

Officer Candidates for Oregon Chapter, 2004-2005

Nominee for President-Elect

Barry McPherson

I believe I'm in an excellent place in life to serve the chapter as President and would bring good experience, perspective and energy to the position. After a full career, I retired as a fishery biologist a year and a half ago, have been a member of the Chapter for over 30-years, and I am currently the Vice-President. In the 1980's I also served a term as Vice-President and served as External Director. Having been the Vice-President for this past year I have learned much about the Chapter of the 21st Century versus that of the 1980's (before student chapters, administrative assistants, Email, websites, cell phones, computer-projected presentations and other great advances). I believe the Chapter would benefit from my career-long experience in fisheries research and management, my conservation ethic, my experience in AFS, and my ability to work cooperatively with teams of people to get things done. The Chapter might also benefit from having a President that should be viewed by other entities as being somewhat neutral, less tied to a particular agency or institution.

I think AFS, especially through the annual chapter meeting, provides a valuable service to fishery and aquatic professionals. It also provides a valuable service to students interested in starting a career in these fields. I'm convinced that a natural resource profession benefits from a professional society that provides opportunities for self-improvement for its members through exchange of up-to-date findings, techniques, methodologies, resource management approaches, and other ideas. It believe the profession benefits from a professional society that provides a voice for its members to the public and to elected or appointed decision makers that affect the members and the natural resources of interest to these professionals. And I feel that the profession benefits from a professional society that provides forums for camaraderie and friendship that recharges the motivation and enthusiasm of its members. It takes good leadership within a professional society to do all this. As my 29-year career with ODFW became increasingly demanding, I was not alone in stating that AFS needed to find willing retirees to serve as Chapter officers and meet the need for good leadership. As a retiree, I have more choice on where to direct my time and energy. ORAFS is one of the places I have chosen and will continue to choose. Being Vice-President this past year has been very rewarding and I would be pleased to serve the Chapter at the level of President.

Nominee for Vice-President

Laura Tesler

Greetings. Yes, it's true, I am running for Vice President of OR AFS yet one more time (I ran about 5 years ago). Since I'm a glutton for punishment, I'm back again.

I am currently working at ODFW Salem headquarters as the ESA Specialist and if you have a 4(d) research permit or a Section 10 permit you have probably spoken to me (hopefully it was a good conversation). Before that I worked at Oregon Department of

Agriculture as a Water Quality Planner and other various jobs, and then back in ancient times I worked for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, NOAA Fisheries, and the Forest Service. I attended Oregon State and received a BS in Fisheries Science in 1996. I am married to Mike Dickenson, have a supremely cute 3 year old boy, and have lived on the East and West sides of Oregon but currently reside in exciting Salem.

I have been the Chair of the Legislative Committee for 3 years and I admit I like legislative affairs as I feel that educating legislators about fisheries issues can be very fruitful (it can also be a horrid, depressing experience, but the good outweighs the bad I like to think). I am also an elected official in Marion County (Director on the Marion County Soil and Water Conservation District). My goal as VP is to study up and learn how to be a good President as I am seriously considering running as President of OR AFS next year.

Nominee for Secretary-Treasurer (Incumbent)
Mike Matylewich

I have been a member of AFS since my first stint in graduate school in the early 1980s. For several years I was active in the Chapter's Legislative Committee and served as Chair of the committee for two legislative sessions. I am currently severing as Secretary-Treasurer for the Chapter. Spending a second year, as Secretary-Treasurer will allow me to put to work the experience gained over the last year.

For the past twenty years I have worked at the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). I am currently the Fisheries Management Department Manager at CRITFC. The Fisheries Management Department, which consists of eleven employees, works harvest, fish passage, and hatchery production issues. My primary responsibility is providing tribal policy makers with assistance in their negotiations with the state and federal governments on fishing seasons and salmon recovery actions. I am a member of the Data Sharing Committee for the Pacific Salmon Commission. The regional debate on salmon recovery issues prompted me to go back to school and I am currently working on a Masters Degree in Conflict Resolution at Portland State. I am interested in the interface between science and policy.

Nominee for Internal Director (Incumbent)
Molly A.H. Webb

With almost a year under my belt, I have finally caught up with the duties and responsibilities of the Internal Director of the Oregon Chapter of the AFS! I would love to use the knowledge I have acquired to continue in the position for another year. We are breaking new ground for our 2005 annual meeting, and I hope to continue to be a part of that as Internal Director.

I am an Assistant Professor of Research in the Department of Fisheries and Wildlife at Oregon State University. My area of expertise is reproductive physiology and endocrinology. I have been working with sturgeon for over a decade examining the

effects of temperature on ovarian follicle development and spawning performance, hormonal control of maturation, the effects of environmental contaminants on reproductive function, and more recently the impacts of the catch-and-release fishery for oversize white sturgeon on reproductive potential. I am also continuing to develop a less-invasive means by which to determine the sex and stage of maturity of sturgeon as they are not sexually dimorphic.

I have been a member of the Oregon Chapter of the AFS since moving to the state in 2000. I have truly enjoyed my year as Internal Director and hope to come back for round two.

Nominee for External Director

Tom Friesen

After spending the last few years hanging around the fringes of ORAFS involvement (most recently as the raffle and auction co-chair for the annual meeting), I've decided to officially join the fray by running for External Director. To be perfectly honest, Mary Buckman harangued me ceaselessly until I finally agreed to do it. But now that I'm committed to running, I find myself looking forward to the possibilities and challenges. I see the position an opportunity to learn and a way to make a real contribution to AFS positions on fisheries issues.

I've worked for the State of Oregon since 1991, primarily with ODFW. Currently, I am a fisheries research project leader with Columbia River Investigations in Clackamas, managing evaluations of piscene predation in the Columbia River system and a habitat-fish project in the Willamette River. I've been involved with a number of other on-the-ground research projects, including passage evaluation at Marmot Dam and biological assessments of urban streams. I left ODFW briefly in 1999-2001 to do Oregon Plan work for ODEQ.

I earned my Bachelor's degree from Oregon State University, and am the biggest Beaver fan you could ever hope to meet. Hope that doesn't cost me any votes. Thank you, and I look forward to further serving Oregon AFS!