American Fisheries Society
Incoming Governing Board Meeting
AFS Virtual Annual Meeting (online)
Friday, September 25, 2020

Participants

Governing Board Members
Society Officers
Brian Murphy, AFS President
Leanne Roulson, AFS President-Elect
April Croxton, AFS First Vice President
Cecil Jennings, AFS Second Vice President
Scott Bonar, AFS Past President
Randy Schultz, AFS Constitutional Consultant (non-voting)
Doug Austen, AFS Executive Director (non-voting)

Division Officers
Todd Pearsons, Western Division, President
Dan Brauch, Western Division, President Elect
Cindy Williams, Southern Division, President
Jason Olive, Southern Division, President Elect
Joe Conroy, North Central Division, President
Patrick Shirey, Northeastern Division, President
Susan Cushman, Northeastern Division President Elect

Section Presidents
Marybeth Brey, Invasive and Introduced Fisheries Section, President
Marlis Douglas, Genetics Section, President
Dan Giza, Bioengineering Section, President
Caleb Hasler, Canadian Aquatic Resources Section, President
Catherine Johnston, Estuaries Section, President
Jeff Koch, Fisheries Management Section, President
Sean Landsman, Science Communications Section, President
Tom Loch, Fish Health Section, President
Erin Loury (Proxy for Karin Limburg), International Fisheries Section
Jessica Miller, Marine Fisheries Section, President
Shivonne Nesbit, Equal Opportunities Section, President
Macey Rowan, Student and Early Career Professional Subsection, President
Trent Sutton, Education Section, President
Paul Venturelli, Fisheries Information and Technology Section, President
Michelle Walsh, Fish Culture Section, President

Emerging Leaders
Corbin Hilling
Janessa Esquible
Mike Lawrence

Guests or undefined? (please help me by providing your affiliation)
John Bruner
Aaron Bunch
Ron Regan, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, Executive Director
Sarah Parker Pauley, Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, President, and Secretary of the Missouri Department of Conservation

AFS Staff
Dan Cassidy
Lauren Maza
Shawn Cassidy
Debby Lehman

Minutes of the Meeting

1. Quorum establish by Randy Schultz

2. Call Meeting to Order at 3:47 p.m. by AFS President Brian Murphy

3. Agenda approved

4. Special Guest: Virtual visit by AFWA President Sarah Parker Pauley, Director, Missouri Department of Conservation and Ron Regan, AFWA Executive Director

5. Determination of the AFS Management Committee
   A. Serving as per Constitution:
      Brian Murphy (President), Chair
      Leanne Roulson (President-Elect)
      April Croxton (1st Vice President)
      Cecil Jennings (2nd Vice President)
      Scott Bonar (Immediate Past President)
      Doug Austen (Executive Director) Non-voting
      Randy Schultz (Constitutional Consultant) Non-voting

   B. Division Appointments:
Northeastern Division: Patrick Shirey
North Central Division: Joe Conroy (2019-2021)
Southern Division: Cindy Williams/Jason Olive
Western Division: Todd Pearsons

C. Nominate & elect four additional members from the Governing Board at large –
Nominations for the four open seats were taken and the following four Governing
Board members were elected to the Management Committee
(Motion by Joe Conroy; 2nd by Michelle Walsh. Passed with unanimous consent)

1. Dan Brauch
2. Shivonne Nesbit
3. Mick Walsh
4. Marlis Douglas

D. Discussion of date and time for monthly Management Committee calls –
Proposed for 3rd Monday of each month at 3:00 pm ET

6. Determine Nominating Committee

A. TBD, Chair (appointed by AFS President Murphy)

B. Division Representatives
Northeastern Division: Elsa Goerig
North Central Division: Jeff Kopaska
Western Division: Dan Dauwalter
Southern Division:

C. Scott Bonar (Immediate Past President)
D. Nominate & elect four AFS members-at-large. The following four AFS members were
elected to be on the AFS Nominating Committee.
(Motion by Scott Bonar; 2nd by Michelle Walsh. Passed with unanimous consent)

1. Patrick Cooney
2. Mick Walsh
3. Aaron Bunch
4. Cassidy Miles

7. AFS 2021 and future meetings update – Brief update on the 2021 AFS Annual Meeting in
Baltimore, MD was provided by Brian Murphy and Doug Austen. For the following AFS
annual meetings, it was noted that the Divisions/Chapters should be working with AFS
Officers to ensure open communication and initiate planning as appropriate:
A. 2022 - Spokane (Leanne)
B. 2023 - Grand Rapids (April)
C. 2024 - Honolulu (Cecil).
D. 2025 meeting location will be established in the next year and AFS staff will work with all appropriate Divisions/Chapter to identify and evaluate options.
E. 2026 – Columbus, OH

8. GB 2020-2021 Meetings – The following dates have been established
   A. Winter GB conference call – 3:00 p.m. ET, Wednesday, December 16
   B. Mid-year GB meeting – Virtual meeting planned for 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. ET on Wednesday and Thursday, March 3 and 4, 2021
   C. Spring/early summer GB conference call – Generally in May/June and Doodle will be sent with date options.

9. New Business -
   A. Discussion of Presidential Initiatives (Murphy) – Noted that the Presidential Plan of Work has been discussed several times during the Virtual Annual Meeting and encouraged everyone to continue with their efforts to move forward on the challenges and opportunities for AFS.
   B. AFS Unit Working Group (Dan Cassidy) – The working group of Division and Chapter representatives is being finalized and will be convened in the next month or so.
   C. Other items – It was noted that Confex technicians, in particular Ida, were excellent and very helpful with the virtual annual meeting.

10. Announcements – none

11. Adjourned at approximately 5:29 pm EDT
Notes:

(1) Composition of the Management Committee as described in the AFS Procedures Manual:

- AFS President (chair), President-elect, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, and Immediate Past-president.
- The Presidents of two Divisions and Presidents-elect of the two alternative Divisions. The Presidents-elect remain on the Committee through their presidential year, usually attending four Management Committee meetings before rotating off the committee. In the event an appointed Division officer moves from President-elect to President during the course of the year, the officer will retain her/his appointment to the Management Committee. This ensures continuity of membership on the committee. Typically, the Presidents-elect of the Southern Division and Northeast Division begin their service at the incoming meeting in even-numbered years, while the Presidents-elect of the Western and North Central Divisions begin their service in odd-numbered years.
- Four Division or Section members on the Governing Board (voting or not) elected at large by the Governing Board as voting members of the Management Committee; and
- Executive Director, Constitutional Consultant, and such others as the AFS President may appoint (nonvoting on the Governing Board and Management Committee).

(2) Composition of Nominating Committee as described in the AFS Procedures Manual:

Ten members as follows: Chair, appointed by the AFS President; one person selected by each Division (four in total); four persons elected by the Governing Board at the Annual Meeting; and the Immediate Past-President of the Society. Each of the four Division Presidents should inform the incoming AFS President of the name of the Division’s selected representative to the Society Nominating Committee prior to the Annual Meeting. The newly-installed AFS President needs to have those names so they can be eliminated from consideration when the Governing Board selects its four members to the Nominating Committee during the Incoming Governing Board Meeting held following the Annual Business Meeting.