



DATE: 1/12/10

TO: ORAFS ExCom FROM: Shaun Clements

SUBJECT: ORAFS ExCom Minutes, Tuesday 1/19/10, 1500-1700

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Role: Jeremiah, Demian, Shaun, Shivonne, Rich, and Neil in attendance

Item 1. General

- Minutes: 11/12 Minutes approved without changes. 12/10 Minutes were not available prior to the meeting. Shaun will send out to ExCom within the next day.
- Contact information (ExCom and Chairs) – no changes to contact info
- Additions to today's agenda:
  - Jeremiah would like to discuss trading registration waivers with the TWS (add to external directors update)
  - Rich questioned whether Shivonne had any updates on the student session. Shivonne mentioned that there was some confusion among students about the lack of a student session. However, Shivonne is attempting to address this by letting them know that ExCom has decided that the talks will be integrated on a trial basis in 2010. Most students have responded favorably to date. The general consensus within ExCom is that this will provide greater exposure and make an easier transition from student to professional. ExCom will include questions regarding the inclusion of students in general vs student sessions in the survey.

ITEM 2: Piscatorial Press status, needs

- Schedule: Rich was able to send the winter issue out on time (1/15). The target date for the spring issue is 4/1 (the deadline for submissions is 3/15). The majority of the spring newsletter will be devoted to the annual meeting.
- Transition to new editor: Allison Evans, [Allison.Evans@oregonstate.edu](mailto:Allison.Evans@oregonstate.edu) has volunteered to take over the editing duties associated with the Piscatorial Press.

Allison is comfortable with the current format so Rich suggests we hold off on reformatting the newsletter for now. However, ExCom would still like to query the membership about their preferences for format and delivery. Rich will give this task to Allison to follow up between now and AM. Jeremiah questioned whether Allison will send reminders for content. Rich said that it is ExCom responsibility to deliver our content on time, though Allison may send reminders if content is lacking.

### ITEM 3: ExCom business (President)

#### Old business

Budget – deviations occurred or anticipated?

- Heather and Rich have signed a contract covering her assistance with production of the AM Program, and is within the budgeted amount.
- Dr Schreck declined the plenary honoraria. This will allow ExCom to assign the budgeted funds (1.5K) to student and teacher support and other items or to reduce our deficit. However, Demian will check with Carl to see whether we can supply a room or banquet tickets.
- Neil reported that interest in the trade show is increasing. We have ~6 companies/non profits signed up so far

Issues:

- Snake River Resolution / FCRPS BiOp & AMIP –WDAFS has formed a new committee to evaluate the BiOp. The committee includes 4 ORAFS members (though only 2 represent ORAFS) and plans to have draft review of the BiOp to WDAFS ExCom by end of January. WD ExCom will then decide whether to release the review to the general public
- WDAFS has requested symposia for their upcoming meeting. A number of OR chapter members will be attending and at least two symposia are proposed (OR = Dam Removal, Kirk S., Conservation and Recovery-ODFW). Rich is working with Kirk on the dam removal symposia and would like any names of likely presenters.
- The request by Asotria high school teacher Lee Cain for fee waiver and mileage to present in the E&O session was approved since he would not normally attend AFS, the cost was modest, and the benefit to the members was considered high.

#### New business

New issues:

- Rich queried ExCom to determine who required support to attend the AM (who needs rooms, per diem?). Many companies have instituted tighter policies recently and as a result travel to the AM is no longer supported. Rich, Martyne, and possibly Jeremiah require support. No Committee Chairs are expected to need support.

### ITEM 4: ExCom updates (aside from AM details)

Past-president:

- Neil was able to secure nominations for the vacant ExCom positions. However, further nominations will be accepted up until the business meeting. Rich will check whether we are required to accept nominations at annual business meeting. Mary Buckman is reviewing Robert's rules and will serve as parliamentarian at the meeting.

President –

- Rich has had mixed returns recruiting sponsors. Since the last meeting Rich has had confirmation that two companies are unable to free up dollars. However, Pacific Corp has donated another \$1000 (as match for Rich's art donations). In addition, the Forest service and NMFS are promising.

President-elect – AM planning summary

- The schedule at a glance is now online. Rich would like to send another list-serve announcement to direct people to orafs.org for registration, rather than directly to 123.
- Stream-net has requested we include a flyer in the AM packet. Demian will let them know we are happy to set out fliers at the registration table, but if they want to include these in the packet we will need assistance.
- Ninkasi is donating 5 kegs and ORAFS is purchasing 7 kegs for \$924. In addition, Oakshire is donating 1 keg and taps, and ORAFS is purchasing 1 keg. In total ORAFS has acquired 14 kegs for \$1062.
- Heather has sent Demian a draft of the cover art.
- Demian will check with Martyne about room space for the PIT tag workshop.

Vice president –

- There have been no resolutions or bylaw changes proposed for vote at the upcoming meeting
- Shivonne has \$1000 budgeted to spend on T-shirts etc at conference. Rich suggested we purchase some Ray Troll shirts and print some ORAFS shirts. Rich will send a TIFF file to Shivonne. Neil also suggested a website that allows users to pick colors, designs, order and have them shipped to the home address. General agreement not to have a large inventory of ORAFS shirts. Shivonne will look into the product sales during the next week. We may also have some ORAFS hats. Neil will contact Doug to find out where they are.

Secretary-Treasurer

- ORAFS has had minimal expenses since the past meeting. These were associated with the online abstracting service, the domain name, and support of the RAFWE conference
- ORAFS currently has >200 folks signed up for the AM. Interest is picking up this week as the deadline approaches.

Internal Director – historian, awards, scholarships?

- ExCom received no award nominations by Jan 8. Rich extended the deadline to Jan 23. Rich encouraged ExCom to nominate someone and to spread the word.

Scott also didn't receive many applications for scholarships (6-7). It's not clear why this is the case, but **Shivonne will canvas the students.**

Student Representative –

- Student Subunit update, requests? Brett not present. Shivonne will check with Brett before Fridays call.

Rich reminded folks that the AM program deadline for info is Monday. Final program is planned to be ready for publishing by Feb 12. Rich plans to include a page highlighting ExCom and soliciting participation (e.g. future nominees).

#### ITEM 5: External Director's Update

- Conservation Leaders meeting summary. The meeting was held at the Tualatin National Wildlife refuge. This is the first urban wildlife refuge in nation and the 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> meeting of this group that Jeremiah was able to attend. The meeting chair encouraged ORAFS to bring up any issues for ODFW's consideration. Paul Hensen (USFWS) spoke briefly about things that will be happening in the USFWS in 2010 (bull trout review, coastal cutthroat trout listing as an ESU, Oregon Chub down-listing). There was also a presentation by Adam Bess (Oregon Dept. of Energy) and Art Schlack (Association of Oregon Counties) about a new taskforce that was formed to review wind energy projects. The group also discussed how measures 66 and 67 would affect ODFW. In the last week of April there will be a coyote outreach program, Jeremiah believes this is an opportunity for us to contribute and will follow up with Bob Sallinger (Audubon Society of Portland). The next meeting for this group will be May 10 (Conservation leaders).
- ODFW fish conservation group is also meeting regularly and we are now on the email distribution list. Jeremiah will attempt to attend these meetings, too.

#### Committee updates:

- The E&O committee has completed their reviews of proposals for the remaining grant money. Jason Kent will be notifying ExCom about their funding recommendations. **Jeremiah will contact Jason to see when he plans to notify ExCom.** ExCom will try to vote at the end of the AM conference call on Friday, January 22, 2010.
- David Moskowitz is preparing briefing papers for items that may interest ExCom during the upcoming legislative session. David was also unable to pull together a session for the AM as the majority of legislators (and aides) will be in session.
- Jeremiah would still like to pursue updating the look of the website. Rich would also like to make sure ExCom keeps up to date on web content. (list of award winners and list of ExCom members etc.). Jeremiah will contact Kara to see about redesign of website.
- Jeremiah discussed trading registration waivers with the TWS liaison. TWS agreed in principle if ORAFS does likewise. In 2010, the TWS meeting is 1 week before our AM. Jeremiah motioned that we waive registration for 1 TWS liaison to attend the ORAFS annual meeting. Demian suggested we ask for input for Piscatorial Press in return for providing a waiver. After discussion Rich proposed an amendment: we would offer full registration for the TWS liaison in years when

the funds are needed for them to attend meeting (i.e. not funded by employer). The amendment and motion were passed unanimously. Jeremiah will check with Patty Snow and Tony Faast to see who is the likely beneficiary of the ORAFS/TWS liaison meeting registration waiver.

Other items:

Rich would like a photograph (shoulders up) of all ExCom to include in AM program (Jpeg of >300 kb). Please email by end of week (23<sup>rd</sup>). Shaun will send a list of registered sponsors to Rich.

1655 ITEM 6: Upcoming meetings

1. ExCom calls every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday 1500-1700 hrs  
1-800-503-3360, Mtng ID and password = 123456
2. AM Planning Committee every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday 1530-1700 hrs  
1-877-393-3856, Passcode = 495819

Meeting adjourned at: 4:50