

16 December 2013 AFS Management Committee Minutes

Members (*italics = absent*): Bob Hughes, John Boreman, Donna Parrish, Ron Essig, Joe Margraf, Doug Austen, Jessica Mistak, Jim Armstrong, John Jackson, Vince Travnichek, Hilda Sexauer, Tom Lang, Margaret Murphy, Jesse Trushenski, Mike Stone.

Margraf moved (Stone seconded) approval of the Agenda and Trushenski moved (Stone seconded) approval of the 18 November 2013 Management Committee minutes. Both motions were approved without dissent.

Boreman moved (Travnichek seconded) to approve a standard process for calculating registration fees for the 2014 and future annual meetings. It is understood that the baseline will be based on the regular member rate, which may vary with the venue, and that this template will be added to the Procedures Manual. Approved without dissent. See attached table.

Boreman moved (Jackson seconded) to approve new student subunit bylaws for the University of Wisconsin—Stout as previously recommended by Mistak. Approved without dissent.

Austen reported that:

- Tom Bigford is expected to begin work as AFS Policy & Grants Coordinator in February 2014.
- The final accounting for the Little Rock meeting is expected at the end of December.
- AFS staff, the Meetings Oversight Committee, and previous and future annual meetings general chairs are reviewing the AFS Meetings Manual to make it more relevant.
- AFS will advertise for a second Chief Science Editor for Fisheries in January.
- The AFS Investment Committee is still in need of additional members.
- Because of the increased workload, an additional half-hour is needed for Management Committee meetings. The Management Committee agreed and set the new start time at 14:00 ET.
- Woodstreet has been contracted to evaluate the technical aspects of the AFS website in preparation of the departure of contract webmaster, Farasha Euker, in mid-January. The intent of the contract is to ensure a stable platform, determine essential repairs and restructuring, and suggest how best to implement them.
- Denise Spencer needs to know who plans to attend the 29 January 2014 mid-year meeting in Kansas City *now* so she can contract for your food and seating, and so that Shawn Johnston can know the number expected to join via GoToMeeting.
- He continues to meet with staff of the Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership to develop common focal areas.

- He met with Ken Williams (The Wildlife Society Executive Director) to explore collaborative options. Three considerations are 1) a joint annual meeting in 2017 in Tampa, 2) a joint IT position, and 3) meeting planning management.
- He intends to have an open GoToMeeting call with all AFS Chapter Presidents on 7 January at 14:00 ET.
- List serve problems continue to plague the Society, however over 1000 members have voted on the Constitutional Amendments sent for member vote following their approval by the Governing Board at the Little Rock meeting.

Jesse Trushenski reported that 1) the comment period for the proposed AFS mining policy is open—but that the comment site is not currently functioning, and 2) the draft HaMAR guidance will be out for review soon, with a final document in February; an article describing the proceedings over the past year is planned for the North American Journal of Aquaculture.

Margaret Murphy reported that 1) extensive changes to the AFS Strategic Plan are being written, and 2) the Nominating Committee considered four strong 2nd Vice-president nominees and selected two candidates: Reggie Harrell and Steve McMullin.

Joe Margraf stated that the Constitutional Revision Committee expects to have a version for review by the end of January 2014.

Ron Essig reported that the Educational Requirements Committee has completed its list of fisheries-related educational programs and placed it on the Education Section website for review. A manuscript describing the results of the employer survey is being outlined for Fisheries.