

AFS Management Committee Call Minutes

July 21, 2015

2:00 pm EST

1. Meeting called to order by President Parrish at 2:00 pm EST.

Participants

Management Committee Members: Donna Parrish, Bob Hughes, Ron Essig, Steve McMullin, Joe Margraf, Abigail Franklin Archer, Marybeth Brey, Dave Coughlan, William Franzin, Margaret Murphy, Mark Porath, Hilda Sexauer, Vince Travnichek, Jesse Trushenski, Laura Wildman

Constitutional Consultant: Jessica Mistak

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

Emerging Leaders: Patrick Cooney

Guests: Chuck Coutant, Eric Knudsen and Andy Loftus

2. Approval of Agenda (Parrish) – Approved unanimously.
3. Approval of Minutes from June 16th meeting.
 - Moved by Hughes; seconded by Travnichek.
 - Approved unanimously .
4. Development Committee (Chuck Coutant, Eric Knudsen, and Andy Loftus)
 - Coutant briefly reviewed the activities of the Special Committee on Development including the Management Committee meeting on 6/30/2015 as well as a brief review of materials shared and discussion on guidance document.
 - Development Committee Motion was presented: *Recommend to the Governing Board approval of a formal development program based upon the draft operating guidance provided by the Special Development Committee.*
 - Moved by Wildman; seconded by Hughes.
 - Discussion resulted in suggested motion language modification (Mistak): ***Move the Governing Board approve a formal development program based on the draft operating guidance provided by the Special Committee on Development.***
 - Approved unanimously.

- Next steps are to have the motion and supporting documents shared with the Governing Board via briefing book with full appendix of reports including initial briefing paper (Austen to handle).
- Follow-up discussion on several points resulted in the following key points:
 - a) Add implementation timeline for inclusion for development program
 - b) The programs evolves and is reflect in the guidance document.
 - c) The Special Committee on Development has completed its primary purpose and is, essentially, disbanded. Oversight of the Development Program can be handled in various ways. For example, President-elect Essig may consider committee appointment as a Special Committee to continue on with this work.

5. Constitutional Consultant (Mistak)

- IFS Motions for consideration (see Appendix A for details on motions)
 - Motion 1: *Move that membership rates not differ as a function of nationality or country of residence, other than those for developing countries*
 - Moved by Essig; seconded by Hughes.
 - Approved unanimously .
 - Motion 2: *Move that the differential in membership rates for Developing Countries in Membership I and Membership II be eliminated and that Membership I level prevail*
 - Moved by Trushenski; seconded by Hughes
 - Approved unanimously.
 - Motion 3: *Move that Table E in the World Economic Situation and Prospects for the current year be used to determine a country's economic status and that only the categories "Lower Middle Income" and "Lower Income" (not "Upper Middle Income") be eligible for the reduced membership rate accorded Developing Countries.*
 - Moved by Murphy; seconded by Hughes.
 - Discussion: Essig noted a technical issue that not all countries of interest to AFS are listed in Table E and recommended that we add those countries further listed in table F to the motion.
 - Approved unanimously .
 - Motion 4: *Move that regular and young professional members from Developing Countries pay the "Retired & Young Professional member" registration fee. Furthermore, delegates from Developing Countries should be allowed to work as meeting volunteers to enable them to trade their time to cover the cost of their registration fees.*
 - Moved by Essig; seconded by Hughes.
 - Discussion focused on the second sentence of the motion. After attempting some editing and recognizing that the administration and logistics of creating an hourly wage system for such members, it was recommended that the second sentence be removed from consideration. Motion: *Move that regular and young professional members from Developing Countries pay the "Retired & Young Professional member" registration fee.* This was accepted by the original movers.
 - Amended motion approved unanimously .
- Revised bylaws-Alabama Chapter
 - Mistak noted that amended bylaws were reviewed by her and Boreman.
 - Moved by Porath; seconded by Coughlan.

- Approved unanimously .

6. Preparation for MC meeting in Portland (Parrish)

- Discussion items focused on how volunteers are organized for the meeting.

7. AFS Office updates (Austen)

- A full Executive Director's report will be presented at the annual meeting.

8. President's Report (Parrish)

- Portland meeting moving forward with current registration at 2,248 people.
- Parrish encouraged all Governing Board members to submit their reports for briefing book.

9. New business

- Government agencies still in flux and we are waiting on what could be several hundred late registrations.
- AFS has received multiple requests to allow for waivers from late registration fees. However, in fairness to all parties, AFS has had to deny all requests and has held the line on not grandfathering in the early rate.

10. Adjourn at 2:48 pm

Appendix A: Motions presented by International Fisheries Section

IFS Motions for Consideration by Management Committee

1. Motion: Move that membership rates not differ as a function of nationality or country of residence, other than those for developing countries.

Rationale: The reason given by staff for the membership rate differential is that previous to the Taylor & Francis contract, non-North Americans were charged for shipping Fisheries. Taylor & Francis now covers this cost, making the rate differential invalid, discouraging, and discriminatory to non-North American members. Charging non-North American regular members \$95 vs. \$80, non-North American young professional members \$50 vs. \$40, non-North American student members \$30 vs. \$20, and non-North American retired members \$50 vs. \$40 is now unjustified.

Objective: To remove an unjustified and discriminatory AFS membership rate that discourages rather than encourages Society membership.

2. Motion: Move that the differential in membership rates for Developing Countries in Membership I and Membership II be eliminated and that Membership I level prevail.

Rationale: Given that there is no longer a cost to AFS of shipping Fisheries, the cost for Developing Country Membership I (\$10 no paper *Fisheries*) and Membership II (\$35 with paper *Fisheries*) is no longer justified.

Objective: To remove an unjustified AFS membership rate that discourages rather than encourages Society membership by professionals in developing countries.

3. Motion: Move that Table E in the World Economic Situation and Prospects for the current year be used to determine a country's economic status and that only the categories "Lower Middle Income" and "Lower Income" (not "Upper Middle Income") be eligible for the reduced membership rate accorded Developing Countries.

Rationale: Currently, the Society considers many nations, including Brazil, China, Mexico, and South Africa, as developing countries. The economies of such nations as those should not be in the same class as those of the economically under-developed nations of Latin America, Africa, & Asia. For a current list, see page 142 of http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/policy/wesp/wesp_archive/2015wesp_full_en.pdf (accessed June 2015).

Objective: Reduce the number of nations that the Society considers as truly developing from 109 to 68.

4. Motion: Move that regular and young professional members from Developing Countries pay the "Retired & Young Professional member" registration fee. *Furthermore, delegates from Developing Countries should may be allowed to work as meeting volunteers to enable them to trade their time to cover defray the cost of their registration fees.* (note that language in italics was edited during discussion as noted and then dropped from the final motion)

Rationale: Full registration fees are acknowledged to be a hardship for student and retired AFS members on low or fixed incomes and are adjusted accordingly. Delegates from developing countries typically have even lower incomes and much greater travel expenses. If the Society wants to encourage annual meeting attendance by students, retirees and delegates from developing countries, a registration fee adjustment and volunteer opportunities seem reasonable.

Objective: Encourage Society annual meeting attendance by delegates from developing countries.

5. Motion: AFS restore oversight and management of the Developing Countries Fund (aka, International Memberships Fund) to the International Fisheries Section (IFS) for use in providing AFS memberships and assisting travel to Society annual meetings by delegates from developing countries.

- *MC motion passed by unanimous consent May 16, 2015.*