



Ohio Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Thursday, January 26, 2023, 4:00-5:00pm, Quest Conference Center, Columbus, Ohio

1. Call to Order
 - a. Determination of quorum: yes (8+ members).
 - b. Meeting called to order at: 16:03
 - c. Attendance: 30 in attendance, see attached.
2. Welcome by Jeremy Pritt, OCAFS President
3. North Central Division Report (Sarah Thomas, NCD President Elect)
 - a. 2023 Annual Meeting in Grand Rapids
 - i. Driving distance, breweries are perks
 - ii. Help needed with meeting planning
 - iii. Abstracts: Mar 6 – April 18
 - iv. Sponsorship from state divisions/agencies (starts at \$500)
 - b. NCD Meeting – at Midwest F&W Meeting
 - i. Feb 12
 - ii. Grants available for students/young professionals (\$500)
 - iii. Joan Duffy Travel Award from chapters, NCD match
 - c. NCD Tech committees - Great way to initially get involved; sponsor symposiums etc.
 - d. NCD online swag store
 - i. Now live, print on demand: <https://ncdofafs.threadless.com/>
 - ii. Chapters can participate for no cost (i.e., have their own chapter shop); receive ~\$5 per shirt
 - e. Student and Early Career Prof subsection being revitalized
 - f. Parent society
 - i. Still advocating despite RAWA failure
 - ii. Resolution to remove dams from Snake River
 - iii. Upcoming summit to discuss “positioning” of AFS journals (every 5 yrs)
 - iv. 24 diff sections within AFS - specialty areas, good way to find other specialists
4. Officer Reports
 - a. President (Jeremy Pritt)
 - i. Summer meeting at UT successful

- ii. NCD governing board; state chapter check-ins
 - iii. Planning this meeting took most of time; first in-person annual meeting in many years
 - 1. Loss of institutional knowledge made planning tough
 - 2. Meet w/ governing board after this meeting for after-action review
- b. President-Elect (Steven Gratz)
 - i. Proposing annual award for OCAFS – “Hall of Excellence” or similar
 - 1. Other societies have these awards
 - 2. Open discussion:
 - a. Should be a formal vote, but we’re not there yet – Alford
 - b. Award sounds good but seeking nominations can be tough; OCAFS isn’t doing that currently. Internal award may not be necessary. Tie internal award to FMS or NCD award nomination? Many of these awards are not hard to win – Conroy
 - c. MI has 2 Sr career, 2 student, 1 DEI awards. Often not enough apps, have to be pushy to get them. Need people for committee. – Thomas
 - d. General consensus – look into other awards, see what qualifications are
 - ii. More involvement in chapter
 - 1. Paper discussion? Other ideas?
- c. Past President (Kristen Fussell, *not present and no report submitted*)
- d. Secretary/Treasurer (Zak Slagle)
 - i. Secretary/treasurer report (attached)
 - 1. Treasury - \$9,411 in funds currently available, although exact accounting was made tough by last-minute signups.
 - 2. Membership – 101 current members (77 students, 24 non-students)
- e. Student Subunits
 - i. UT Rockets (Evelyn Pantelopoulos, VP)
 - 1. Social event at JASM; planning student-prof mixer at parent society mtg
 - 2. Walleye fishing on headboat last year; planning another this year
 - 3. Mostly online meetings; looking for students to participate. Possible joint meeting with BGSU
 - ii. BGSU – no report; ask Zach Amidon for who to contact Kevin Neves is faculty advisor
 - 1. 2/2 Slagle follow-up – Z. Amidon identified Ashley Luttrell and Maggie Rettig (sp?) as current leaders
 - iii. OSU (Steven Gratz, Eugene Braig)
 - 1. Meet w/ Wildlife Club, Bill Peterman is wildlife advisor but fisheries advisor vacant
 - 2. Dillon Wilson – President
 - 3. Meeting every 2 wks on Tues night; participation affected by COVID
 - 4. Eugene talking at next meeting (Jan 31)
 - 5. Desire for participation with OCAFS/other student subunits; looking for speakers, etc.
 - 6. Frustrated w/ lack of engagement. Hope that new advisor might increase participation with OCAFS. - Braig

5. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Ohio Fisheries Leadership/Webmaster (Nick Radabaugh)
 - i. Nothing to report
 - ii. Appreciate his effort - Pritt
 - b. Education/Continuing Education (Eugene Braig)
 - i. Fish Sampling Workshop @ Stone Lab returned this year, lower attendance this year. OCAFS usually offers scholarships, hoping to get young folks involved. Will likely ask for similar in fall.
 - ii. Milt Austin Awards – state science fair award, 25 yrs running. 1st (\$150), 2nd (\$100), 3rd (\$50), 2 Hon mentions (\$25). Motion to continue
 1. Also needs judges!
 2. Kinter motions to fund this again, Slagle second, all in favor. Motion passes.
 - c. Value of Member/Social Media (Brian Alford)
 - i. Officers filled; Taylor Hunkins nominated for President-Elect
 - ii. Social – Twitter and Facebook. Looking for student help to post occasional stories. Jobs or publications to post, see Brian.
6. North Central Division Technical Committee Reports
 - a. Centrarchid (Steve Tyszko)
 - i. Possible symposium at Midwest meeting
 - b. Esocid (Curt Wagner) – absent, no report
 - c. Ictalurid (Ethan Simmons) – no report
 - d. Reservoirs (Joe Conroy) – left early, no report
 - e. Rivers and Streams (Jeremy Pritt)
 - i. Meeting virtually for several years. March 28-29 in Milan IL is next in-person but tough to make it to a distant half-day.
 - ii. Looking for leadership
 - iii. Preparing state chapter report for committee, will reach out to presenters
 - f. Walleye (Tim Parker) – No report
7. Old Business
 - a. Upcoming meetings
 - i. February 12-15, 2023, Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference, Overland Park, Kansas
 - ii. August 20-24, 2023, American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI
8. New Business
 - a. Hutton Scholar discussion
 - i. Maria McGraw emailed WildInfo RE: lack of Hutton Mentors in Ohio
 1. No Ohio HS student can therefore participate
 - ii. Stone Lab is interested, but tough due to low # of local students and low diversity; state division/dept typically hosts – Alford
 1. He will look into it, sponsor apps due mid-March; may be too soon for this year but can work on it
 - iii. Governing board will discuss at later meeting.

- b. NCD Urban Fisheries Technical Committee
 - i. Request from Tyler Stubbs, Iowa DNR seeking Ohio representative
 - ii. Agreement that it'd be nice, but no volunteers.
 - c. Past-President Award
 - i. Will buy for Kristen
 - d. New Officers
 - i. Voting for Taylor Hunkins as President-Elect (Braig motions, Slagle seconds, motion passes unanimously)
 - ii. President-Elect – Taylor Hunkins
 - iii. President – Steven Gratz
 - iv. Past-President – Jeremy Pritt
9. Action items
- a. Tech committee assessment/assignment review
 - b. Governing Board - Review annual meeting plans
 - c. Slagle – Order plaque for Kristen
 - d. ? – Review existing awards
10. Wrap up
- a. Meeting adjourned at 5:00pm.

Attendance

Last	First	Affiliation	OCAFS Role
Pritt	Jeremy	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	President
Gratz	Steven	The Ohio State University	President-Elect
Hunkins	Taylor	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	President-Elect-Elect
Slagle	Zak	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	Secretary-Treasurer
Braig	Eugene	Ohio State University Extension	Continuing Education
Radabaugh	Nick	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	Fisheries Leadership/Webmaster
Alford	Brian	The Ohio State University, Stone Laboratory	Value of Membership
Pantelopoulos	Evelyn	University of Toledo	VP, UT Rockets Subunit
Thomas	Sarah	Michigan DNR	NCD President-Elect
Alsdorf	Brian	OEPA	
Binkley	Corbin	MAD Scientist Associates	
Blawut	Bryan	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	
Booth	Michael	University of Cincinnati	
Brown	Ryan	University of Toledo	
Conroy	Joseph	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	
Gabriel	Tory	Ohio Sea Grant	
Grap	Peter	University of Cincinnati	
Hothem	Seth	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	
Kinter	Bryan	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	
Laiveling	Audrey	The Ohio State University	
Mapes	Robert	University of Toledo	
Marx	Katie	University of Cincinnati	
Mayer	Christine	University of Toledo	
Montague	Graham	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	
Schantz	Robert	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	
Schmitz	Noel	The Ohio State University	
Smitley	Trenton	University of Cincinnati	
Telep	Justin	Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District	
Tyszko	Stephen	ODNR, Division of Wildlife	
Weik	Dillon	University of Toledo	

Secretary/Treasurer Report

OCAFS Budget Summary (Aug 2022-Jan 2023)		
Category		Total Expenses
<i>Beginning Account Balance</i>		\$11,566.64
Awards		-\$600.00
Chapter dues		\$10.00
Past president plaque (AFS)		-\$29.10
Annual Meeting	Quest Center*	-\$4,500.00
	Fish ID Book (OBS)	-\$30.00
	Food at social*	-\$236.03
Registrations	Student (27)	\$810.00
Registrations	Professional (27)*	\$2,970.00
	Paypal fees	-\$158.79
	Paypal transfer	\$3,320.49
OSU Student Subunit Funds		\$419.00
<i>Ending Huntington Balance</i>		\$9,492.00
<i>Ending Paypal Balance</i>		\$338.20
OCAFS Available Funds		\$9,411.20

Notes:

- **Chapter dues** include one non-parent society membership.
- **Awards** represent two Stone Lab Fisheries Workshop Scholarships (\$300 each).
- ***Annual Meeting** includes transactions not yet observed in the bank account, including debits (the Quest Center, food at social) and credits (outstanding meeting registration fees). The latter are not included in this summary.
- **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 *and* outstanding debits.

Membership (as of Tues, 1/24):

- 101 current members (+31 lapsed from 2022)
- 77 students, 24 non-students; 33 are parent society members

Submitted January 26, 2023

Zak Slagle

OCAFS Secretary/Treasurer