

Fisheries Management Section  
 2018 Business Meeting, Sunday, August 19, 2018, 3:30-5:00pm  
 Room 421  
 Atlantic City Convention Center, Atlantic City, NJ



**2018 Business Meeting Minutes**

President Schultz called the meeting to order at 3:31pm. He recognized the current FMS officers, past AFS officers, and past FMS presidents in attendance. Tom Lang moved to approve the agenda, second by Mark Porath, and all approved.

Secretary-Treasurer Andy Jansen presented the annual financial report (below):

<b>Income</b>		<b>Amount</b>
FAS Tampa Meeting Room Share Reimbursement		\$316.32
Membership Dues		\$2,035.00
Publication Royalties (Stand Methods, Inland Fish Mgmt)		\$2,962.99
Interest		\$35.54
	<b>Deposit Total:</b>	<b>\$5,349.85</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		<b>Amount</b>
Officer Travel		\$5,557.71
ECPC Expenses (eg. booth, meeting social, HOE videos)		\$1,218.82
Tampa AFS Meeting		\$676.33
Award Plaques		\$50.00
Bank Fees		\$81.20
	<b>Expense Total:</b>	<b>\$7,584.06</b>
<b>FY18 Starting Balance:</b>		<b>\$29,479.70</b>
<b>FY18 Ending Balance:</b>		<b>\$27,245.49</b>
<b>Respectfully submitted by:</b>		
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Jeff Boxrucker moved to approve the financial report, second by Jason Olive, and all approved. The meeting minutes from the 2017 business meeting were sent out to the FMS listserv, posted on the FMS website, and are available as handouts on the back table. Mark Porath moved to approve the 2017 business meeting minutes, second by Jason Olive, and all approved.

### **Activities and Recognition**

Incoming President Quinton Phelps presented a past president's award plaque to Randy Schultz for the great work he has put toward our section. Quinton also presented awards to the section's division representatives including Jason Olive (Southern Division) and Mike Colvin (Western Division). An award plaque will also be sent to our North Central Division representative, Jeff Koch, who was not in attendance. President Schultz stated that we had one nominee for the Hall of Excellence, Gene Gilliland. Gene could not be at the meeting today, but the award was accepted by Jeff Boxrucker on Gene's behalf. Jeff stated that Gene always had a broad focus on fisheries and was a pioneer in getting anglers involved in fisheries management issues. Gene and Hal Schramm worked together to create the publication, *Keeping Bass Alive*, used by many black bass tournament anglers today. Gene has retired from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife and is now Conservation Director for B.A.S.S. which is a great fit for him. Congratulations Gene!

President Schultz reviewed the results of our officer election. Jeff Koch (Kansas) will be our President-Elect, Andy Jansen (Iowa) will serve a second term as Secretary-Treasurer, Ben Neely (Kansas) will be North Central Division representative, Luke Schultz (Wyoming) will be Western Division representative, and Aaron Bunch (Virginia) will be Southern Division representative. We did not have a candidate for the Northeast Division representative, but we did receive several possible candidate names and Randy will reach out to those folks to try to fill the open position.

Marty Hamel presented the results of the Young Professionals Survey. The final report was published in the latest issue of *Fisheries* and the report is available on the FMS website. The main objective was to gain insight on perceptions of AFS from non-AFS members. 625 AFS chapter members responded and 20% of them were non-AFS members. Respondents that were AFS members indicated AFS involvement was important for professional development. Surprisingly, respondents indicated AFS membership was not very important in obtaining their first professional position. Employers tended to value employees AFS membership at the chapter level more than at the Societal level. 60% of the non-AFS members were chapter level members and 30% of said members were unaware that they were not AFS members. They believed that by being a state chapter member they belonged to AFS. This indicates an opportunity for AFS to educate chapter members on how to become a part of AFS and how AFS membership can benefit them.

Incoming President Quinton Phelps stated that there are just a few Hall of Excellence videos to complete. Andrew Bueltmann from Indiana will be replacing Hilary Meyer with finishing up the videos.

Incoming President Phelps discussed the exchange program with the Institute of Fisheries Management (IFM). We had two applicants this year and our representative this year will be Ryan Hupfeld from Iowa DNR. Ryan will attend the IFM meeting in Hull, England in October.

Jason Olive discussed the relocation of the Hall of Excellence plaques. The plaques have resided at the Ak-Sar-Ben Aquarium in Nebraska, but they are undergoing a renovation and no longer have space for the plaques. Several options were discussed for the relocation of the plaques. The Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is building a new facility in Mountain Home, AR in the Ozarks and offered to host the

plaques. Unfortunately, construction will not begin for a couple more years, but AGFC will work to find a spot for the plaques in the interim if anyone is traveling through Arkansas and would like to see them.

Incoming President Phelps indicated that the early-career professional committee has been working on developing short standard sampling videos. The videos will complement the next edition of the standard methods books that is being developed as well. Mike Colvin has worked with his students to complete an electrofishing video. Quinton Phelps has worked with his students and Hae Kim has led the charge on their video. Hae presented what they have made so far and is looking for feedback on how to improve it. One comment received has the diamond probe on the stream electrofishing unit should not be used since it is injurious to fish. Quinton indicated that text would go along with the video to explain not only what they are doing but also show how to connect and configure the unit. Quinton will work with Scott Bonar on what additional videos to coordinate with the new book.

Scott Bonar discussed the second edition of the standard sampling book. The first edition was published in 2009 and the second edition is in the works. The second edition will incorporate some tweaks to the methods after the first edition and some additional chapters that need to be added. FMS pledged \$10,000 last year to get the project going. Scott went to the AFWA meeting in March and the project was submitted for a conservation grant with the National Fish Habitat Initiative. AFWA requested a full proposal this summer to get the rest of the costs covered. Scott is expecting to hear back from them in September. The next steps is put together a survey for fish chiefs and see what they like about the book, what needs to be tweaked, and what needs further emphasis.

### **New Business**

Dan Dauwalter requested the FMS membership's support for publication of a book as a result of a symposium held at the Tampa AFS meeting last year entitled, "Multispecies and Watershed Approaches to Freshwater Fish Conservation: Science, Planning, and Implementation". The proceedings will include real world examples of on the ground conservation. The book is expected to be published in spring 2019. Dan asked the membership for \$2,000 to assist with publication costs and the section will be recognized in the front of the book. One member asked if these proceedings could be made into a special section of one of the AFS journals. Dan indicated that the proceedings will highlight conservation programs and may not be science based enough to fit the journal structure. That is why they are pursuing an AFS books publication instead. Tom Lang moved that we support this request at \$2,000 and second by Mark Finsel. Jeff Boxrucker indicated that we have a healthy account and perhaps we should spend more. There was a discussion on other funding requests this year. Scott Bonar moved to increase sponsorship amount to \$4,000, seconded, and approved by membership.

Jared Ross requested the FMS membership's support for publication of a book as a result of a symposium held at this conference in Atlantic City entitled, "Advances in Understanding Landscape Influences on Freshwater Habitats and Biological Assemblages". In 2006 there was prequel to this publication titled "Landscape Influences on Stream Habitats and Biological Assemblages". This new publication will be a revamped version with new methods, research techniques, and advances in GIS technology since 2006. Please be sure to check out the symposium at this conference and see some of

the presenters that will provide chapters for this publication. Jared would like the FMS membership to sponsor the publication in the amount of \$500. There was a question on how many of the 2006 publications were sold. Jared indicated approximately 800 copies of the 2006 publication were sold. There was some discussion on whether this would fit the AFS journal structure as a special issue. Jared will discuss that with the editors of the publication for future editions. There was some discussion on AFS books being investments as many times the sponsors will receive royalties from the book once the initial cost has been recovered by AFS. Mark Porath moved to increase the sponsorship amount to \$2,000, seconded, and approved by membership.

Jim Lamer requested the FMS membership's support for the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Catfish Symposium (i.e. Catfish 2020) that will be held in Little Rock, AR on February 18-20, 2020. The first two catfish symposiums were mostly supported by AFS chapters and sections to cover meeting costs. Jim is not sure whether the proceedings from the upcoming meeting will be a special issue in the AFS journals or a separate publication. In the past, FMS has supported this conference at \$5,000 in 2010 and Jim is hoping for a similar contribution this time. By supporting the meeting at this level, FMS will be provided three complimentary registrations for the meeting, be able to insert materials into the registration packet, and have our logo printed on the registration gift. Tom Lang moved to support Catfish 2020 at the \$5,000 level with the caveat that the complimentary registrations be used for students or early career professionals that are members of FMS and will be presenting at the meeting, seconded by Rebecca Krogman. There was some discussion about the royalties from past Catfish 2000 and Catfish 2010 proceedings. Jason Olive indicated that royalties from Catfish 2000 went back to the Ictalurid Technical Committee, but in 2010 AFS changed some things and nothing went back to the technical committees. Motion approved by membership.

Incoming President Phelps discussed the upcoming Mississippi River-Yangtze River Basin Symposium. It will be held October 15-20, 2018 in China. The symposium started in 2013 in Little Rock, AR and has occurred each year alternating between the U.S. and China. Quinton will be attending the meeting this year on behalf of the FMS. This would be good platform for students to get international experience. Quinton asked for discussion on an additional student/early career professional award to attend this meeting. Jason Olive said it would be good opportunity for early career professionals, but maybe there is not enough interest since we had limited early career applicants for IFM exchange. Quinton asked how important is international collaboration? Scott Bonar indicated international collaboration was very important on the standard methods book. Ron Essig asked if meeting is in English or Chinese. Quinton said meeting is in English. Rebecca Krogman added that she attended the IFM meeting and it was a valuable experience for her in building relationships and information sharing. She suggested that if we pursue this we should have a formal process to maintain those relationships over time. She also suggested we need to increase our efforts to host someone from their group coming here. Jeff Boxrucker asked if FMS has received any publicity for what we do as a section. Quinton said there is FMS exposure during the presentation at these meetings. Jeff said there used to be section news that came out through AFS. Ken Kurzawski said the FAS also supports IFM as well and that it is good to promote international interaction. Marty asked about the status of the IFM exchange. Quinton said we had a couple of early career professionals apply for the IFM exchange and Ryan Hupfeld was selected.

Randy Schultz said IFM is trying to establish an exchange with us as well, but they are still working on it. Mark Porath said the IFM structure is different than our structure and don't really have a student section. IFM would probably be more likely to send early career professional to our meeting. Jeff Boxrucker said it would be worthwhile for someone to put together two-page article for *Fisheries* on what the FAS and FMS is doing on an international front and would be a good way to get the information about the exchange out to students. Quinton will be putting this information together and sharing with the FMS listserv and AFS Division reps to let them know where we are going with our international collaboration. Rebecca Krogman said that travel to these meetings can be expensive and perhaps we should talk to the International Fisheries Section and see if we can work together on a travel award to help cover travel costs. Randy Schultz said that when the exchange program was started by Brian Graeb and Mark Porath IFM was just the start and the plan was to have additional international exchange programs.

Incoming President Phelps said that new FMS t-shirts are available for \$20. There are few hooded sweatshirts for \$30, but if interested let Quinton know and we can get one ordered for you.

Incoming President Phelps indicated that he wants to work on increasing collaboration between fishery managers and FMS. He asked if the membership had ideas for action items that the early career professional committee could address in coming years that are beneficial for fishery managers. Scott Bonar said that perhaps work with FAS to get travel funding for managers to attend AFS meetings. Melissa Wuellner said that according to the young professional survey results that Marty Hamel presented, many AFS chapter members don't know that they are not AFS members and perhaps that is something we should work on. Tom Lang suggested that webinars could be valuable tool since travel approval to AFS meetings is difficult to obtain from employers. Jason Olive said that the FMS newsletter is good, but it is long and perhaps short email blasts may be better than the lengthy newsletter. The email blasts could contain short summaries from recent journal articles that could apply to fishery managers. Ken Kurzawski suggested perhaps giving a presentation to fishery managers at AFS chapter meetings about the value of AFS and what AFS is doing for you. Mike Colvin suggested something similar to Hal Schramm's "dock talk" videos instead of more text emails coming into fishery manager's inboxes. Jeff Boxrucker said that bringing the NAJFM focus back to a fisheries management focus will help get fishery managers more involved in AFS. There was some discussion on making AFS more relevant to front line fishery managers especially through the revamping of the AFS journals program.

The Early Career Professional Committee has a booth at the trade show and they have several posters so be sure to check out the booth (space #238). If you know early career professionals, please send them to the booth to learn how to become involved in that committee. Name tag ribbons are also available for anyone that an answer questions about the early-career professional committee. There is also an early career professional on Tuesday night at Tun Tavern from 5:30-9:30pm with beverages and light appetizers so be sure to direct early career professionals to the social.

Motion to adjourn by Joe Larscheid, second by Tom Lang, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.

*Respectfully submitted by Andy Jansen, FMS secretary-treasurer.*