



**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 (1<sup>st</sup> Vice President)
    - Cecil Jennings(2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.