

ORAFS ExCom Minutes for 12/20/2007

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society  
ExCom Conference Call, 20 December 2007

Present were: Past President Mike Reed, President Doug Young, President-Elect Neil Ward, Vice President Ian Reid, and Secretary-Treasurer Julie Firman.

The meeting was called to order at 8:45

**Old Business**

Treasurer's Report:

Balances:

Primary Checking:	29,855.38
Savings	50.31
Coastal Cutthroat	12,631.11
NWFCC	7.33
Columbia Management	62,169.95

2007 Tax preparation status: Taxes are complete and were mailed December 19<sup>th</sup>. We received a bill from the IRS for not filing on time to the order of \$270.58, due on December 27<sup>th</sup>. To avoid any further penalties or fees, Julie paid this bill, however, our accountant filed an appeal with our return explaining why we didn't file an extension and asking that the late fee be waived.

November ExCom minutes: Final minutes for the November conference call were circulated on December 18<sup>th</sup>. Minutes will be approved on the January conference call.

External Committee Report

- BLOG update: Background: the blog was envisioned as a means to facilitate better communication among members, but it has not has much activity. One reason is that the blog may not be as accessible to folks as we would like it to be – members have to be regular visitors to the website in order to participate. Mike talked to Mike Colvin about an alternate process that would send emails to members of up to three listserve groups. The email would outline issues and direct members to go to the blog. Proposal: 1) Continue ExCom support of blog, 2) determine the focus for each of three listserve groups, 3) start a membership drive to reinvigorate committees (article in Piscatorial Press and email to members). Kara and Mike have agreed to manage the process. They would decide if an issue would go on the blog and then email the listserve(s). Potential groupings are: 1. Natural production and freshwater habitat; 2. Human dimensions, harvest and hatcheries; 3. Marine fisheries.

Action items: The committee will draft a paragraph for the next newsletter and investigate ways to build the membership for committees and the blog. Details will appear in an email to all Oregon Chapter members or the spring newsletter or both.

- Legislative Committee Liaison Updates  
Update from Doug: Ian, Jeremiah, and Lance Kruzic are working on a WOPR comment letter. Doug promised a quick turn-around to make the January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.  
Planning for 2008: Moscovitz has come up with two new ideas. 1) Letter to governor and state agencies highlighting the opportunity to do good work for streams as we recover from the recent storm and flood. Doug doesn't think we should sign on the group letter, but that we should write our own letter to the same effect. **Doug will check with Jeremiah to see if he's pulling together a committee to draft a letter on this.** This would also be a good opportunity to contract with the Northwest stream restoration group to host a workshop on fish habitat to provide training on proper approaches for flood recovery. The target audience would be watershed councils, cities, counties, and local government groups. 2) Moscovitz is also asking for AFS participation on a planning group for a training workshop for legislators on importance of wild fish. **Martyne is tracking the effort and may ask Jeremiah to get involved.** This sounds like a good idea, but ExCom won't have much time until after the May conference. Martyne asked him to move the training to the summer.

**Doug will remind Jeremiah that we're waiting for issues statements on issues. Doug, Brad and Hiram will work with Jeremiah to develop a contract/scope of work for this volunteer position.**

- Student Subunit report  
Jason is home with the flu. Brad has received a proposal from a group willing to do a career-development workshop with mentoring component. **Ian has a proposal for student workers.** A flyer will go out in this issue of Piscatorial Press and will also go out to universities. It explains that this is a way for students to pay for the meeting. Free lodging will be provided for first 30 workers. Ian is meeting with Tom Friesen to go over student management tips and tactics. **Doug can help distribute the flyers through western division.**

#### Western Division/ORAFS Annual Meeting

We had originally expected 700-750+ participants. We have accepted 31 symposia proposals and expect close to 600 abstracts. In the past we've had 3:1 participants to abstracts. We could easily have over 1000+ participants. We're going to need a lot of help and we'll need to have this dialed in. This will be twice the size of our usual meeting. Sessions are pretty broad. A list of the sessions will appear in the winter Piscatorial Press.

**Contributions to Piscatorial Press are due by Friday, 4 January.**

**Mike will follow up on contacting some of Carl Bond's early colleagues to ask for contributions to a memorial column.**

- Managing e-registration  
e-registration goes live Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> along with the final call for papers. Send abstracts early – the number of slots for contributed papers very limited. And they will go on a first come first serve basis. Also suggest that you reserve a room at the hotel right away – those rooms will fill up.

- 2009 meeting

The River House in Bend is locked in for our 2009 meeting. We are also locked in for Eugene in 2010

### **New Business**

Short-term investment: money market vs. Business CD?

A money market account is better in every respect than a business CD except that it could be more volatile, though it hasn't been. Money that usually sits in checking account could make interest in a CD, and then go back into the checking account when it matures. Why not just put it all in the money market account? Julie will talk to Mike Matylewich about the pros and cons of each approach. Mike agreed to be part of the investment committee which also includes the treasurer, the president and possibly the vice president.

Doug will get in touch with Danielle to make sure that she's all right after the floods.

Doug will schedule a work party to go through boxes, probably in January.

Ian's request for reimbursement for travel was approved. Julie will mail a check to Ian, and another to Neil for mailboxes.

Meeting ended at 10:30 a.m.

Submitted by Julie Firman, Secretary-Treasurer