

President's Blog

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Keeping the wheels greased

As some of you heard at the North Central Division Annual Business Meeting or perhaps at one of the chapter meetings that one of the Executive Committee members attended, we have tried to make this year at NCD about keeping the organization involved and relevant. In NCD's role as a conduit of information, this has meant taking chapter concerns to AFS through Management Committee meetings, Governing Board meetings, direct emails to AFS staff, and representing NCD viewpoints on AFS standing and special committees (we have representatives on Membership, Nomination, Resource Policy, Program, Fundraising, and *Affiliate Members* committees, among others). Service and representation is the name of the game. We are always looking for more people to volunteer--- Are you interested? If so, just send me an email.



Updates to and from chapters

Recently, Dan Cassidy, AFS Deputy Director, held two webinars to review AFS governance and financial responsibility. Dan recorded those webinars and posted them here:

<https://fisheries.org/about/governance/governing-board/governance-orientation-and-training-videos/>

Although the videos are long, there is a lot of good information contained therein. I've often heard that people who come into AFS leadership positions (Chapter President or Treasurer, for example) don't really know what they are supposed to do or how. These videos may help shed some light on that.

Updating our 'look'

The North Central Division recently updated our logo, trading out the map-based logo for a more stylized representation of what the Division represents. (Check out the new logo in place of my picture on this post.) Although geography is an important part of the Division, representing the interests and the needs of those professionals who live in our area and the fish taxa they manage and study is more important.

To let me know you are interested in volunteering in **any** capacity or to discuss any of the issues above, please reach me by email at joseph.conroy@dnr.ohio.gov.