

## 19 May 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.

Nonvoting Members: Doug Austen, Jessica Mistak.

Guests: Jim Bowker, Tom Bigford, Sarah Fox, Denise Spencer.

Note: A motion was approved at the 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. Even with 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.**

Essig moved (Margraf seconded) to accept the 17 March minutes as written. Motion approved.

Boreman moved (Trushenski seconded) to amend Article X of the Constitution. Motion approved 11 to 1. **See attached.**

Trushenski moved (Boreman seconded) to approve the HaMAR guidelines with the proposed Track Changes edits and Preface accepted. Motion passed unanimously. **The guidelines will be sent to the Governing Board for approval in early June once the bibliography is completed.**

The Executive Director's report focused on the Society's first quarter financial position. Overall revenues were about \$250,000 less than those for 2013 and in all 3 major areas (membership, publications, annual meeting), but expenses were also \$28,000 less (mostly from termination of the webmaster contract). Steps are being taken to increase membership (or at least to slow the decline) via a reinvigorated Membership Committee (chaired by Doug Workman and Abbie Lynch) and staff mailings to past and potential members. Also a new strategy for meeting pricing and positioning is being developed. Austen expects library subscriptions to continue to decline, but book revenues may see an increase with publication of 8 books in 2014. He is also pursuing a number of contract and partnership opportunities with federal agencies that may lead to future revenues.

Austen also reported that to date 3 bids have been received for the 2018 Society meeting, and 6 applications have been received for the Co-chief Science Editor of *Fisheries* position.

Margraf indicated that he plans to send his suggested revisions to the Constitutional Revision Committee in June.

Essig indicated that the Fisheries Education Committee has not yet completed its *Fisheries* draft article but is continuing to update fisheries school course offerings, including those for Mexican universities.

Essig reported that nominations now have been received for all Society awards.

Hughes expects to complete revisions of the Mining Policy in June. Based on a report from the Audit Committee, Hughes has asked Austen to draft a staff and officer travel policy so that there are clear guidelines for eligible expenses and record keeping. The Publications Overview Committee review of the proposed online, open-access poster-style journal was strongly negative. As a result that proposal has been withdrawn. The voting for Society incoming 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President has resulted in the election of Steve McMullin.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM ET.