

Fisheries Management Section

2021 Business Meeting, Sunday, November 7, 2021, 11:00am-12:00pm

Marriott Inner Harbor at Camden Yards, Baltimore, Maryland

15 in person and 3 virtual attendees



2021 Business Meeting Minutes

President Jeff Koch called the meeting to order at 11:15.

The meeting minutes from the previous year were emailed to all members. Those in attendance approved the minutes as presented.

Nick Kramer gave a treasurer's report (attached). Expenses were minimal for fiscal year 2021. The section did not receive membership dues and royalties from the parent society due to some hiccups in switching to ACH payments. Jeff mentioned that Dan Cassidy believes these payments will be coming very soon. Nick mentioned that, when combined, these payments average around \$7000. Treasurer's report was accepted by membership.

Tom Lang provided an update on the Angling Symposium book. The book will have fourteen chapters based on a symposium held at the 2016 meeting in Kansas City, MO. Eleven of the chapters are revised and finished. He is hopeful to have the book published in the next year. When asked when he would be interested in receiving the support that FMS is holding for the title, he said we could pay AFS at any time.

Jeff Koch began conversation on the section's newsletter. Sara Tripp had told Jeff that it is hard to get content for the publication and, as a result, it is essentially dead. Jeff asked if maybe it was better to move to a social media platform such as Facebook. Scott Bonar noted that Facebook does have the potential to reach a large audience. Gary Whelan suggested an online blog instead of an email newsletter, it could be simpler and quicker. No action was taken.

Quinton Phelps nor Hae Kim was present to discuss the Early Career Professional Committee. The topic was still discussed, specifically the need for more early career member participation and an overall reinvigorating. It was suggested that the group partner with the Early Career and Student Subsection of the Education Section to garner members. Rebecca Krogman and Melissa Wuellner volunteered to pitch the topic at the Early Career and Student Subsection of the Education Section meeting when it was held. Rebecca then asked about the status of the videos that the Early Career Professional Committee was involved with. Jeff Koch answered that Andy Buelmann had the sections GoPro and that they are working to finish, or get caught up, on Hall of Excellence videos. The Standard Methods videos were another project that the group was working on.

Vice President Julie Meka Carter presented awards on behalf of the Fish Management Section:

- Christopher Estes was recognized in person after being inducted into the Hall of Excellence last year
- Ed Bowles and Dan Schill were this year's inductees into the Hall of Excellence
- Conservation Achievement Award: Nebraska Aquatic Habitat Program and Mark McKinstry
 - Keith Koupal accepted Nebraska's award and Jeff Koch read an acceptance statement previously submitted by Mark Porath
- Award of Merit: Mark Porath
- Award of Excellence: Cory Suski

Julie Meka Carter then started a discussion on the award process. She voiced that there is a need for clarity in the award descriptions and requirements. She thought that the implementation of a scoring rubric and expanding the voting pool to include the excom would also be beneficial to the process. Randy Schultz agreed that the award process was a bit lacking during his term in Julie's role and applauded her efforts to fix it. Julie asked if there were any volunteers willing to help with the project and Randy volunteered.

Melissa Wuellner, along with Mike Quist and Dan Isermann, are working on the fourth edition of Inland Fisheries Management in North America. Melissa was present to submit a funding request to the membership. The book will include new ideas and techniques that have evolved since the previous edition. The proposal has been approved by AFS and the book will have two price points: a regular price and a lower price for students. AFS will be covering the publication of the title. The funding request of \$5000 dollars from both the Fish Management Section and the Education Section would go toward hiring a graphic designer to produce high-end visuals to accompany text. Any of the \$5000 pledged that went unused would be returned. Melissa noted that there is opportunity to contribute to the layout and content. They are planning to have a focus group to discuss ways to improve the work as well as sending out a survey to learn what readers did or did not like about previous copies. They are hopeful to have a draft compiled by May of 2022 and reviewed later that summer, revisions finished by May 2023 and off to print in the fall of 2023. They would not need money until next fall. Gary Whelan asked if we could contribute a smaller amount. Scott Bonar moved to support the title with a dollar amount to be decided at next year's meeting. Ben Neely seconded, none opposed.

There was no additional new business.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:18pm.