

**AFS Estuaries Section
Business Meeting
Sunday August 17, 2014
Quebec City, Quebec, Canada**

President: Abigail Archer

Vice President: Karin Limburg

Secretary: Lynn Waterhouse

Treasurer: Anthony Overton stepped down – Konstantine Rountos appointed to fill remainder of term

Past President & Newsletter Editor: Lee Benaka

1. Call to Order, Introduction of Section Officers: Abigail Archer

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 2013 Annual Business Meeting in Little Rock, AR (Attachment 1)

Meeting minutes were approved

3. President's Remarks

- a. AFS Governing Board meeting: Governing Board is looking for input on Fisheries magazine
- b. Donna Parrish is working on a Communication Plan for AFS (the Wildlife Society has a formal plan, AFS may be modeling its plan after Wildlife Society'
- c. Sarah Gilbert Fox and AFS headquarters are working on revamping the website
- d. 20th Birthday for Estuaries Section and 10 year anniversary of holding business meetings with the with Marine Section
- e. Abigail showed powerpoint slides (attached) with past accomplishments of Section
- f. PPT shown will go on new Estuaries Section website once it's up and running
- g. The Section was created in 1994. In honor of this the Executive Committee appointed member Mick Walsh to dig into our history and start gathering what documents we could find.
- h. As Abigail started term as President she wanted to think about the future and what the Estuaries Section could accomplish in the next 2 years. She realized she didn't know enough about what the Section had already done. It's tough to know where you're going if you don't know where you've been. Mick Walsh has already assembled some documents and lists and this info will be posted on the website.
- i. Abigail passed out 20th Anniversary Buttons with the new Estuaries Section logo
- j. Abigail brought out a box wrapped in birthday wrapping paper and passed out slips of blue and green paper. She asked members to write down the answers to two questions: **From 1994-2014, what in your career are you most proud of? & What accomplishments do you want to celebrate in 2023? What goals do you have for the Estuaries Section?** Members placed the answers in the box. Abigail will ask members via the email list for their answers and will write an article for the newsletter with the results.

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. Treasurer Anthony Overton was not able to attend the meeting. He he is stepping down and a new treasurer is needed immediately
- b. A plaque and thank you letter has been prepared – Abigail will send them to Anthony
- c. President Abigail Archer asked for nominations for new Treasurer
- d. Konstantine Rountos volunteered

- e. Abigail appointed Konstatine Rountos Treasurer effective immediately because Anthony stepped down mid-term. Konstantine will serve the remainder of the term and then will need to formally run in the Spring election for another 2 year term.

5. Student Travel Awards

- a. **Estuaries Section Award** went to Geoffrey Smith, Doctoral Candidate, University of Florida, Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences Dissertation Title: *Impacts of a Non-native Piscivore, the Pike Killifish, on Juvenile Common Snook*
- b. Geoffrey was not able to attend the Business Meeting. Abigail will deliver his plaque and check for \$500.00
- c. Ward Slocum, President of the Potomac Chapter of AFS announced a new **Potomac Chapter Policy Award**. The first recipient is Chelsey Crandall, Doctoral Candidate, University of Florida, Interdisciplinary Ecology Program Dissertation Title: *Participatory spatial management of Florida's coastal sport fisheries: understanding angler behaviors and perceptions*. Chelsea was unable to attend the Business Meeting to accept the award in person.

6. Ideas for Symposia for 2015 Meeting in Portland, Oregon

- a. Abigail asked for ideas
- b. Members expressed interest in a symposium on Ocean acidification
- c. Abigail will ask for ideas from members via the newsletter

7. Continuing Education Class in 2015 in Portland, Oregon

- a. **Lynn Waterhouse introduced the idea of organizing a, "Monsters of Stock Assessment"** continuing ed class
- b. Section showed support and interest in this idea.
- c. Lynn and Lee Benaka will take the lead in organizing and advertising.

8. Report on LinkedIn Site

- a. Konstantine Rountos gave an update on the Estuaries Section Linked In Site that he started
- b. 76 members
- c. Have to be a member of the Estuaries Section to join the LinkedIn Page
- d. User friendly
- e. Goal is to post every week
- f. Comment from section: not so easy, could use some instructions/lessons
 - i. Konstantine will write up some instructions on how to post, and how to respond to a post
- g. Section also has a Facebook page
 - i. Post to Facebook information on LinkedIn
- h. All members have pre-approval for LinkedIn page

9. Call for nominations for Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice President

- a. No nominations were made during the Business Meeting
- b. Abigail will put out a call in the Newsletter
- c. Elections will be held in late winter/early spring and new terms will start in 2015 at Portland Business Meeting

10. Other Business

- a. Portland, OR 2015 Annual Meeting planning
 - i. Catering - if expensive again consider moving meeting outside of hotel venue to save some money
 - ii. Timing of Section business meeting – check Habitat and Water Quality Section business meeting schedules
 - iii. Rick Methot’s comment: is there another section whose membership overlaps to join with us
 - iv. Monday meeting pre-trade show social with no snacks and drinks could be an option
 - v. Ben W. suggested considering doing offsite meeting (pub, restaurant, outdoors, etc.)
- b. Food and beer was partially consumed at start of meeting – Abigail is working to get partial refund from convention center
- c. Donna Turgeon, first President of the Estuaries Section just lost her husband after 2 year illness. Ken Beal is working to get current email address and contact information for Donna if members want to reach out.

Doug Vaughan – Motion to adjourn. Seconded by Lynn Waterhouse. All in favor.