



*From the Desk of the NCD
President*

Ramblings by Sandy

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Greetings, NCD!

I am very excited to begin this journey as NCD president and hope to bring some positive changes over the next year or at least keep the wheels from falling off. A big thanks goes to Melissa for doing an amazing job over the past year and really creating some new innovative ways to improve communication.

We will be putting the final touches on the Strategic Plan and will have a final draft in the coming months. This has been a long process and we appreciate all the work that Melissa, Vince and Joe Conroy have put into the revision. This is one of those things where you hope that your presidency doesn't fall on a revision year but Melissa really stepped up and made it happen.

A huge congratulation goes out to our friends in Missouri for putting on a wonderful National Meeting in Kansas City. It is hard to compete with some of the amazing locations where the annual meetings have been hosted but Kansas City was a great venue and hopefully everyone got enough BBQ to satisfy. The meeting was a great place to recharge my professional battery and obtain new ideas to implement in my own work and get inspired by new professionals and students. If you were unable to attend hopefully you will have the opportunity to attend the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Lincoln, NE in February or at least your Chapter meetings to recharge and get inspired.

Over the next year I want to focus on continuing to improve communication among NCD, Chapters, and Subunits and improving the value of being an AFS member at any level. I encourage all of you to "like" our Facebook page (North Central Division of the American Fisheries Society) and post information about your work, chapter activities, or just fishing pictures. This is a great way for members at any level to participate and create a sense of community across state lines. I challenge each state to post pictures from their annual meetings to the NCD Facebook page!

Until next month,

Sandy