



**Atlantic International Chapter Business Meeting at
37th Annual Atlantic International Chapter Meeting
Manoir du Lac Delage, Québec
September 27, 2011**

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order – Appoint Sergeant-at-Arms (determine quorum of 15 members): Called to Order at 0815. Sergeant at Arms was Angie Incerpi who determined a quorum was present.
2. Acknowledgement of special guests and past Presidents in attendance- Christine Lipsky specifically the following Past Presidents in attendance: Angie Incerpi, Joan Trial, Len Gerardi, Kathryn Collet and Scott Craig and Phil Downey
3. Secretary/Treasurer’s report— John Magee - there is about \$12,700 in the US account, about \$8,000 in the PayPal account, and about \$6,000 in CDN Account. Len Gerardi made a motion to accept the 2010 Meeting minutes and September 2011 Treasurer’s Report as written, with a second by Kathryn Collet. Motion passed.
4. Committee Reports
 - a. Executive Committee – Christine Lipsky – Chapter Insurance: Chapters outside the US are not covered by the Parent AFS insurance. Phil Downey explained that the chapters are covered by the Parent insurance IF the chapter president resides in the U.S. If the chapter president does not, the chapter’s insurance is \$1,500, but the Parent Society will fund the chapter’s insurance by paying the difference between the \$150 and \$1,500 insurance fee. The Northeast Division will still pay the \$150 regardless of whether or not the chapter president resides in Canada or in the U.S.
 - b. Certified Fisheries Professional status: the ExComm decided the AIC can pay ½ of this cost for AIC members (as was decided in 2010). The ExComm has not set a not-to-exceed number of these in any year.
 - c. Northeast Division (NED) update – Phil Downey – Taylor and Francis is the new AFS publisher now. AFS got about \$1M “signing bonus” plus some profits from the journals. The Governing Board approved the extension for Gus Rassam to remain AFS Executive Director for 2 more years. Bill Fisher has started a search committee to look for a new Executive Director after Gus retires. The Parent Society has received a one year agreement with USFWS for seed money to provide funding for minorities. AFS would like to receive comments on the current Certification process (how to improve it). The NEFWC (and NED) meeting was held in Manchester, NH in April 2011. Donna Parrish (Vermont) was elected to 2nd Vice President of AFS. AFS Parent meetings will be in the twin cities, MN in 2012, Little Rock, AR in 2013, and Quebec City in 2014. The 2012 NED meeting will be in Charlestown, WV.
 - d. Membership Committee – Christine Lipsky (for Gabe Gries) – This is the 3rd year in a row that there has been a slight increase in membership.

- e. Student Assistance Committee – Christine Lipsky – the AIC received two requests this year (Lyne Morissette and Danielle Quinn).
 - f. Archives Committee – Christine Lipsky (for Ernie Atkinson) – Christine read the Archive Committee report which states that all items have been duly archived.
 - g. Newsletter Committee – Lyne Morissette – Lyne completed the second newsletter that she has done. She would like more articles submitted and they can be as long as the author would like since the newsletter is 100% online. She said that Steve Leach has been very nice and helpful.
 - h. Website Report – John Magee (for Tom Bodie) – Tom has done an excellent job, especially considering he is not a biologist or affiliated with AFS in any way. Len Gerardi suggested that the Executive Committee vote to give Tom a gift certificate and to specifically thank Tom for his work in the newsletter.
 - i. UMaine Student Sub-unit – Christine Lipsky (for Ian Kiraly) – Christine read the report from Ian, which included a lot of activities that the Sub-unit has done in the last year. They are very active.
 - j. Nominating Committee – appointments and nominations – Scott Craig is the Chair. Joan Trial nominated Graham Goulette and he accepted. Scott Craig stated that Mike Bailey is interested in being the vice president but also that Mike would bow out if someone else who attended the meeting was nominated (Mike could not attend the 2011 meeting). Therefore, Graham became the single nominee. Len Gerardi moved to nominate Jud Kratzer as president and Kathryn Collet seconded this. Len also moved to nominate John Magee as secretary/treasurer and Doug Smithwood seconded. Len Gerardi moved to accept the suite of nominees to the Executive Committee and Angie Incerpi seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
5. Unfinished Business - None
 6. Installation of Officers – the new officers were escorted by past presidents down the pseudo-aisle and were photographed.
 7. New Business
 - a. Resolution was read by Richard Vallee in French (it was noted that this was very poetic) and then in English
 - b. 2012 meeting location – the Executive Committee will make a decision as to whether it will be in Vermont or Maine in 2012 (and it will be in the other in 2013 and Quebec City with the Parent Society meeting in 2014).
 - c. Future meetings: Scott Craig stated that it would be good to provide a historical perspective of the AIC at the future meetings...maybe a presentation for the 40th (or maybe 39th) AIC meeting. It was brought up that the ExComm should consider creating some pamphlets and/or do a presentation to give folks a better idea of what a CFP is.
 8. Adjournment – Pierre Dumont moved to adjourn, and Veronique Leclerc seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 0930.

After adjournment: Lyne Morissette won the Best Student Presentation Award, and Nathalie Brodeur won the Best Student Poster Award. Lyne Morissette won the Luncker Award (for largest fish caught by her and shown in a presentation) and Yves Mailhot won the Soggy Boot Award (for funniest presentation).