

Nomination Form: Most Active Chapter Award

North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society

1. Date: November 9, 2010

2. Chapter Name: Indiana Chapter

3. Number of Chapter Members (AFS members only): 83

4. Officers

President: Debra A. King

President-Elect: Jeremy Price

Vice President: Michelle Cain

Secretary/Treasurer: Bryan Kalb

Past President: Jason Doll

5. Person making nomination (Name, Affiliation, Address, Telephone):

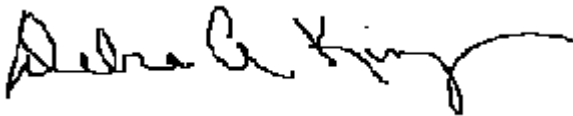
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Signature:



6. Number and Type of Meetings:

2 meetings/yr (fall and annual spring conference), 1 continuing education workshop/yr

7. Special Activities:

Conservation Day at the statehouse – see attached for description

State Fair Fish Pond – see attached for description

8. Membership Recruitment Activities:

- Added Manchester College as our 3rd Student Subunit this fall!
- Active participant with Indiana Conservation Alliance by participating in Conservation Day to inform legislators and other NGOs of our mission and commitment to protecting natural resources.
- Individuals can now easily pay their Indiana Chapter dues on-line.
- The Chapter started Facebook and Twitter pages to increase our chapter's visibility.

- The Chapter is actively trying to interest high school and college students in fisheries by seeking out potential Hutton Scholars.
- Summer aides for the DNR are encouraged to attend AFS business meetings and become student members.
- Chapter membership for students is free if they are also parent society members.
- Annually conduct numerous events at high schools and colleges all over the state.

9. On a single attached sheet (one side only), describe what makes your Chapter an active and important contributor to the NCD, AFS, and the fisheries profession. Also use this sheet to expand on any of the above areas. You may also attach copies of any written or printed material (letters, newsletters, fliers, newspaper, clippings, etc.) that lend support to your nomination. This material will not be returned, and if the number of pages exceeds five, it will only be reviewed by the Awards Committee Chair to avoid excessive photocopying and mailing expenses.

Our Chapter is an active and important leader and contributor in the State of Indiana, NCD, the Parent Society, and the fisheries and aquatic resources profession as a whole. The following bullet points will illustrate the types of things we have done in the past year and the direction we will continue to head in the future.

GOAL 1: Global Fisheries Leadership - AFS will be a global leader providing information and technical resources for the sustainability and conservation of fisheries resources.

- The Chapter is reviewing a letter from a concerned citizen directed to the U.S. EPA regarding destruction of riparian habitat on a small stream in Indiana. The committee will provide feedback to improve the letter and if appropriate provide a recommendation to the IAFS EXCOM if a vote should be conducted to support the letter.
- The Chapter will be donating to the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to help mitigate the effects of the BP oil spill.
- The Chapter adopted a resolution to support biological separation between the Chicago Waterway System and Lake Michigan.
- The Indiana Chapter will be participating with the Indiana Conservation Alliance by donating \$125 to the Conservation Day event at the statehouse. Several Indiana Chapter members also attended the 2010 Conservation Day event at the Statehouse. These members set up a booth for IN AFS, handed out brochures with information about our Chapter, and were on hand to speak with State legislators and others about natural resource and conservation issues. Chapter members are currently planning for the 2011 Conservation Day event.
- The Chapter participated with the Indiana Department of Natural Resources State Fair Fishing pond, 15 IAFS volunteers filled an entire shift, teaching approximately 178 kids to fish during the 4 hour shift.
- Chapter members participated in Outreach events including the Ball State Activity Fair, Ball State Student Welcome Event, and the Annual National Campus Sustainability Day across America at Manchester College.
- The Chapter pays for technical committee representatives' travel to one NCD technical committee meeting a year.
- The Chapter donated \$500 to the Catfish 2010 symposium in St Louis, MO.
- The Indiana Chapter maintains its membership to the Indiana Wildlife Federation.
- The Chapter sent a letter of support for the National Fish Habitat Conservation Act to all Senators and Representatives from Indiana. Additional information was asked for and provided by IAFS to Senator Lugar's Office.
- The Chapter is considering becoming a member of the Indiana Sportsman's Roundtable.

GOAL 2: Education/Continuing Education – AFS will facilitate life-long learning through world-class educational resources at all academic levels and provide training for practicing professionals in all branches of fisheries and aquatic sciences.

- The Chapter hosted a continuing education workshop in October 2010 titled “When an army of one doesn’t work anymore”. The workshop focused on collaborating with multiple agencies, industries, and the general public. The instructor was Dr. Janet Ayres of Purdue University.
- Continuing education opportunities offered by other scientific organization are distributed through the IAFS list-serve.

GOAL 3: Value of Membership – AFS will serve its members and fisheries, aquaculture, and aquatic science constituencies to fulfill the mission of the Society.

- The Chapter added a third student subunit at Manchester University.
- The Indiana Chapter of AFS celebrated its 40th anniversary at its 2010 spring conference. The conference was held at the Ramada Inn at Elkhart, IN, on Feb. 16 & 17, 2010. The meeting was attended by 104 people from 11 organizations. The title of the program was “What we have learned as we continue to migrate upstream”. The plenary session included presentations from founding and long-term IAFS members. Dr. Thomas McComish (founding member) presented a history and overview of the chapter from 1970 to 2010, Gary Doxtater (founding member) presented the role of private consultants in the history of IAFS, and William James (long term member) presented a 40 year history of fisheries management in Indiana with a focus on the relationship between public employees and IAFS.
- The Chapter held its fall business meeting at Muscatatuck National Wildlife Refuge on October 20, 2010.
- Chapter membership is free to students if they are also Parent Society members.
- The AFS Certification Chair regularly helps members through the certification process.
- The Chapter adopted a resolution to acknowledge the 30 charter members of IAFS.
- The Chapter has a very informative and easy-to-navigate website that is constantly updated and interactive.
- Individuals can now pay their IAFS chapter dues online through the website.
- A membership directory is available to all members on the website.
- Chapter members vote on the website.
- The newsletter and listserv continue to be excellent and effective methods of communicating to the Chapter members. The Newsletter has a “Who’s that Author” section to highlight journal articles published by IAFS members.
- The Chapter has both Facebook and Twitter pages to update members and other organizations on Chapter events and relevant news.
- The Chapter officially added Social Networking as a responsibility of the Communications Committee to ensure seamless transition of duties with changing committee members.
- The Chapter awarded Steven Jacquemin for Best Student Paper.

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- The Chapter awarded Jason Doll for Best Professional Paper.
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- The Chapter Awards Committee awarded a \$200 grant to the Best Student Paper winner to attend the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference. In addition, the recipient is nominated for the Joan Duffy Student Travel Award.
- The Chapter awarded an Excellence in Fisheries Award to Stu Shipman
- The Chapter is actively trying to interest high school and college students in fisheries by seeking out potential Hutton Scholars.
- Summer aides for the DNR are encouraged to attend AFS business meetings and become student members.
- We have incorporated a line item in our budget to donate \$100 each year to the Equal Opportunities Section.
- The Chapter has Sustaining membership from a diverse group of organizations.
- The Chapter has updated its Procedures Manual and is in the process of creating a new Strategic Plan.
- The Chapter is reviewing its member services to improve how membership records are maintained and improve communication between members.