

**2006 Marine Fisheries Section Business Meeting  
Lake Placid, New York  
12 September 2006**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Student Travel Grant Awards:**

- Russell Brown, Student Travel Grants Chair, presented 2006 awards to the following students
  - Morgan Bond, University of California at Santa Cruz
  - Benjamin Ciotti, University of Delaware
  - Belita Nguluwe, University of Maryland Eastern Shore
  - Megan Fencil, University of Texas (Austin)

**Oscar Sette Award:**

- Des Kahn, Oscar Sette Award Chair, announced that the 2006 Oscar Sette Award is being presented to Dr. Kenneth Sherman, NOAA Fisheries Service (Narragansett, RI)
- Carolyn Griswold accepted the award on Dr. Sherman's behalf and outlined his accomplishments over a long and distinguished career

**Introduced Guests:**

- AFS Editorial Staff member Charlie Mosley was introduced and congratulated the Section of the approval of the new Marine Fisheries and Estuaries journal to be published by the American Fisheries Society

**2005 Business Meeting Minutes:**

- Minutes from the 2005 Business Meeting in Anchorage Alaska were reviewed and approved

**Treasurers Report:**

- Treasurers Report given by Russell Brown (Secretary/Treasurer Lee Benaka unable to attend the meeting)
- Marine Fisheries Section treasury balance on 8 August 2006 was \$8,491.75.
- Major receipts since February 2006 included:
  - Reimbursement for AFS 2005 reception from the Estuaries Section (\$482.00)
  - Membership Dues receipts from the Parent Society (\$881.00)
- Major disbursements of funds included:
  - Mote Symposium Sponsorship (\$500.00)
  - Banking Fees (\$3.00)
- Russell Brown noted that \$2125.00 in expenses associated with the Student Travel Grant program had occurred recently and was not reflected in the report
- The Treasurer's report was approved by Consensus.

**Electronics Communication Concerns:**

- The section had an extensive discussion relative to concerns about communication mechanisms within Society subunits including email lists and list servers.
- It was noted that within the Marine Fisheries Section that approximately 40% of the membership is not receiving our current electronic communications.

**Section Dues Initiative:**

- John Hoenig highlighted discussions at the Governing Board meeting to reinstitute the \$10 per membership transfer to Sections. The issue was discussed but not approved at the Governing Board meeting.

#### Beverton-Holt Notes:

- Doug Vaughn reported that the Section still had 190 copies out of an initial printing of 1000 copies
- There was a significant donation of copies to the Mexico Chapter over the past year
- Current Selling Prices: Hard Bound Volumes \$32, Soft Bound Volumes \$10, both purchased together for \$35
- **Motion: Fire sale to reduce pricing for both volumes purchased together from \$35 to \$25 (Moved: Doug Vaughn, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Murawski, unanimous approval)**
- **Motion: To donate 12 sets of volumes to Katrina Disaster relief to restock libraries damaged in the Gulf Coast area (unanimous approval)**

#### Baranov Translation:

- John Hoenig has hired a student to complete typing the of the manuscript
- Publication is pending

#### Outgoing Presidents Remarks:

- Outgoing Section President John Hoenig thanked Syma Ebbin and Steve Jordan for facilitating effective interactions between the Marine Fisheries and Estuaries Sections including joint business meetings and receptions
- Dr. Hoenig noted the five symposia at the 2006 Annual Meeting cosponsored by the Marine Fisheries Section and highlighted the Spatial Statistics symposium organized by two marine fisheries students, John Walter and Beth Gardner

#### New Officer Installation:

- Election results for Section Leadership positions were announced as follows:
  - Roger Rulifson was installed as President Elect
  - Debra Murie was installed as incoming Section President
    - Each will serve a two year term from September 2006 – September 2008
  - Incoming President Debra Murie presented outgoing President John Hoenig with the Past Presidents Plaque and thanked him for his leadership and service to the Section

#### Program of Work:

- Continuation of coordination with the Estuaries Section
- **Motion: Continue to hold joint business meetings and receptions with the Estuaries Section (Moved: Wilson Laney, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Doug Vaughn, unanimous approval)**
- Proposed an informal invitation to the Mexico or Tidewater Chapter to participate
- The Idea of merging the Marine Fisheries and Estuaries Chapter was discussed briefly and then tabled
  - Advantage to have similar minded two votes on the Governing board
  - No real utility in merging

#### Upcoming Meetings:

- The Mexico Chapter will hold it's 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting from May 2-4, 2007 in LaPaz, Mexico
- AIFRB Symposium, Future of Fisheries Science will be held in February 2007 in Seattle, WA. It is co-sponsored by NOAA Fisheries and the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Canada

#### Section Membership Initiative:

- Initiative is to allow members to allocate a certain percentage of their membership dues to sections. Funds would then be rebated to the Sections in order to improve membership and activity within Sections. This initiative was proposed at the 2006 Governing Board meeting but tabled.
- **Motion: Resubmit the Section Membership Initiative to the Governing Board (Moved: Gary Matlock, 2<sup>nd</sup>: John Hoenig)**

- Suggestion to table the motion until more information is available about the Society's overall financial situation
- Motion was tabled
- Subgroup to be established to study the Section Dues situation

#### Student Involvement and Travel Awards:

- Need to elevate the status of Student Travel Awards
- Work to improve awareness of Travel Award opportunity
- Lots of competition for student participation during a typical AFS meeting

#### AFS 2007 Symposia:

- The deadline for Symposium proposals for the 2007 AFS meeting is January 12, 2007
- Good opportunity for students to become involved in the AFS program

#### New Marine and Estuaries Journal:

- Establishment and publication of the new journal has been approved by AFS
- Journal will be published completely online
- 1<sup>st</sup> edition anticipated for January 2008
- Editors and Reviewers will be needed

#### Newsletter:

- The Newsletter editor is ready to step down and be replaced

#### New Business:

- Webpage needs to be updated and spruced up a bit
- Diadromous Fish Symposium II
  - 1<sup>st</sup> held in 1986
  - Motion: Marine Fisheries Section to donate \$500 to support the Diadromous Fish Symposium II (Moved: Roger Rulifson, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Mary Fabrizio, unanimous approval)
- Archiving Section Documents and Paperwork
  - Gus Rassam has agreed that the parent Society will archive electronic files, but not paper storage
- **Motion: Use Section funds to pay a student to scan and electronically archive important Section documents (Moved: Des Kahn, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Brian Rothschild, unanimous approval)**

#### Adjournment:

- Motion to adjourn by consensus at 20:42