

AFS Management Committee Call

May 19, 2015

1:00 p.m. EDT

Minutes

Participants:

MC Members: Donna Parrish, Ron Essig, Joe Margraf, Bob Hughes, Kristen Ferry, Vince Travnichek, Dave Coughlan, Hilda Sexauer, Laura Wildman, Mark Porath, Margaret Murphy, Jessica Mistak

AFS Staff: Dan Cassidy, Shawn Johnston, Denise Spencer

Meeting called to order by President Donna Parrish at 1:00 p.m.

1. Approve agenda (Parrish) - There were no changes to the agenda
2. Approval of minutes from 17 March call (Parrish) - Minutes from the March 2015 call were approved
3. Constitutional Consultant—(Mistak)—Items for approval:
 - a. International Fisheries Section - revised bylaws to clarify officer roles and other minor items.
 - b. University of Minnesota-Duluth Subunit - new subunit.
 - c. University of Montana Subunit - revised bylaws to add Outreach Coordinator, eliminate term limits, and add electronic voting.

Action: All three items submitted by the Constitutional Consultant were accepted in one motion and approved by unanimous consent

4. Motion to approve AFS Mining Policy—(Trushenski 2nd motion for the RPC). Hughes offered a motion to approve the policy for forwarding to Resource Policy Committee. Seconded by Coughlan. Approved by unanimous consent.
5. Financial Reports - Dan Cassidy presented the March financial report along with membership totals and 2015 annual meeting registration figures to date.
6. President's Report - Parrish reported on her recent travels and activities. Gwen White, Communications Strategic Plan Committee, will be invited to the next Management Committee call to update the MC on the committee's progress. Staff will disseminate Governing Board attendance information for the annual meeting in June.

7. New business - Regarding the NY Times article on trout fishing and hatcheries, AFS submitted a response letter that was not accepted by the NYT for publication. This was thought to be primarily due to the time delays in developing the response not meeting the 7 day criteria of the NYT for response letters. AFS has been recently active in submitting comments or OpEd type pieces in other situations such as the Wisconsin DNR and State University budget situation, KSM mine (Canada-Alaska) and several US federal issues. These actions demonstrate that AFS is engaged in national and regional issues affecting the profession. It was noted that there is an ongoing discussion within the Society about our appropriate role in these types of advocacy activities. President-Elect Essig recommended inviting all chapter presidents to the communications planning activity at the Governing Board meeting in Portland.
8. Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned by 1:48PM.