. Lang (for J. McKenna)
 - 1. Past activities: perch fishing trip in October 2021; sturgeon release in Oct 2021; letter writing campaign for RAWA; roundtable discussion on Imposter Syndrome
 - 2. Upcoming activities: Student coord committee for JASM 2022 – trivia event on Tues; partnering with another UT club (Clean Water for Our World) for a stream cleanup on April 23rd
 - ii. OSU – not active
 - 1. E. Braig – “current” club-advising professor is leaving, so new advisor will be necessary (and may facilitate participation)
 - iii. BGSU – (David Roach) no report submitted and no members present
 - 1. K. Lang – BGSU is having biweekly meetings, she will follow up to encourage them to get their paperwork in

5) Standing Committee Reports

- a) Ohio Fisheries Leadership / Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh)
 - i) Midwest Travel Award (\$200, can be paired w/ Joan Duffy Award [NCD] for \$400)
 - ii) K. Lang – can award be generalized to more than the Midwest Meeting? Would make it easier for students to make deadlines etc.
 - iii) Resulting discussion RE: possible new awards and changing the current qualifications for the existing one
 - iv) Action Item: Nick will be sure to advertise the Student Travel Award *prior* to the conference abstract deadline next year
- b) Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig)
 - i) Milt Austin Award – virtual judging again, details in April, judging in June; need judges.
 - ii) Fish Sampling Workshop scholarships – weekend in fall, up to 2 scholarships available; details forthcoming
 - iii) Contact Eugene with questions or interest in either topic - braig.1@osu.edu
- c) Value of Membership (Brian Alford)
 - i) Sophia Wong (UT) now assisting with social media
 - ii) Anything to post (general, jobs, published papers) - get in touch with Brian

6) North Central Division Technical Committee Reports

- a) Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko) - none
- b) Esocid (Curt Wagner) - none
- c) Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons) - none
- d) Reservoir (Joe Conroy)
 - i) Symposium at Baltimore AFS meeting; resulting NAJFM special edition in prep (2023?)
 - ii) Joint NCD tech committee meeting – Centrarchid, Esocid, Walleye upcoming (no details yet)
- e) Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt)
 - i) Annual Mtg – next week
- f) Walleye (Tim Parker) - none

7) Old Business

- a) Student Subunits
 - i) BGSU paperwork? – no updates
- b) Winter 2023 Joint Meeting possibility?
 - i) MI and ON backed out in 2022, try again in 2023 – but MI hosting several large meetings soon
 - ii) Discussion: C. Mayer – work around OSU Research Review to improve attendance? J. Pritt - OCAFS Meeting is awkwardly timed now that RR has evolved into statewide meeting; can we work with RR? Maybe; need to regain momentum in state. Tricky position
- c) Update Bylaws
 - i) Z. Slagle - Past presidents have been updated, nothing else to update. Last updated in 2017.

8) New Business

- a) Summer 2022 OCAFS meeting
 - i) J. Pritt - Involve student subunit – presentations/social meetup/service project ideas; esp UT as they are most active; summer more realistic than spring (since it is spring now)
- b) Upcoming meetings
 - i) Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting (AFS, ASLO, CERF, IAGLR, NALMS, SFS, SWS), May 14-20, 2022, Grand Rapids, MI
 - ii) 2022 AFS Annual Meeting, August 21-25, Spokane, Washington
 - iii) 2023 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference, February 12-15, 2023, Overland Park, Kansas
 - iv) 2023 AFS Annual Meeting, August 20-24, 2023, Grand Rapids, MI
- c) Past-President Certificate
 - i) K. Fussell – thanks to B. Kinter for his service and dealing with COVID-19 pandemic
 - (1) Certificate and plaque ordered to his office
- d) New Officers
 - i) President-Elect – Steven Gratz – newly elected
 - ii) President – Jeremy Pritt
 - (1) Looking forward to summer and winter meeting; short term, will reach out to student subunits to coordinate more participation at Summer Meeting.
 - (2) Continue discussion on annual mtg with new committee
 - (3) Virtual model works well for some aspects so continue to use virtual when it makes sense

9) Wrap up

- a) Motion to adjourn: Z. Slagle, seconded B. Alford.
- b) Motion: none opposed.
- c) Meeting adjourned at: 1:28 PM.

Secretary/Treasurer's Report

Submitted by Zak Slagle

Financial Report

OCAFS Budget Summary (March 2021-March 2022)	
Category	Total Expenses
<i>Beginning Account Balance</i>	\$3,409.52
Chapter Dues	\$756.72
Amazon Smile Account	\$5.00
2020 AFS Profit-Sharing	\$8,000.00
Awards	-\$350.00
Operating Expenses	-\$54.00
OSU Student Subunit Funds	\$419.00
<i>Ending Account Balance</i>	\$11,767.24
OCAFS Available Funds	\$11,384.24

Notes:

- **Chapter dues** include money received from the AFS parent society and online payments through PayPal.
- **Awards** include 6 Milt Austin Awards (\$25-\$150)
- **Operating expenses** include an AFS Cert. of Appreciation for Suzanne Grey (\$29) and Secretary of State Agent Appointment (\$25). Zak Slagle is now the agent on file for the chapter (which needs to be renewed every five years).
- **OSU Student Subunit Funds** represent money raised in Silent Auction at the 2019 Midwest Meeting.
- **OCAFS Available Funds** represents closing balance in Huntington account minus the OSU Student Subunit Funds

Membership

- 117 current OCAFS members
 - Up from 95 members in March 2021
- 72 students, 45 non-students
 - From 48 students and 45 non-students in March 2021
 - 14 new student members since Jan 1st
- 52 parent society members