



# Fisheries Information & Technology Section

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

## 2019 FITS Annual Business Meeting Minutes Reno, Nevada

Attendees: Tiffany Hopper, Kayla Key, Farrel Davis, Rebecca Krogman, Pau Venturelli, Julie Simpson, Ian Kelmortin, Daniel Weaver, Melissa Wuellner, Nathan Lederman, Kristen Vacura, Dirk Mill, Jeff Kopaska, Stan Allen, Bruce Schmidt, Dan Stich, Ed Hughes, Sarah Grasty

1. Call to Order-5:30pm
2. Recognition of Guests
3. AFS officer and Guest Remarks
  1. Scott Bonar-
    1. AFAW grant. 4 grants accepted: standard sampling methods, blue book, state agency clearing house, state agency research agenda best practices
    2. New code of conduct and meeting standards conduct. Available on the AFS app
    3. Strategic plan development approved by governing board 2020-2024
    4. Presidential plan of work approved
      1. Columbus Ohio 150<sup>th</sup> meeting
        1. History based exhibits
        2. Symposia on current and future sampling methods
        3. Plenary on getting points across to media
      2. IPCC report inspired increase action items on climate change
        1. Looking for folks for Committee on climate change
          1. Policy and outreach
          2. Current president is forming committee to Process to vet standards and decide when to update
      3. Bryan Murphy
        1. Increasing student outreach to high school students
  4. Determination of Quorum
    1. We do have a Quorum
  5. Approval of Agenda
    1. Jeff Kopaska moved
    2. Motion passes by unanimous consent
  6. Approval of 2018 Minutes
    1. Motion to approve Stan allen
    2. Seconded by Melissa Wuellner
  7. Officer Reports
    1. President (Rebecca Krogman)

Trying to get the section more active. Have an interactive activity to involve our members  
FITS has representation on AFWA grants  
Data and Data management chapter in data standard
    2. Secretary-Treasurer (Kayla Key)

Balance stands at \$70,328. Currently have a net balance increase of \$6,456.  
Membership is at 518. An increase of 57 from 2018 mostly from regular/retired members and a slight increase in student and young professionals.  
Motion to approve Jeff Kopaska and second Melissa Wuellner
    3. President-elect (Paul Venturelli)
      1. No additional Comments



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4. Past President (Julie D. Simpson)
  1. No Comments
5. Communications Coordinator (Sarah Grasty)
  1. Quarterly Articles in Fisheries Mag
  2. Final to wrap up symposium
  3. Facebook Group Active
  4. If you have news you would like to share, submit to website.
  5. We now have a twitter handle is afsfits
5. Committee Reports
  1. Communications Committee (Julie)
    1. Brand Revitalization process, got report back and are going through point by point to make a plan for next steps
    2. Procedures manual is approved by management committee
    3. Guide for units on how to create their own communication plan
    4. Tool kit to speak to climate change to help to reach local level and how to communicate to non-scientists
  2. Policy Committee (Jodi Whittier)
    1. Absent due to meeting conflict
6. Electronic services board
  1. What is working and not working for governing board tool
  2. Evaluate unit website and what needs to be fixed for all units and change those things, Then develop webinar on how to use website and tools
7. Old Business
  1. Advanced Technology Articles, Symposium, and Networking Event (Sarah Grasty)
    1. Symposium was very well supported in attendance
    2. Very diverse topics
    3. Two talks were last minute no shows
    4. Networking scheduled for Wednesday with other technology related symposia
  2. Other Reno 2019 Events (Rebecca Krogman)
    1. Data management workshop
      1. Went long because of the interest
      2. Keith Hurley did a fantastic job
      3. Attendance was full
      4. Very diverse crowd
      5. We recorded the workshop and will potentially will be able to provide recordings online
      6. Moving data management class with annual meeting would be able to reach different parts of the country.
      7. Potentially a day long workshop for next year
      8. Potentially a webinar series
      9. OFWIM potential partner in webinar
    2. Tech Talks
      1. Attempting to bring vendors and participants together
      2. Some more successful than others
      3. Room for improvement such as timing, area (closer to the entrance), and advertising
      4. Plan to try again and learn from this year to make these more successful for all tech talks
      5. Perhaps its own session
      6. Not mentioned in the spreadsheet



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7. Give the vendors examples of good and bad tech talks
8. Applications to vet tech talks submitted to FITS
3. Posters for FITS events for next year
4. All Sponsored symposia were very successful
  1. License data symposium organized by Jeff Kaposka
  2. Marking, tagging, and tracking symposium
5. Paul declares fishackathon dead
  1. Has struggled
  2. Ownership has bounced around
  3. Website has gone quiet
  4. 2019 did not happen
  5. FITS is willing if ever it comes active again
  
7. New Business
  1. Election results and change of Officers
    1. We thank Julie for her service
  2. Partnership Travel Award 2020
    1. Given by FITS for FITS member to attend OFWIM meeting
    2. Went well last year
    3. No applicants this year (Bad timing with OFWIM to meeting being a week after)
    4. We will do it again next year.
    5. Possibly will be opened up to another relevant conference
    6. Email specific for the Travel Award
  3. Break-out groups (10 minute discussion, 1-2 minute to share/group)
    1. Center for Fisheries Technology and Collaboration
    2. Fisheries Data Exchange Standards
    3. AFS 2020 – 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting Planning
    4. AFS 2021 Meeting and Beyond
    5. Implementation of Section Goals
  4. Other Business?
    1. (Jeff Kaposka) RFPs that he has collected will be made available on FITS website
    2. (Sarah) Webinar by experts with live Q & A

Meeting Adjourn – 6:59pm