

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society
ExCom Conference Call, 22 August 2007 Minutes

Present were: Past President Barry McPherson, President Mike Reed, President-Elect Doug Young, Secretary-Treasurer Ian Reid, Internal Director Neil Ward, Vice President Tom Friesen, incoming Internal Director Martyne Reesman, incoming Secretary-Treasurer Julie Firman, Webmaster Kara Anlauf from 1:15 to 1:30, Executive Liaison Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey from 2:00 to 2:30.

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes—All

All recently approved ExCom minutes are on the web. We are missing the February, March, and May minutes that Danielle or others took. Ian has received no edits back on the July minutes. Doug Young reviewed these and said they looked okay. ExCom should review their files and see if anyone has hard copies of the February minutes and Mike will scan them electronically. Doug will work on finalizing the May minutes.

2008 Joint WD/OR Portland meeting—Neil

First call for papers and symposia will be released in September at the San Francisco annual meeting. This will close on February 22. We are planning on having an electronic abstracting service in place by mid to late September. We will be getting member email addresses and other listserves such as those of Western Division from the Parent Society.

There are already 15 sessions in place (10 concurrent on Monday and Tuesday) with over 400 papers to be presented and possibly 750 or more attendees. Neil is receiving multiple session ideas per week.

Kara provided an update on electronic abstracting service and there are some issues with the webhosting. She is working with someone from OSU in order to get the electronic abstracting service and will find out how much it will cost.

Hardcopies of the abstracts will not be available; only on CD.

Website update—Kara

Kara will not be available in September so style and format updates need to occur after that. Neil suggested the Western Division meeting page should be a higher priority than updating the ORAFS page.

Treasurer's report—Ian

Current Balances (as of 22 August 2007):

Checking:	\$34,461.35
Coastal Cutthroat:	\$12,631.11
Savings:	\$50.29
Northwest Fish Culture Conference (NWFCC, as of 8/11/2007):	\$4,504.33
Money Market (as of 3/30/2007)	\$68,562.55

Ian has sent \$10,000 to Western Division AFS for them to invest for ORAFS in their investment fund. The check has been received and processed. Ian received an invoice for \$3,600 for inland redband trout proceedings cost. Ian worked on finalizing the fiscal year 2007 and 2008 proposed budgets including the annual meeting budget. It appears we spent about \$2,400 more than we received in fiscal year 2007. We need to schedule a time to do taxes and transfer financial records and archives and bank account numbers to Julie. Ian will call our bank and ask how to change over account signatories.

We need to make sure the US Postal Service transfers the ORAFS address from Galvin WA to our Oregon address (the new Portland PO Box address is already on our website). Neil will go up to Galvin and try to get our back mail.

All bank account statements need to be sent directly to the treasurer, not the ORAFS PO Box.

Budget approval—Mike

The 2007 annual meeting actual income and expenditures sheet was approved as was the fiscal year 2007 total Chapter income and expenditures sheet. We made about -\$1,633.24 in fiscal year 2007 with \$24,283.42 made on the 2007 annual meeting.

Mike will complete the FY2008 projected budget and send it out for ExCom to review along with the proposed FY2008 workplan. Doug and Mike will work on the FY2008 workplan and budget together and we will review them at our fall retreat.

Executive Committee Liaison update—Jeremiah

Jeremiah has sent out a list of ideas and issues for ORAFS to get involved with including potential white papers and position statements with the External Director serving as a funnel between ExCom and the liaison. He will send Ian a copy of the liaison's contract as Ian has not seen one yet. The blog site is currently down. Jeremiah will be invited to ExCom's fall retreat.

Newsletter update—Neil

The summer edition will be released after the September AFS meeting in San Francisco. Neil is still waiting on a “President’s Corner” submission from Mike.

Lamprey workshop update—Doug

Oregon AFS responsibility is to post the lamprey workshop announcement on our website. We are still a sponsor and have an Oregon Chapter member on the organization board, but they are not going to use our bank accounts and we do not have an administrative assistant to aid them with registration. They may want help publishing proceedings of the workshop if they can get presentations in publishable form.

BLM Western Oregon Plan Revision comments—Mike

Mike will ask Brad to contact appropriate ORAFS external committees, determine due dates for comments, and start assembling ORAF comments. Gordie Reeves might be a potential resource for providing comments. EPA wants to potentially team together with ORAFS in submitting comments.

Klamath Dams FERC relicensing—Mike

The FEIS is not out yet, but ORAFS still has standing. Cal-Neva Chapter and Western Division want to work with ORAFS on providing comments.

Other

Oregon Chapter received the AFS National Chapter of the Year award **for the second year in a row!** Doug will accept on behalf of Oregon Chapter in San Francisco at the Tuesday business lunch and Mike will follow up with Brad on getting it posted on the Oregon Chapter webpage.

Outgoing Past President Barry McPherson and outgoing Vice President Tom Friesen bid the ExCom farewell and were wished well in return, but told they would be sought after for continued involvement and help to the Chapter.

The next ExCom meeting will likely be a retreat in October organized by incoming President Doug Young. Several of the ExCom members are attending the annual meeting of AFS in San Francisco this September.

This meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian S. Reid, Secretary-Treasurer