

## American Fisheries Society Management Committee Meeting

Quebec City, Quebec  
Saturday 15 August 2014  
1:00 PM to 5:00 PM  
Hilton Quebec, Montmorency

### Minutes

1. Call to Order: Voting Members (*italics* = absent)
  - Bob Hughes, President  
John Boreman, Immediate Past President  
Donna Parrish, President-elect  
Ron Essig, 1st Vice President  
Joe Margraf, 2nd Vice President  
Jim Armstrong, President, Northeastern Division  
John Jackson, Southern Division  
Vince Travnichek, President-Elect, North Central Division  
Hilda Sexauer, President-Elect, Western Division  
Tom Lang, President, Socioeconomics Section  
Margaret Murphy, President, Water Quality Section  
Jesse Trushenski, President, Fish Culture Section  
Mike Stone, President, Fisheries Administration Section
  - Nonvoting Members  
Doug Austen, Executive Director, AFS  
Jessica Mistak, Constitutional Consultant
  - Guests  
Patrick Cooney, Emerging leader  
Justin Davis, Emerging leader  
Cari-Ann Hayer, Emerging leader  
Steve Midway, Emerging leader
2. Additional commentary
  - Note: A motion was approved at the summer 2013 Governing Board meeting to delegate additional authority to the Management Committee to facilitate the Governing Board's ability to focus on issues involving strategic planning, accountability, and the President's plan of work. Despite this delegated authority, the Management Committee is obligated to report to the Governing Board on all decisions. If there is majority approval of the Governing Board, decisions made by the Management Committee can be reopened for discussion and vote by the Governing Board. Please respond to

the President within 2 weeks if you have any questions or concerns with the decisions made by the Management Committee as described in the attached minutes.

3. Motion to approve the agenda
  - **Margraf moved**
  - **Murphy seconded**
  - **Motion approved unanimously**
  
4. Motion to approve July 2014 minutes (attached)  
Discussion:
  - Amendment to amend hammer
  - To accept the 21 July minutes as written. Trushenski corrected the minutes to indicate the HaMAR guidelines were under review by the Governing Board—not the HaMAR Committee. Motion approved unanimously
  - **Ron Essig moved**
  - **Jesse Trushenski seconded**
  - **Approved**
  
5. Motion to revise Unit annual reporting format (attached)  
Discussion:
  - To approve a standardized Division reporting spreadsheet.
  - Following discussion, John Boreman moved (Joe Margraf seconded) to amend the motion to a standardized Unit reporting spreadsheet.
  - Discussion: to have both governing board and society unit reports to include standardized numerical summary data in a spreadsheet
  - How we use the information and how useful that information is to everyone
  - **Jesse Trushenski moved**
  - **John Jackson seconded**
  - **Amendment and subsequent motion approved unanimously**
  
6. Motion to approve President-elect's work plan (Parrish)  
Discussion:
  - To approve the President-elect's 2014-2015 work plan
  - The fellows programs- to recognize the society and committee and work, fellows recognized as leaders in the field to represent AFS at other events so the president doesn't have to go to every meeting
  - Membership is an issue since numbers are down from 9000 to 7500 (Tom Lang)
  - **Jesse Trushenski moved**
  - **John Boreman seconded**
  - **Motion approved unanimously**

7. Motion to approve 2015 annual meeting (Parrish)

Discussion:

- To approve the 2015 annual meeting registration fees
- Registration fee: which encourages members to renew their membership when it laps or pay the extra cost when it does
- Holding young professional and retired members to the same standards because they should already be members of AFS
- Will the split always be 70 % for the society and 30 % to the division/interties hosting the annual meeting?
- There needs to be a rationale for the split in the procedures
- 80% 20% for some
- Proposal for 430.00 as registration fee
- Will we start to lose people attending the meeting by increasing the cost to attend the meeting considering we made a substantial amount of money
- We are losing money on students because of the increased money
- Comparison to other societies, were taking a larger role in contracts
- Keep the percentages the same and make sure that the expenses are shared so the chapter doesn't have to take the total cost because the chapter puts in a lot of work
- Vote on membership early
- **Donna Parrish moved**
- **Mike Stone seconded**
- **Motion approved unanimously**

8. Motion to approve amending Rules (Margraf)

Discussion:

- To approve the amended Rules (which moved text from the Constitution to the Rules)
- Make sure that chapter/division members are AFS members. You have to be a society member to vote or take office
- Have a unifying society membership
- Certification should be checked periodically
- The 80 dollar membership cost too much (western division). People don't see that they benefit from being a member so they don't want to pay the 80 dollars
- Interest in the Hutton program. There building a new site
- Changes in the AFS office
- Keeping AFS staff happy and making sure salary is comparable to the job positions
- Making sure we have enough coverage for staff going to places more than we've had in previous years
- **John Boreman moved**
- **Joe Margraf seconded**
- **Motion approved unanimously**
- **Note: THIS MOTION MUST BE APPROVED BY THE GOVERNING**

***BOARD BY A 2/3 MAJORITY***

9. Strategic budget and activities planning (Austen)

Discussion:

- To approve the Executive Director's 2015 budget
- **John Boreman moved**
- **Joe Margraf seconded**
- **Motion approved unanimously**

10. Motion: to dissolve the time and place committee and shift their responsibilities to the management committee

Discussion:

- time and place committee isn't a value anymore, the staff putting the information together, the management would be the ones to approve the meeting 4 years in advance
- The management committee should be making these decisions
- Time and committee never picks the time and they just make recommendations and the executive director doesn't always go with their recommendations anyway
- There is an insufficient amount of time to plan all of this stuff
- Modifying rules and procedures, technically not removing time and place committee
- Once out of the constitution the management committee and change the procedures
- **Donna Parrish moved**
- **Ron Essig Seconded**
- **Motion not passed**

11. Motion: for governing board to the management committee recommends that the governing board suspend the rules of the time and place committee until the next annual meeting

- **Donna Parrish Moved**
- **Tom Lang seconded**
- **Motion passed**

**12. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 PM ET.**