

# Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

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## Iowa Chapter of the American Fisheries Society EXCOM Meeting August 27, 2015 Iowa State University Campus

### **Purpose**

Established: September 9, 1969. The objectives of the Chapter shall be those of the American Fisheries Society, herein after called the Society, as set forth in Article I of the Constitution, and to encourage the exchange of information by members of the Society residing in, working in, or having a professional interest in the State of Iowa.

Attending members were: Past-president: Ben Wallace, President: Allen Pattillo, President-Elect: Lewis Bruce, Student Subunit President: Jed Siegwarth, Secretary/Treasurer: Dan Rosauer, New President-Elect: Jeff Kopaska and New Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Hupfeld

### **Call to order by Allen Pattillo at 10:20**

### **Introductions**

All attending members introduced themselves and the change in officer form was completed and will be submitted by Allen Pattillo.

### **Treasurers' report**

Our current account has the following balances:

16346.12 in General AFS funding  
3229.22 in Warmwater meeting funding  
4572.80 Mike Mason Memorial funding  
24148.14 Total account balance

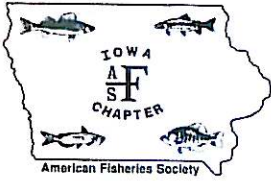
We do have \$1,000 ear marked for the restoration of the Maynard Reece prints.

Due to opening the US Bank account with the TIN for the NCD unit our bank accounts have been linked for the past 2 years. After discussions with US Bank employees our best option is to close the account and open a new one with the correct TIN.

Dan Rosauer (previous Secretary/Treasurer) was given authority to close out the current US Bank account.

Ryan Hubfeld (new Secretary/Treasurer) was given authority to open a new bank account and be the primary signer for that account.

### **Student Subunit Update**



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Subunit is having their first meetings of the semester and are interested in any opportunities to help out especially with opportunities that can be resume builders. It was mentioned that the undergraduate travel award from the parent society is a very underutilized award along with only two entrants into the student poster competition at the national meeting in Portland.

## Annual Meeting

Discussions with most surrounding states have already occurred looking at the possibility of a joint meeting this year. There was limited interest due to plans already in the works for most states. There may be a chance of joining with WI and MN this year. The plan at the moment is to have the annual meeting at the end of Fisheries statewide meeting in March.

There was discussion on specific talks for the annual meeting covering topic and bringing in special guests in areas such as: cyanobacteria, creel research, fishing tournament research, and ISU extension water quality.

## Other Business

Bylaws review and Grant application changes:


Goal is to address both issues at the same time as the grant application is in the bylaws. The use of electronic voting will also be clearly written in the bylaws in this process. Two of the three members of the committee were present and set a goal of meeting in November to discuss the bylaws review. After a review and potential changes are outlined by the committee, it will be sent to the parent society constitutional advisor so our bylaws agree with the parent society. After their approval the bylaws will be submitted to NCD for their approval.

Scientific Notebook:

Updating the scientific notebook had been discussed in the past and didt gain a lot of traction. The EXCOM thought it would be a good idea instead of a paper copy to create a digital document. This could be an app, mobile friendly website or a PDF file. Some steps in the process necessary to update the book include: reviewing the information for accuracy along with identifying any copyrighted materials. It was mentioned that a handbook may be of interest to other chapters of AFS and the parent society may be interested in having this document associated with their website and may want this project overall. Doug Austen will be contacted to see about the parent society interest in the handbook.

Fish kill investigations:

It was discussed that a recent court case involving a fish kill in Iowa was thrown out due to doubts in the sampling methods. It may be wise to spread the word to other states on issues we had with the AFS standards of stream sampling. It was mentioned that letters to chapters could come from the parent society.

  
President - Iowa AFS