

Fisheries Management Section
2019 Business Meeting, Sunday, September 29, 2019, 3:30-5:00pm
Paradise A
Atlantis Resort and Casino, Reno, NV



2019 Business Meeting Minutes

President Phelps called the meeting to order. Handouts including the meeting agenda, past meeting minutes, early career professional activities, and financial report are available in the back of the room.

Scott Bonar presented an update on the second edition of the Standardized Sampling Methods book. Scott sent a query to fish chiefs asking about usage of first edition book. He received 120 responses from the query. 94% of the 120 respondents indicated that they were using standard methods outlined in the book either some of the time, most of the time, or always. The second edition will include some adjustments with gears on things that are working or not working effectively. It will also include new advances in eDNA and statistics. The second edition will have a larger component on water resources in Mexico. Thus far the book has 21 chapters and is being authored by 120 authors. Scott continues to work with his co-editors and the authors to keep the book on schedule. At this point it appears the book will be out in 1-1.5 years. President Phelps said that the early career professional group within FMS is trying to make fish sampling videos that would accompany the standard methods book.

President Phelps asked for approval of the 2018 meeting minutes from the last meeting in Atlantic City, NJ. Motion approved by membership.

Kyle Bales presented the financial report on behalf of Secretary-Treasurer Andy Jansen (absent from meeting). The financial report presented is below:



Summary of Fish Management Section Account Activity for FY19

FY19 Starting Balance:		\$27,245.49
Income		Amount
Membership Dues		\$2,130.00
Publication Royalties		\$4,211.63
T-shirt Sales		\$310.00
Interest		\$20.74
	Deposit Total:	\$6,672.37
Expenses		Amount
Officer Travel		\$4,365.06
Early Career Professionals (nametags, IFM exchange, social)		\$2,010.53
Business Meeting		\$440.32
Plaques		\$200.00
Sponsorships		\$11,000.00
T-shirts		\$664.70
Bank Fees		\$81.65
	Expense Total:	\$18,762.26
FY19 Ending Balance:		\$15,155.60
Respectfully submitted by:		
<i>Andy Jansen</i>		
<i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>		
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No discussion on financial report. Membership approves financial report as presented.

Activities and Recognition

Newsletter & Webpage

President Phelps indicated that the FMS newsletter has been on hiatus for awhile and needs to be revitalized for our members. Kyle Bales (on behalf of newsletter editor, Sara Tripp) said it has been difficult to obtain content for the newsletter. Sara had the idea of a student travel award for students that submit content to the newsletter. Jeff Kopaska suggested using information from state chapters and divisions, and including it in the FMS newsletter to bolster content. Marty Hamel suggested contacting people working on fish management projects and encouraging them to submit an update to the FMS newsletter. Fish recipes were also suggested for the newsletter. President Phelps asked about the utility of the newsletter. Perhaps short email blasts with information would be more effective. Social media could be another avenue to get information out to members. Kyle Bales said he would like to create social media accounts for FMS; however, he would like to volunteer to help him with it. Kyle also discussed the FMS webpage. The FMS information has been migrated to the webpage and everything seems to be working. Kyle said webmasters are going to have to learn a new interface to edit webpage content. If you have suggestions for the webpage, please let Kyle know. The website is **fms.fisheries.org**. Rebecca Krogman suggested that if new content is uploaded to the webpage an email is sent to all members to check out the new content. Tom Lang said the Fish Habitat Section has a social media team made up of students to put content on social media which works better than just one person. There was some discussion on which social media platforms to use and how to analyze what content is read most often.

Early Career Professional Committee

Kyle Bales discussed the Hall of Excellence (HOE) video project originally started by Hilary Meyer. Andy Bueltmann is leading the charge now on the videos and there are still a few more to do. If you can help Andy with interviewing the HOE inductees, please let Andy know. Kyle discussed the IFM exchange program for early career professionals. Ryan Hupfeld (Iowa) was the last recipient. Ryan said that it was a great opportunity and experience for him. He suggests continuing the program to maintain a good relationship with other countries and discuss fish management issues. Kyle said there are posters of Ryan's and other recipients' experiences with the IFM exchange at the poster social. Kyle discussed the standard fish sampling methods videos the committee is working on. They are working on setting up a template that anyone that is using standard sampling methods can use to make a video. President Phelps encourages any members that have the capacity to film videos of using a unique sampling gear to help with this project. Kyle said the committee is working a new project taking known age structure images and creating a repository of images on the FMS website. This will allow agencies to train employees on how to age different structures and how to prepare structures for aging. We are still working on the process and platform for gathering and using this information. However, if you have known age structures, please begin assembling that information. Kyle said there are three posters from the committee at the poster social including one of IFM exchange, one of survey results from the early career professional survey, and the last one on why to be involved as an early career professional. Kyle said the committee will be hosting an early career professional social on Tuesday at 5:30pm at Pirates Pizza as a way to encourage networking amongst these folks.

Catfish 2020

Ben Neely encouraged everyone to attend the Catfish 2020 meeting to be held February 18-20, 2020 in Little Rock, Arkansas. Registration is now open. Registration cost is \$210 for professionals and \$160 for students. There are 76 oral presentations and many poster presentations submitted for this conference. Proceedings from the meeting will be published as a special issue in North American Journal of Fisheries Management. The conference is held at the front end of the Southern Division of AFS meeting. Joint meeting registration is available if you plan to attend both conferences.

Mississippi-Yangtze River Basins Symposium update

President Phelps briefly discussed the 2018 Mississippi-Yangtze River Basin symposium in China. There were 25 U.S. scientists in attendance at that conference. They are working with AFS editors to create a digital manuscript from this past conference. There will be a Mississippi-Yangtze River Basin symposium at the next AFS meeting in Columbus, OH. President Phelps encouraged anyone working on big rivers to submit an abstract to the symposium as it is a great way to develop collaborations with international scientists and provide new perspectives on large river issues.

FMS Awards

President-Elect Koch presented the 2019 FMS award plaques to the recipients. The Conservation Achievement Award was awarded to the World Fish Migration Foundation. The Award of Excellence was awarded to Dr. Kevin Pope, Philip Mathur, and Michael Sullivan. Our latest inductee into the Hall of Excellence is Tom Annear.

New Business

Tim Birdsong (Texas Parks and Wildlife Department) provided a brief update on the status of a book project that FMS supported titled "Multispecies and Watershed Approaches to Freshwater Fish Conservation."

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Andy Jansen, FMS secretary-treasurer.