

2012 Business Meeting Minutes
September 25, 2012
Quimby Country, Averill, VT

Call to order at 0800 hours.

Sergeant at Arms: Angie Incerpi determined a quorum was present

Past presidents in attendance: Joan Trial, Angie Incerpi, Phil Downey, Ernie Atkinson, Kathryn Collet and Len Gerardi.

Secretary's report – John Magee

a. Minutes of 2011 meeting – Ernie moved, Angie Atkinson seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

b. Treasurers report – John Magee said about \$4,000 in CDN checking about, ~\$4K in USD checking and ~\$8K in PayPal.

NED update: Phil Downey. Affiliate members, perhaps affiliates can send participation list to AIC/AFS so we know who possible AFS/AIC members are. NED Meeting was in WV, the 2012 mtg will be in Saratoga Springs, NY in April. AFS Parent meeting in QC in 2014: can NED and AIC provide money or tech support (e.g., moderate sessions, etc)? Phil Downey is tasked with writing the MOU between NED/AIC and AFS. No financial risk to NED/AIC if AFS mtg loses money. Profits: 70% goes to AFS, 30% to NED/AIC. One member of NES and on from AIC to help technical items setting up meeting. Skinner Fund: maybe the UMaine Subunit can help?

Donna Parrish: searching for replacement for Gus Rassam. Bill Taylor is chair of the search committee. AFS is one of the few societies still operating in the black. Seems like young professionals now are not as interested in being part of AFS/professional societies. AFS revenues are going down, partly due to lower revenue for publications. Looking at social networking opportunities. CARS (Canadian Aquatic Resource Section of AFS) has applied to be part of the World Fisheries Council.

Membership: John Magee gave the report for Gabe Gries. Kathryn Collet said retirements happen with no new hires, which means declining membership. A lot of chapters have members that are no Parent Society members. Only Parent Society members can be AIC members (no AIC dues). John Magee stated that he thinks we should consider making registration fees the same for members and non-members.

Student Assistance Committee: no student awards this year. Donna Parrish said many students have classes on Mondays and Tuesdays so it's hard for students to attend the AIC meetings unless they miss some class time.

Archives Committee: Ernie Atkinson said that all has been duly archived. Ernie received hard copies of AIC items from Norm Dube, who recently retired.

Newsletter Committee: Lyne Morissette wrote an update to Jud, which stated that the AIC should consider having a Twitter account to communicate with members.

Website: Tom Bodie continues to volunteer his time for the website. The AIC appreciates all of his volunteer time and expertise.

University of Main Sub-Unit Report: Andy O'Malley sent the report to Jud. "The subunit is having our first meeting of the year today. I was thinking we might try to invite a guest speaker or two to campus to give a talk, also to maybe organize a social ice fishing trip over the winter so we can all spend some more time getting to know each other. Given that it would be a rather informal event, I would mostly be expecting attendance from around the state."

Nominating Committee: Doug Smithwood nominated Mike Bailey for Vice-President, with a second from Len Gerardi. Len G nominated John Magee for Secretary/Treasurer with a second by Kathryn Collet. The suite of nominees were approved unanimously by all who attended.

Unfinished Business: none

New Business:

1. Supporting travel to Parent Society Meeting: student stipend to parent meeting with the requirement that they also present at the AIC meeting that year. Mike Bailey said that it may be good to have the students send to the AIC their Skinner Award application. The ExComm will continue to discuss this topic. It was mentioned that it may be good to let the students present in French if a language barrier exists.
2. AIC paying the cost of the current President to attend the AIC meeting. Joan Trial suggested that the ExComm make the decision as ad hoc only if the President's organization cannot pay to send them to the meeting.
3. NED Awards (Paul Perra). Four awards are available, and NED is looking for nominations. Someone asked if the AIC should consider Tom Bodie for the Service Award for his work on the website. John Magee stated that we may want to wait a year on this because the AIC will provide a gift to Tom for his volunteer work (as per the 2011 AIC Business Meeting Minutes).
4. 2013 Meeting will be in Maine. The ExComm will determine the dates for the 2013 meeting and the meeting location.

At 0830, Len Gerardi moved to end the business meeting with a second from Angie Incerpi. Unanimous approval.