

American Fisheries Society - Estuaries Section

Executive Committee Meeting Notes – Monday February 10 at 3:00PM EST

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Officers

President: Abigail Franklin Archer

President-Elect: Karin Limburg

Secretary: Lynn Waterhouse

Treasurer: Anthony Overton

AGENDA

1. **Symposia Sponsorships**
 - a. **Telemetry Symposium**
 - b. **Trophic Ecology**

Abigail sent out a call to the membership for symposium ideas. A few people were interested in organizing a telemetry symposium and the proposals were all rolled together. Anthony helped organize the trophic ecology symposium, which could be a multi-day symposium due to the large amount of interest. The Estuaries Section will sponsor two symposia. Abigail asked the organizers to let her know if they need help from members with anything.

[Community Ecology and Trophic Interactions of Fishes](#)

Ron Heintz, Jason Link, Ed Farley Jr., Anthony Overton, and Richard McBride

[Telemetry on the Atlantic Coast: Tagging Locally and Observing Globally](#)

John F. Kocik, James P. Hawkes, Gayle Zydlewski, Heather Haas, and Gordon Waring

Lee also mentioned to watch out for a notice from the meeting organizer regarding requesting a room for the annual business meeting.

TASK: Abigail will keep an eye out for when to reserve a room for the business meeting in Quebec.

TASK: Abigail will keep in contact with symposia organizers to see if there are ways Estuaries Section members can help out.

2. **AFS Mid-Year meeting update**

Abigail attended a full day of the meeting via video conference. The meeting and the new technology used for the meeting worked well. The meeting mostly revolved around advocacy, with lots of advance reading and a survey prior to the meeting. The meeting featured lively discussion of advocacy survey results. Abigail was impressed with Doug Austen's leadership. The Board seemed interested in being more involved in advocacy and responding to issues more rapidly. The Board also thought the Officers should be more empowered to take positions.

TASK: Abigail will send the meeting notes to the Executive Committee.

3. Website

Anthony responded to AFS HQ's request for help with transferring the website to a new server. Anthony is making updates as he can and has responded to most requests. Anthony thinks it is time for a redesign.

TASK: Section Officers will look at other AFS subsection websites and give the other officers and especially Anthony ideas about how the website should look when it is redesigned.

4. LinkedIn

Member Konstantine Rountos gave a report on his work setting up a LinkedIn site for the section. Around 50 section members are participating on LinkedIn, which is about 25% of membership. When non-members ask to post, they are given information about how to join the Estuaries Section. Right now Konstantine has been posting items of interest to the Section. However, LinkedIn also can be used to recruit participants for symposia and to conduct polls. Konstantine encouraged officers to post items on LinkedIn as well so it's not just him doing the posting. Konstantine also suggested adding a LinkedIn link to the newsletters from now on. If we have ideas for LinkedIn member polls, let Konstantine know. Konstantine mentioned that his current work on the Section's LinkedIn site takes about an hour a week, generally. The LinkedIn group is not moderated, but Konstantine can remove a post if it is inappropriate. The best types of items to post are requests for opinions on positions or polls, for example, asking who all is going to Quebec City. Job postings are also good for LinkedIn. It's important to note that the Estuaries Section is a closed group; if someone wants to join, they need to be paid members of the Section. Karin mentioned that some members may be less interested in LinkedIn and other social media than other members. It seems that people who are interested in these different forms of communication and outreach are taking the leads on these projects. The Officers thanked Konstantine for all his work setting up the page.

TASK: Section Officers who use LinkedIn will post relevant estuarine related material and will think about material for polls.

TASK: Konstantine will continue to monitor and update the page.

5. 20 Year History Project

a. Progress Report

b. What should the final products be?

Member Mick Walsh was not able to attend the phone call, but will hopefully be able to join the next meeting. She has made a lot of progress in hearing from members in compiling history – many people responded to the call for information in the January newsletter. Mick asked for ideas for what the final product could be. Officers discussed and suggested a section of our website, a series of newsletter articles, or a slideshow presentation for the next business meeting in Quebec City.

TASK: Abigail will convey these ideas to Mick.

Karin wondered whether the Section has put forward any resolutions. Lee could not recall too many examples of this. Karin was interested in possibly developing a resolution related to climate change and estuaries.

6. Student Travel Award

- a. Available Funding**
- b. Scoring Rubric**

Past timing of award announcements was discussed. It seems like the award announcement should go out by mid-April.

TASK: Abigail will work on a scoring rubric for the awards and will send to the officers for comment.

TASK: Abigail will touch base with SAML regarding their continuing support.

7. Spring Newsletter

Shane Ramee (2013 Travel Scholarship awardee) will write an article about his research for the spring newsletter and will send it to Lee and Abigail by March 1. The newsletter should be mailed out in early April, if not before. The deadline for submissions will be March 7. The Student Travel Award will be announced in this newsletter.

TASK: Abigail will write a President's message about the Mid Year Governing Board meeting, and an article on volunteer opportunities.

TASK: Karin will write a summary of her students' research at SUNY ESF.

TASK: Abigail will send an email to members asking for other content ideas.

Anthony suggested that the newsletter could identify regional correspondents among Section members who could contribute regionally specific content for the newsletter. Perhaps a call for people like that could be part of Abigail's email to members for newsletter content.

8. Conference Sponsorship Requests (follow up)

- a. Fifth International Otolith Symposium**
- b. Mangroves as Fish Habitat Symposium**

Support for these two meetings was discussed during the November 2013 meeting. The Otolith Symposium will take place in Mallorca, Spain October 20-24, 2014.

<http://ices.dk/news-and-events/symposia/otolith/Pages/default.aspx>

The Mangroves as Fish Habitat Symposium will take place in Mazatlan, Mexico on April 7-12, 2014.

<http://www.fishconserve.org/the-second-international-symposium-on-mangroves-as-fish-habitat/>

The Section had approved a \$200 award to help support travel for a student in or associated with the Estuaries Section. Karin is waiting to hear about how the \$200 will be provided, either directly to a student or to the meeting organizers. Karin will provide some text about the meeting for the newsletter, including how to apply, if necessary. The Section also approved a \$200 award for the Mangroves Symposium. Lee will contact Eric Knudson regarding how to proceed.

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TASK: Lee will contact Eric Knudson regarding how to proceed with support for the Mangroves symposium.