



DATE: February 13, 2012

TO: ORAFS Executive Committee

FROM: Michele Weaver, Secretary-Treasurer

SUBJECT: MINUTES for ORAFS Executive Committee Meeting, February 09, 2012 from 1500-1600

Conference Call Information: 1-866-680-0168 Participant code: 113025

Present: President - Colleen Fagan, Past President - Demian Ebert, Secretary/Treasurer - Michele Weaver, Student subunit liaison - Michelle Scanlan, Legislative Committee representatives - Jeremiah Osbourn-Gowey and Sue Marshall.

Absent: President Elect - Jeff Yanke, External Director - Shivonne Nesbit, Vice President - Bill Brignon, Internal Director - Jason Kent, Student subunit liaison - Megan McKim.

A quorum was not present for the meeting.

1506 ITEM 1: Review

1. Introductions, life, and work updates
2. Approve Previous Minutes: January 12, 2012 – Michele will send an e-mail to ExCom for vote.
3. Review Today's Agenda
4. Action Items from January 12, 2012:
 - a. Post November 10, 2011 and December 2011 minutes – Michele - done
 - b. Modify and resend Expense Form – Michele - done
 - c. Send \$500 check to Western Division – Michele - done
 - d. Send \$250 check to PNW Freshwater Mussel Group – Michele - done
 - e. E-mail to FOOW Recipients – Michele - done
 - f. Oregon Conservation Leaders Meeting Notes to ExCom – Demian - done
 - g. Draft Agreement for assisting USFWS with NW Fish Culture Conference – Colleen - done

1510 ITEM 2: President's Report

1. WDAFS – Update- No update available. Jeff participated on the last conference call and is not present today. We have not received the minutes yet. The Tributary is available for review and the new and improved WDAFS website is up and running.
2. Old Business -- requests and issues.
 - a. AFS policy statement on need for an immediate release anesthetic/sedative – The policy has been adopted by AFS. Ryan Couture did not write a letter of support, but did talk to colleagues and the ORAFS fish culture committee is in support of the policy.
 - b. MOU with FWS for NWFCC Assistance – Michele asked if they would require a signer on the account for purchasing and what the plan is for profits. Colleen will discuss options with Doug Olson and communicate them back to ExCom. We discussed securing compensation for ORAFS assistance with the NWFCC. Options discussed include a donation specifically linked to this event, a percentage of profits, and the USFWS covering ORAFS scholarships to the 2012 NWFCC meeting. Colleen will discuss options with Doug Olson.
3. New Business – requests and issues
 - a. Unit membership data – Gail Goldberg (AFS Unit Services Coordinator) sent an annual e-mail to unit presidents to inform the units of the services AFS provides. Included in these services is current unit president access to membership data on the AFS website.
 - b. Copper-Salmon Wilderness Letter Request – Trout Unlimited is looking for a letter of support from ORAFS for the Elk River Salmon Emphasis Area. It appears like this is an appropriate cause for ORAFS to support. Colleen will forward the request to the freshwater habitat and natural production committees (Ian Reid & Jens Lovtang, chairs) to see if they think it is appropriate and willing to draft a letter of support.
 - c. Chapter of the Year Application – Due Feb 20th. Demian wrote the application last year based on the mid-year report. We had a discussion about if we should apply knowing that WA/BC will likely win with their successful Seattle meeting. Options discussed were 1) submit application, 2) no application, instead send a letter of support for WA/BC chapter because of the record annual meeting they pulled off, and 3) do nothing. Discussion included we can't win if we don't apply, are we certain WA/BC is applying; and if we don't apply we should send the support letter. Colleen will send out an e-mail to ExCom to ask the rest of ExCom for their input.
 - d. WDAFS Grants Application (Website Updating) – Due on Feb 20th – Colleen will ask Dave what his thoughts are regarding ORAFS applying for a grant to update our website.
 - e. Committee Breakout Sessions – Expectations/Assignments – External Director was not here to report. We talked about ideas on how to get the committees involved. We can look at our current white papers and see what needs updating.

- f. Presidential Suite – discussion continues about the assignment of the presidential suite.

1520 ITEM 3: ExCom updates

1. Past-President

1. Membership “Committee” Update – There are 613 members as of January – that is up from the 560 in September of 2011. The check the box campaign is working! Membership would be about 800 if everybody who lived in Oregon checked the box to become Oregon Chapter members. Demian will get a quarterly update and will send out an e-mail in September to remind people to check the Oregon Chapter box.
2. Draft Klamath Dam Removal Letter for WDAFS – Demian wrote a draft and went back and forth with edits from Bob Hughes and Larry Dunsmoor. The letter was initially drafted to be from the AFS Water Quality section. The intent changed to an ORAFS letter based on research and discussions with folks involved in the process. It was thought that the Chapter should weigh in first and that it would look odd if a national section weighed in before the local chapters. The initial draft of the letter put too much emphasis on the uncertainty of water quality issues and not enough on the big picture of dam removal benefiting the ecosystem and salmon and trout downstream of the dam. The letter is in support of the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement which includes dam removal and the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement which includes a myriad of restoration and resource management actions. The two agreements are inexorably linked. The letter councils patience in waiting for the project successes to show. The water quality issues became less of a focus, instead focusing on overall ecosystem health – therefore the shift in the letter coming from ORAFS instead of the water quality section. Colleen indicated she thought it was a very well written letter and should be sent. Michele agreed. **Demian will send out an e-mail asking for ExCom to review, provide additional discussion, and move to accept.**
2. President-Elect – not here to report
 - a. Annual Meeting Planning - The original Tomelleri print is in route and Demian is mailing the requested prints to Tomelleri soon. Demian has Bill’s student volunteer spreadsheet and it looks like we have enough volunteers to meet our needs. Megan asked about staffing for the sales table on Tuesday. She and Michelle Scanlan have classes so they will not be able to operate the sales table. Justin Huff will be there Tuesday, and all agree he would be the perfect person to help since he ran it last year. We have had 15 more people register for the meeting since our annual planning call, for a total of 437.
3. Vice President & Student Representative – not here to report
 - a. Moderating the Moderator
 - b. Recruiting graduate students to Student Subunit
 - c. Student Subunit Bylaws Revisions
4. External Director’s Update – Jeremiah Osborne-Gowey and Sue Marshall called in to give a Legislative Committee update

- a. Sue Marshall Report - There are two bills of interest that Sue is tracking for us. Bill 4101 – Columbia River Basin water resources – The ORAFS Legislative Committee is interested in tracking this. Bill 4098 – increasing timber harvest on state forest lands – The committee is watching this one. The current legislative session started with 16 bills that we were tracking. They are currently down to 10 and will probably be down to 5 by next Tuesday. The bill on mercury lighting passed unanimously out of committee. The bill on marine reserves also passed.
 - b. Sue Marshall’s Testimony – Sue represents four organizations (ORAFS, Tualatin River Keepers, Willamette River Keepers, and The Audubon Society of Portland). Occasionally, but not often, there may be controversy among the groups Sue represents on positions related to specific legislation. It is possible that if Sue provides testimony for multiple clients on the same issue, the legislators could become confused about who’s saying what or think that we are all saying the same thing. In those instances, Sue will alert us and together we will decide on the best way to proceed. On February 9, Sue provided testimony on mercury lighting bill for the Tualatin River keepers and for ORAFS. We want to make sure that it is understood that ORAFS is an individual entity and not associated with any other organizations that Sue represents. We asked Sue the general procedure for providing testimony. Sue said that sometimes other groups provide their own testimony and other times they rely on Sue to provide it for them. Sue will always alert her parties when there may be conflict. ExCom had the perception that it is more effective to have a person present the information verbally – and Sue agreed. It would be a good to have members of the legislative committee willing to give testimony. We can query the database to find ORAFS members in the Salem area willing to be called upon to read testimony. Sue is willing to mentor or guide any volunteers. Sue mentioned that written information is also extremely useful not only to the legislatures but also to the support staff behind the legislators. Jeremiah provided Sue all AFS white papers relevant to this legislative session for her to review. Sue thought it would be good to read them into the record to provide background information. **Jeremiah will put together a cover letter to go along with the white papers and send the package around to ExCom for review and approval.**
5. Secretary-Treasurer – minutes and money
- a. Recent income and expenses – We are receiving some income from annual meeting registrations. We paid out to purchase some raffle and auction items, got some prints framed, and procured some wine.
 - b. Overall financial/investment status –We currently have about \$190K in the Umpqua checking account and about \$9K in the WDAFS endowment fund.
 - c. Investment Committee Update – have been having some e-mail dialogue. We are moving toward a 3-tier approach including low (completely liquid – no risk account), mid (some risk, some return), and high risk (current WDAFS endowment fund) accounts. Michele has suggested that while

the committee is working out the details of the investment strategy that our funds be placed in a money market account so that they can at least be earning a little interest while we make a plan. Of the four people on the committee, Michele heard back from one - and it was in support of opening the account. Michele will send out an e-mail to let ExCom vote on opening a money market account at Umpqua Bank.

6. Internal Director – not here to report
7. Student Representative
 - a. Student Subunit Update – The subunit is gearing up for a couple of trips. One is a “sleep with the sharks” trip to Newport Aquarium, including lectures and behind the scenes tours. There will be a spring break trip at the end of March to Death Valley. Activities will include a visit to Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge and field work with desert pup-fish. They are looking for a wildlife biologist to round out the trip. Accommodations are already in place. There is a lecture next Wednesday on Bristol Bay. Michelle asked the group if she and Megan could meet with ExCom and other mentors to talk about how the chapter can better serve the students and vice versa. We could identify skill deficiencies from students just graduating as well as things that are currently working well. We all agreed that is a good idea and will make time at the annual meeting to get together. Colleen and Demian recommended keeping the group small and meeting Wednesday prior to the student mentor social.

1650 ITEM 4: Fall and Spring Workshop(s) – 2012 and Beyond

1. Estimating Natural Origin Returns – Spring 2013
2. Salmon in the City II – Fall 2012 or 2013
3. Others (Science and Policy, Renewable Energy Development, Riparian Connections)

1700 ITEM 5: Upcoming ORAFS meetings

1. ExCom calls every 2nd Thursday 1500-1700 hrs
2. Next Call – March 8, 2012

4:42 – Meeting Adjourned