

AFS Management Committee Call Minutes

January 20, 2015

1:00-2:30 pm EST

1. Meeting called to order by President Parrish at 1:10 pm EST.

Participants:

MC Members: Donna Parrish, Ron Essig, Steve McMullin, Robert Hughes, Kristen Ferry , Hilda Sexauer, Dennis Riecke, Mark Porath, Jesse Trushenski, Laura Wildman, Jessica Mistak, Margaret Murphy

AFS staff: Doug Austen, Shawn Johnston, Denise Spencer, Beverly Pike, Aaron Lerner, Tom Bigford, Jasmine Sewell, Beth Beard, Sarah Fox, Eva Przygodzki

Emerging Leaders: Justin Davis, Steve Midway, Patrick Cooney

Guests: John Boreman

Not participating: Joe Margraf, Vince Travnichek, Dave Coughlan

2. Approval of Agenda – No comments and approval by consent.
3. Approval of Minutes from December 16th meeting. Essig moved, 2nd by Murphy. Passed by unanimous consent.
4. Savannah Mid-Year Governing Board Meeting Preparation – Final schedule development is waiting on Potomac Communications Group (PCG) report and discussion. Parrish will develop agenda early next week and distribute to the Governing Board
5. KSM comments – Hughes received additional information from Alaska and CARS and would like to incorporate those comments into his letter. No response yet from WA-BC chapter. Hughes will make corrections and bring them to the mid-year Governing Board meeting in Savannah for further action.
 - Trushenski – Noted that additional content on fisheries issues from the Alaska comments will be helpful.
 - Essig – Asked if letter is generally applicable to all similar mines or just KSM. Bob's response was both. He will incorporate comments into the letter that generalize the KSM impacts to the larger issue of similar mines in the geographic area of southeast Alaska and British Columbia.
6. ESAB-FITS letter – The Chair of ESAB and President of FITS recommended the Governing Board consider converting the Electronic Services Advisory Board to a standing committee of the Fisheries Information and Technology Section to remove redundancy and streamline operation.

- Parrish- Noted that Officers have recently been talking about streamlining the number of committees due to the challenge of finding chairs and members. For example, last year AFS put on hold the Time and Place Committee and discussed possibly doing the same with the Meeting Oversight Committee. The reasoning is that the Management Committee is much better prepared to deal with the meeting issues since the MC is responsible for approving budgets.
- Hughes – ESAB and FITS are somewhat redundant units and he supports ESAB as a standing committee within FITS.
- Origin of ESAB – Need to research how it was established. Information should then be sent to Mistak for review of a motion for consideration.
- Mistak- Will work on proposed motion for Savannah.

7. Time and Place – Hughes suggested that we not delay the issue of streamlining Time and Place Committee and Oversight committee reorganization. The proposal is to disband Time and Place and this will be discussed at Savannah.

- Mistak- Will work on proposed motion for Savannah.

8. Young Professional (YP) Membership Change – significant discussion focused on eligibility of YP post- graduation (see memo of 16 January 2015 from Austen to Management Committee for additional details)

- If there is a gap between schooling and where the person is considered a YP, when the person returns to school, the person is still eligible for the YP discount post-graduation.
- **Motion made to recommend to GB that it authorize a vote of the membership at the Portland meeting to move the membership category language from Rules (10.b) to an appropriate location in the Procedures.** Riecke moved, Hughes 2nd. Question by Trushenski about handling this as an electronic vote. MC decided not to do e-vote. Motion approved by unanimous consent.
- Trushenski – We want to make sure we are not encouraging students not to graduate.
- **Motion for MC to recommend to Incoming Governing Board at Portland meeting to change YP eligibility from 3 to 5 years.** Riecke moved, Hughes 2nd. Motion approved by unanimous consent.

9. Executive Director Report – Doug Austen (see attached report ED Update from 19 January 2015))

- Przygodzki noted that we have 4,300 member renewals, which is 2,000 more than at a similar time last year. This will significantly reduce mailing costs for the paper renewal effort that will be going out next week.
- Lerner noted that the actual 2014 book revenue is \$182,000 as adjusted for individual chapter purchase.
- Austen and Hughes discussed the proposed joint House-Senate hearing on the Waters of the U.S. rule. AFS will provide materials to all units and encourage letters, OpEd's to news sources and other efforts in support of the solid science basis of this rule.

10. Education Special Committee Report (McMullin) - Manuscript (MS) was nearly complete but new comments received need to be compiled. A second MS was developed on education requirements relative to AFS certification. Next call Feb. 20. Hope to finalize MS on Survey and discuss 2nd MS. Will then work with Gilbert-Fox on special publication of *Fisheries* magazine to include these manuscripts. Hope to have work completed by Portland meeting
11. President's Report (Parrish) – Attended CCFFR meeting in Ottawa (January 8-11, 2015). Steve Cooke was program chair. Also attended CARS meeting and reported on AFS activities and participated in panel on graduate students.
12. New Business -
 - Huhes –question on number of reports from AFS units submitted for mid-year Governing Board meeting. Johnston replied that 30 reports have been submitted and two individual letters submitted as short statements of activity. A question was raised on the value of these mid-year reports being requested so soon after the August AFS meeting. No recommendation was developed.
 - Essig may consider the 2016 mid-year meeting in Bethesda and in March (more traditional time frame).
 - Przygodzki - Reported that 43 new members have been obtained through the new reduced dues opportunity. This is only 8 days into the offer and is considered to be a good start.
13. Motion to adjourn at 2:34p.m. EST. Hughes moved, seconded by group and passed by unanimous consent.