

20 January 2014 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.*

Parrish moved (Essig seconded) approval of the Agenda and 16 December 2013 Management Committee minutes. Approved without dissent.

Essig moved (Trushenski seconded) approval of the Southeast Missouri State University student subunit bylaws. Approved without dissent following summary by Mistak.

Austen reported the following:

- He has completed a budget with minimal changes from his September draft.
- The Little Rock meeting returned a profit of +\$90,000.
- The AXA investment account increased by 22% in 2013. It is possible to create sub-accounts for Units and Society Award accounts as long as they have the same investment strategy.
- He is still working with DeLeon & Stang (accountants) to prepare a clearer and quicker monthly accounting statement for Management Committee review.
- 41 symposia proposals were submitted for the 2014 Quebec City meeting, resulting in an estimated 2085 registrants.
- The Little Rock meeting survey results were completed; results were sent to the Meetings Oversight and Quebec City Planning Committees. Austen has the summary.
- The Officers will be meeting with Cindy Delaney (a meeting planner) in Kansas City to discuss potential on-site services, costs, and savings for future annual meetings.
- The Society is advertising for a Co-Chief Science Editor for *Fisheries*. The application deadline is 19 April 2014. Please encourage capable editors to apply.
- A magazine content team is being formed to assist Sarah Fox and Beth Beard regarding what should and not be included in *Fisheries* exclusive of the science articles. The team will also advise on the content for the website, social media, and newsletter.
- A GoToMeeting call with Chapter and Student Subunit leaders was held on 9 January. Office staff discussed list serves, membership, accounting, and unit services; Chapters shared ideas and needs and all supported a second call perhaps in late Spring.
- Farasha Euker is continuing to assist Computer Showcase and WordPress with website cleanup and reformatting. No major problems have become apparent.

- All 5 Constitutional amendments passed by the Governing Board in September were passed by the membership with +90% approval.

Trushenski discussed options for the final HaMAR document (which is expected in late February): guidelines, position statement, or policy. There was general agreement, or at least no opposition, in proceeding with a policy statement (including Governing Board and Member peer review). The Management Committee will review the draft to determine if a policy statement is the appropriate option to pursue.

Trushenski then discussed the long-term problem of the many outdated Society policy statements, the option of archiving or eliminating some, and the difficulty of finding interested members to update them. Jesse will send a list of the policy statements needing treatment to the Management Committee, with the intent of finding more members willing to work on resource policy revision.

Essig reported that Steve McMullin is finalizing a detailed outline in preparation for a *Fisheries* article on fishery education programs in North America.

Hughes reported that the Society Audit Committee has only one member and needs greater representation. Armstrong suggested and Mistak agreed to draft an amendment that would explicitly state that each Division should name a person to serve on the Committee.

Hughes discussed the need for greater technical (vs. only bureaucratic) engagement with our international partners (FSBI, JSFS, CSF, SBI, KOSFAS). He noted that he gave technical presentations at the CSF and KOSFAS annual meetings and is scheduled to do likewise at the FSBI and JSFS annual meetings. He is also editing brief articles for *Fisheries* from the CSF and KOSFAS. A joint AFS-FSBI-JSFS-KOSFAS symposium on marine fisheries has been proposed for the Quebec City meeting under the leadership of Doug Vaughan. And there are several other symposia proposed with non-North American speakers. Bob manned an AFS table at the KOSFAS meeting and the JSFS had a booth in the Little Rock meeting. An international social is being planned for the Quebec City meeting in the President's suite following the IFS business meeting.