

AFS Estuaries Section Late Winter Exec Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, the Ides of March, 2016

11 AM – 12 PM

Present: Karin Limburg, Lynn Waterhouse, Konstantine Rountos, Geoffrey Smith, Lee Benaka

Absent: Abigail Archer

- 1. Report for mid-year Governing Board meeting (April 6-7) – Report is due March 20th**
 - a. Fill out as much as possible but don't grasp at straws to put something down in every category
 - b. Most important thing is to get it in on time

- 2. Treasurer's Report (Konstantine)**
 - a. Balance: \$2696.60
 - b. No activity since Dec 4th (plaque)
 - c. No outstanding withdrawals or deposits
 - d. Current balance/spreadsheets on Google Drive

- 3. Spring Newsletter (Lee)**
 - a. Should go out in early April
 - b. Abigail sent out an overview of the newsletter

- 4. Elections**
 - a. Nothing up for election currently: all good to go

- 5. Symposia for 2016 Kansas City Meeting**

**Symposia organizers need to keep track of how many people are at each talk

 - a. Drought symposium**
 - a. SE "water wars" organized by 2 post docs (Lindsay Campbell and Matt Altenritter)
 - i. Two other drought symposia submitted
 - ii. Latest update (at least one and it seems like both of these symposia) were combined with the 'water wars' symposia
 - iii. Will combine drought, estuaries, and inland waters
 - b. 10 presenters (approx.)

 - b. Sea Grant symposium**
 - a. Check with Abigail for updated on speakers
 - b. Lines up with Sea Grant 50th anniversary
 - c. Focus on upstream/downstream connectivity in the Mississippi

 - c. Inland drivers of coastal hypoxia: Mary Fabrizio?**
 - a. Small session? Will she be able to get the names on her list?

 - d. Updates from Abigail after meeting regarding symposia:**
 - a. Organizer have been given an extension (midnight, March 21) to recruit speakers
 - b. Inland Drivers of Coastal Hypoxia
 - i. currently has 6 abstracts submitted

- ii. Abigail has not been in contact with organizer
- c. Fisheries Management from the Great Lakes to the Gulf: Sea Grant's Role in Research, Outreach, and Building Partnerships along the Mississippi River
 - i. currently has 4 abstracts
 - ii. others interested but taking time in submitting abstracts, Abigail actively working with several others to get more abstracts
- d. Fisheries Management and Water Allocations in the Face of Drought and Limited Water Resources
 - i. Currently has 4 abstracts
 - ii. Abigail has not been in contact with these organizers
 - iii. Other drought symposium has 19 abstracts; if more abstracts not recruited for ours then we will be asked to join with the other symposium (see abstract for this symposium:

<https://afs.confex.com/afs/2016/webprogrampreliminary/Session4370.html>)

6. Workshop for KC meeting?

- a. None currently: probably won't be any
- b. Putting most off until Tampa
- c. John Hoenig: has offered to do a workshop but probably wouldn't want to do it until Tampa (check into this): continuing ed. (R or something similar)

7. Website Update

- a. Check with Abigail about editing/adding content (can we do it or does it need to go through parent society)
- b. Working papers: feedback/editing for papers near submission
 - i. Neat idea but would there be participation
- c. Press release for recently received grants or upcoming (accepted) articles
 - i. Karin: write to membership to gauge interest/ask for 'submissions'
 - ii. Maybe tap student award winners from last year
- d. Update from Abigail after meeting:
 - i. We can make any changes and put up any content we want within reason
 - ii. Abigail has password to do this and others could probably get the password (just need to email Beth Beard)
 - iii. Only issue with website currently is the hodge podge homepage: check with parent society Staff to see if we need to make it consistent with the new AFS page

8. Student Travel Award – timing

- a. Try to get application ready for dissemination in early April
- b. Will it make it in the Spring newsletter?
- c. Send email to membership, post on Facebook and LinkedIn
- d. Due mid to late May (20th last year)
- e. Let students know who won by early June
- f. Possible give out 2 \$400 awards instead of just 1 \$500 award
 - i. Get Abigail's opinion
 - ii. Evaluate after applications are in: in the application announcement say something to the effect of "at least one \$400 award will be given out"

- g. Potomac Chapter may give out an award in any appropriate policy based applications are received

9. Donation to Equal Opportunities Section for Student Travel Award

- a. donate \$100
- b. all in agreement to give donation if asked again this year
- c. add this to the Annual Report

10. Business Meeting in KC

- a. Estuaries Section is organizing this year
 - i. Venue – should we meet off-site?
 - 1. Look for off-site venues, we can always fall back on the conference venue
 - 2. Check on actual prices for the conference venue
 - ii. Possibility of Ellen Sobeck, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Fisheries, coming to the meeting to address Marine and Estuarine sections on 40th anniversary of Essential Fish Habitat regs.
 - 1. Proceed into looking at off site locations for now

11. Other New Business

- a. Konstantine probably will not be at KC meeting
- b. Best photo comp/best short video of research through website
 - i. Every couple of months? Look into costs of some type of award (shirt, mug, bumper sticker)
- c. “post cards from the field”: photo with brief research description; could tie in with a Gallery section on the website
 - i. Need a different title but seems like a great idea

Next meeting:

Tentatively scheduled for early May (1st week)