

21 July 2014 AFS Management Committee Minutes

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

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.**

Travnichek moved (Trushenski seconded) to accept the 16 June minutes as written. Motion approved unanimously.

Trushenski moved (Essig seconded) to approve the draft host appreciation resolution, with minor edits. Motion approved unanimously.

Essig moved (Trushenski seconded) to approve the proposed Southern Division bylaws amendments. Motion approved unanimously.

Essig moved (no second needed) to approve the motion from the Professional Certification Committee to amend its procedures as follows: to mandate Society membership to apply for certification and for certification to remain valid. Non-members may maintain certification until time to renew, at which time they must become members to renew. Motion approved unanimously.

Margraf moved (Travnichek second) to return the Continuing Education Committee motion to Committee for rewriting its Procedures. Motion approved unanimously.

Trushenski reported that Hughes had suggested additional edits to the HaMAR guidelines based on information obtained at the July meeting of the Fisheries Society of the British Isles. We expect to seek formal approval of those guidelines by the Governing Board in Quebec City because the suggested edits need review by the HaMAR Special Committee.

Essig indicated that the Fisheries Education Special Committee is reviewing its *Fisheries* draft article, and expects to complete the reviews in August.

Trushenski indicated that the draft mining policy is still being reviewed by the Resource Policy Committee. It is unlikely to be ready for Governing Board approval in August.

Margraf reported that the Society Rules amendments are being reviewed by the Special Committee to Revise the Constitution. Assuming they are completed over the next three weeks, they will be presented to the Governing Board for approval in August, and if approved, to the membership at the business meeting.

Austen reported that 1) Beverly Pike, Director of Student and Professional Development, began work in Bethesda on 14 June; 2) a proposal for a 2019 joint meeting with The Wildlife Society will be presented to the Time & Place Committee in Quebec City; and 3) he met with NMFS and USGS staff to further collaboration on issues of joint AFS-agency interest.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM ET.