



DATE: August 17, 2009
TO: ORAFS EXCOM
FROM: Shaun Clements
SUBJECT: Draft Minutes for the August 20, 2009, ORAFS EXCOM Conference Call

ITEM 1: Review and Approve Agenda

Neil, Rich, Christy, Demian, and Shaun present-no changes to the agenda.

ITEM 2: Presidents Update

- Neil has signed an agreement with Riverhouse and has received a check for \$4400 as compensation for unexpected costs incurred during the 2009 meeting.
- Eugene Hilton has requested hosting rights for the 2012 conference. Neil suggests we look for a different venue on the west side of the Cascades.
- Neil is still collecting information for the Piscatorial Press and would like to get this out shortly.
- Neil has recently been contacted by Dan Edge. The USGS is looking to establish hubs for climate change centers at eight universities. Dan is requesting a letter of support from ORAFS. Rich supports a letter but would not want to advocate for a single University. Shaun believes that this is a great opportunity for Oregon and given it is unlikely other universities will apply at this late stage we should fully support this bid. **Neil will contact Dan and let him know we are willing to write a letter of support.**

ITEM 3: 2010 Budget and Workplan

- Rich and Neil received a letter regarding the National Fish Conservation Act requesting support from the Oregon Chapter. There was agreement that we forward this request to the listserv and draft a letter to our **congressmen** in support of this **legislation**. **Rich will refer to External Committees to review the issue and draft the letter over the next week and distribute to Excom.**
- Rich enquired about supporting a student to attend the Western Division Student Colloquium. After some discussion Rich motioned that we approach Shivonne about attending this and sponsoring her at up to \$1500. There was general consensus that this is a worthwhile expenditure. The funds that are traditionally used for the Grad student symposium could be directed in a more focused manner and this would be a great opportunity to form a more active student subunit. Motion passed. **Neil will contact Shivonne. It was agreed that if Shivonne cannot attend, ExCom will reconsider whether to support another student.**

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Rich presented the draft Annual Workplan and the associated draft budget for 2009-2010. Discussion focused on points of difference from the previous year, numbered per the draft workplan:

1.3 D: Based on input from the previous meeting Rich included a line to create a program to solicit and fund a project from graduate students or the student subunit. Rich suggested we look at the Michigan chapter Fellowship program described in the July Fisheries magazine as one example. The VP could work with various universities and could include the E&O committee to develop the program

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1.3 E: Funding for the 2010 "beaver conference" in Oregon was considered appropriate. No STEP conference is anticipated during the budget period, and no other conferences or events were identified that should be on the list for funding support.

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1.5: ORAFS will target hosting the Western Division AFS in 2016. Currently there is no suitable venue for hosting a national meeting in Oregon.

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2.3. "Develop a system where members make personal contact with their local decision makers and volunteer their expertise." This item was included from the previous workplan but there has been little progress on this. Proposal was that we could use the website to provide contact information.

3.1 A: There has been no effort to promote involvement in Hutton JFBP. Excom agreed that we should do this via the E&O committee.

4.1 B. Remove runners up from the award list

4.5 A: Remove runners up from the award list

4.6 B. "retain a paid "publications manager" to oversee timely layout, review, and publication of the PP and AM program (replace with volunteer if/when one is identified)" Rich estimated this would cost about \$4500. The cost would be incurred if no volunteer with the appropriate skills could be identified.

5.5 "Develop a poster about the Oregon Chapter and present it at diverse and appropriate venues." Neil was uncertain whether we should continue this. Rich will revise statement to re-evaluate the condition and value of the existing poster.

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Rich will incorporate changes and send a revised workplan and budget so we can vote at next conference call.

ITEM 4: 2010 Annual Meeting

Demian will discuss his ideas for the 2010 Annual Meeting.

- Tabled for AM Planning Committee meeting 9/3/09.

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ITEM 5: Upcoming meetings

ExCom: September 10, 3:00-5:00

2010 Annual Meeting Planning Committee: Sept 3, 4:00-5:00 pm.

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