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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

The year "1993" will not be remembered as the year Mike was Iowa AFS President, but the "Year of Too Much Water". If me being President has anything to do with all this rain and flooding, than impeach me! Seriously, the flooding has had a serious impact on the State of Iowa and our Fisheries resource. Issues such as flood plains management and water control projects will be actively discussed. Our chapter should take an active role in expressing our views on these subjects.

An excellent joint meeting with the Illinois chapter was held in February. Continuing this meeting format, a 1994 get together with Nebraska is being planned, and Minnesota has also approached us about future meeting possibilities.

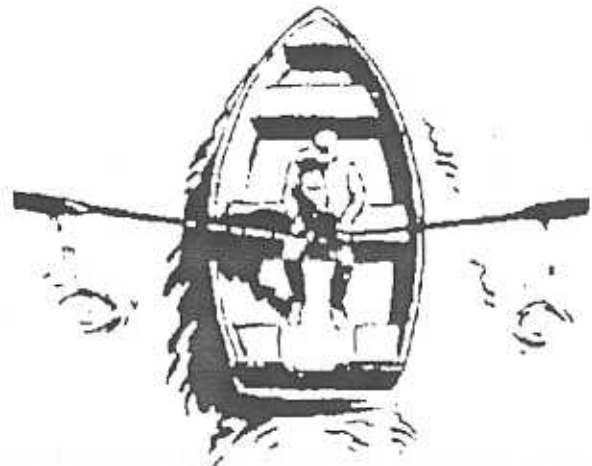
Resolutions concerning the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' position reductions and protection of the Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund were sent out to the Iowa legislature and Governor. Out of 151 letters sent out stating our position and then asking for a response, only 12 legislators responded. Legislative dialogue is apparently a "one-way street."

Enclosed with this newsletter is the ballot for new Iowa Chapter officers. Please be a voting member and thanks for your support this past year.

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ONLY MEMBERS WHO ARE ALSO AFS
PARENT SOCIETY MEMBERS
RECEIVED CHAPTER OFFICER
BALLOTS!



Iowa Chapter
American Fisheries Society
1993 Annual Business Meeting
Bettendorf, IA
February 17, 1993

The annual business meeting was called to order by President Mike McGhee. Forty-nine members were in attendance.

The minutes from the past meeting were read. Tom Gengerke made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Mike Mason seconded the motion and it passed.

Paul Brouha, Executive Director, of the American Fisheries Society was introduced and given the floor to address the Chapter. Scientific information assimilation, professional enhancement, and resource conservation development and wise use were the three main topics addressed by Mr. Brouha.

The Treasurer's report was summarized and concluded a balance of \$3,286.39 as of 15 September 1992.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee Chair Dave Marolf was unable to attend. President Mike McGhee noted that last year the Chapter had sixty-two paid members. The last newsletter was mailed to around one hundred people including past members and potential members.

REAP Committee Chair Dick McWilliams reported that a fight for funding was under way in the Iowa Legislature. The Governor's recommendation was for \$8.5 million. The REAP Alliance requested the same \$150 donation as last year from the Chapter. McWilliams made a motion for \$150 continued contribution by the Chapter to the REAP Alliance. Mike Mason seconded the motion and it passed.

Continuing Education Committee Chair John Pitlo reported that last year workshops included Fish Health Assessment by Ronald Goede and Computer Applications by Dick Frie. John received a flier from John Lyons, NCD President, on what some other states have done along the lines of continuing education. Topics that other states have done include: Statistic Application in Fisheries and Computer Application of Multivariate Analysis both by Paul Hinze; Computer Modeling of Fish Growth by Don Periera; Use of Catch Effort, Stock, and Condition Indices in Fish Management by Dave Willis and Chris Guy; Larval Fish by Nancy Auer; and Non-Parametric Statistics by Dave Bowden. By a show of hands a priority list was developed to give John some direction on which courses to pursue. It was decided that it works best to go through the Fish and Wildlife Service and use DJ money if available.

Resolution Committee: Mike Mason read a resolution concerning a proposal by Governor Terry Branstad and the Iowa Department of Management that would limit the Iowa DNR to 779 employees. With some minor word changes, the resolution was adopted by the Chapter and is to be sent to fifty Senators, one hundred Representatives, and the Governor. The resolution was seconded by Steve Waters and passed. Don Bonneau made a motion that a similar resolution be drafted concerning the proposed constitutional amendment to protect the fish and wildlife trust fund. Seconded by many and passed.

Old Business

Revision of the Chapter By Laws was approved by the Parent Society.

New Business

Advocacy: President Mike McGhee pointed out that there are some groups that might need the support of the American Fisheries Society both as members and financially. Groups like Iowans For Better Fisheries are working hard on some common issues such as protection of the fish and wildlife trust fund and returning the DNR to a Conservation Commission. Discussion followed on what we as a Chapter can do to help IBF with their lobbying efforts. Chris Larson made a motion that the Chapter donate \$500 to Iowans For Better Fisheries to become sustaining members and to help defray lobbying cost. Seconded by Larry Mitzner and passed.

AFS Cookbooks: President Mike McGhee presented the Chapter with a copy of Sea Fare-The Official American Fisheries Society Cookbook, Volume One. The cookbook includes the favorite recipes of members of the Fish Culture Section and interesting folklore, stories, and facts about commercial fishing and fish. A discussion followed on the possible fund raising potential. Mike Mason made a motion that the Chapter purchase fifty copies to sell. Seconded by Tom Gengerke and passed. The cookbooks will be sold for \$15 plus shipping.

Ken Carlander's Book Vol. 3: Volume three is ready to be published but needs to be retyped in a different format. The cost of doing so could be as much as \$2,000. Larry Mitzner pointed out that this is a worthy cause but we are not the only source of funding. He mentioned the NCD as one possibility. It was also noted that other sections within the AFS such as the Education and Fish Management Sections may have funds available for this. Tom Gengerke made a motion to allow the EXCOM to donate up to \$250 for reformatting Ken Carlander's book volume three after all other avenues of funding have been pursued. Seconded by John Pitlo and it passed.

REAP ALLIANCE by Dick McWilliams

The REAP Alliance is continuing work on budgetary matters, specifically trying to work with the legislature to increase REAP funding to somewhere near the original goal. This winter will bring the REAP assemblies and meetings. We will need to have people at these meetings and encourage citizen participation to see that funding of REAP is maintained.

There is a little confusion about the REAP budget for last year and this year. The \$900,000 from last year's budget reverts to the general fund. The following are excerpts from two articles by Kevin Szcodronski from REAP, Vol. 5, Number 2.

1994 REAP BUDGET SET AT \$7 MILLION July 1, 1993 - June 30, 1994 REAP Budget:

Conservation Education:	\$ 350,000
DNR Administration:	66,500
Open Spaces:	1,843,380*
County Conservation:	1,316,700
Soil & Water Enhancement:	1,316,700
City Parks and Open Spaces:	987,525
State Land Management:	592,515
Historical Resource Development:	329,175
Roadside Vegetation	197,505
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	\$ 7,000,000

* Legislation from this past session specifies that no more than \$1.4 million can be allocated from REAP's open space account in FY94 for constructing the dam and impoundment at Brushy Creek Recreation Area.

A Portrait of REAP Land Purchased by CCB's

The results from a survey of County Conservation Boards on land purchases from 1989-1992:

Acres purchased:	6,598
Cost:	\$3,550,117
Average cost:	\$538
% of total CCB REAP allocation used for purchase:	40
Additional lands purchased (non-REAP funds):	2,004
Total acres acquired:	8,602

Average annual property tax on REAPacquired land: \$5.57
(Tax-exempted land not included in above average)

Average annual property tax on agricultural land: \$14.14
(2,281 of the 8,602 acres purchased at least in part with CCB REAP funds were already in a tax exempt status).

Breakdown of Land Acquired

Land Cover Type	Acres	% of Total
Woodland	4,004.5	46.5
Wetland	668.7	8.0
Grassland	1,950.8	22.7
Tillable Land	1,555.2	18.1
Other	402.8	4.7
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	8,602.0	

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

The Chapter balance currently stands at \$3,261.75. This is after donations were made to Iowan's for Better Fisheries (\$500) and the REAP Alliance (\$150). The only other major expenditure since the annual meeting was \$516.61 for 50 copies of AFS's Sea-Fare Cookbook. We are selling these books for \$15 plus postage and handling on mail orders. We need members to buy these or help in selling them. The Chapter stands to make \$200 on this venture. Thus far, 16 copies have been sold. Here's your chance to help the Chapter out. These would make great gifts.

After all was said and done, the 1993 annual meeting held in Bettendorf netted the Chapter \$78.81. This figure does not include revenue from Chapter dues.

1993 Annual Meeting Financial Report

Receipts

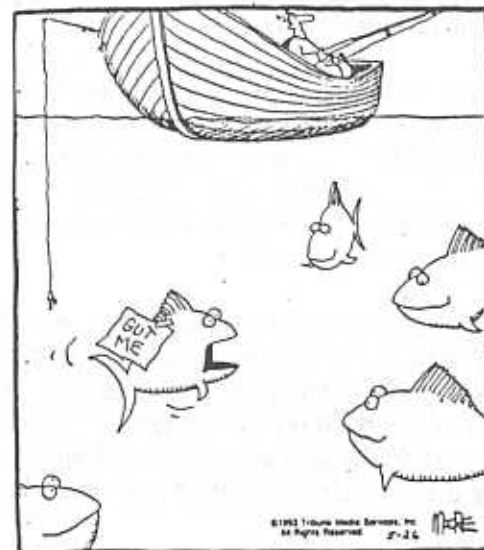
Registration: 58 @ \$25	\$1,450.00
3 @ \$20 (student)	60.00
Total	\$ 1,510.00

Disbursements:

Jumer Hotels	\$778.27
Smoker at REMCO Building	276.67
Buses	100.00
Brouha's Room	61.47
Printing Abstracts & Agenda	214.78
Total	\$1,431.19

The Iowa Chapter currently has 74 paid members. This is up from 62 last year.

This newsletter along with a cover letter has been mailed to 27 small colleges in Iowa in an effort to broaden our membership. Special thanks to Theresa Blackburn for gathering the names and addresses of the colleges. We hope to hear from some of the faculty and students of these institutions.



"What? What's so funny?"

STUDENT TRAVEL GRANT PROGRAM

North Central Division (NCD) President John Lyons and the Executive Committee have allocated \$500 in discretionary funds to support a Student Travel Grant Program in 1993. The purpose of this program is to provide funding to facilitate student travel to the annual NCD meeting that is held in conjunction with the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. The program is designed to assist students who might not otherwise be able to attend the meeting. "It is not our purpose to establish an award given to recognize outstanding student research or service to the AFS or its subunits."

The NCD will award up to 5 travel grants (maximum of one per chapter) to provide financial assistance for student members. The Division will provide \$100.00 for each selected student, which will be matched by a minimum \$100.00 contribution from the student's chapter.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

1. Each chapter will be permitted to nominate one student. Criteria for selection of chapter nominees will be handled by each nominating chapter.

2. Nominations should be forwarded to the Chair of the NCD Student Affairs Committee by each chapter president. Each nomination should include a letter from the student nominee that includes: student name, address, telephone number, educational institution, department, degree level, a short description of current research, reasons for wishing to attend the meeting, a copy of submitted presentation abstract (if applicable), and a copy of the acceptance letter from the program chair (if received).

The chapter president should send a letter that verifies that the chapter will provide at least \$100 directly to the student in a timely manner. The deadline for forwarding the nominations will be September 30, 1993. Funds provided by the NCD to selected grant recipients will be sent directly to the student.

3. A committee or representatives from the Division's Student Affairs Committee, Awards Committee, and an officer of the NCD will be responsible for evaluating nominations and selecting grant recipients. This committee will evaluate applications based on reasons for wishing to attend the meeting.

4. Grant recipients should plan to attend the NCD Business Meeting to be held during the 1993 Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. In addition, grant recipients should plan to represent student members of their chapter at the NCD Student Affairs Meeting to be held during the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference.

Students interested in the travel grant program should contact their chapter president to inquire about nomination procedures. Grant nominations and questions should be addressed to:

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UPCOMING FISHERIES EVENTS

AUGUST 28 - SEPTEMBER 3: The 123rd Annual Meeting of AFS. Portland, OR.
Contact: Paul Brouha, AFS, 301-897-8616.

DECEMBER 11-15: Annual Meeting of the North Central Division (NCD) of AFS. St. Louis, MO. Contact: Wayne Porath, Missouri Dept. of Conservation, 314-882-9880.

DECEMBER 11-15: 55th Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. St. Louis, MO. Contact: Norm Stucky, Missouri Dept. of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102.

FEBRUARY 8-9: Mid-Continent Warm Water Fish Culture Workshop. Council Bluffs, IA.
Contact: Larry Zadina, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, 402-471-5495.

FEBRUARY 14-16: Iowa and Nebraska AFS Chapters Joint Meeting. Council Bluffs, IA.
Contact: Mart Konrad, Iowa Dept. of Natural Resources, 515-281-6976.

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND
IN YOUR BALLOT FOR
CHAPTER OFFICERS!**