

American Fisheries Society Incoming Governing Board Meeting

August 20, 2015

Portland Hilton Hotel, Portland, Oregon

Minutes of the Meeting

Participants

Governing Board Members:

Ron Essig- AFS President
Joe Margraf- Incoming President
Steve McMullin- AFS 1st Vice President
Jesse Trushenski – AFS 2nd Vice President
Donna Parrish- AFS Immediate Past President
Doug Munson- Fish Health Section President
Mark Porath- Fish Management Section President
Jeff Olsen – Genetics Section President
Ken Kunzawski – Fish Administration Section
Tom Lang- Socioeconomics Section
Carl Kittel- Fish Culture Section President
Marybeth Brey- Equal Opportunities Section President
Tom Bigford- Fish Habitat Section President
Michael Garello- Bioengineering Section President
Julie Defilippi – Fisheries Information and Technology Section President
Mark Shrimpton- Physiology Section President
Yushun Chen- Water Quality Section
Doug Austen- AFS Executive Director (non-voting)
John Boreman- Constitutional Consultant (non-voting)

Announced Proxies

Hilda Sexauer for Jim Bowker –Western Division Proxy
Vince Travnichek for Melissa Wuellner - North Central Division Proxy
Julie Claussen for Bob Hughes – International Fish Section Proxy

AFS Staff: Beth Beard, Jasmine Sewell, Dan Cassidy and Denise Spencer

Guests: Karen Dunmall

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- 1. Quorum confirmed (by Boreman) and meeting called to order at 7:17 a.m. by Essig**
- 2. Approved agenda** - There were no changes to the agenda.

3. Determine Management Committee

- A. Serving as per Constitution:
 - Ron Essig (President), Chair
 - Joe Margraf (President-Elect)
 - Steve McMullin (1st Vice President)
 - Jesse Trushenski (2nd Vice President)
 - Donna Parrish (Immediate Past President)
 - Doug Austen (Executive Director) Non-voting
 - John Boreman (Constitutional Consultant) Non-voting

- B. Division Appointments:
 - Northeastern Division, President, Kristen Ferry
 - North Central Division, President, Melissa Wuellner
 - Southern Division, President-Elect, Dave Coughlan
 - Western Division President, Jim Bowker

- C. Nominate & elect four additional members from the Governing Board at large – Open nominations were solicited and secret ballots distributed. The following four Governing Board members were elected to the Management Committee:
 - Mark Porath, President, Fisheries Management Section
 - Ken Kurzawski, President Fisheries Administrators Section
 - Julie Deflippi, President, Fisheries Information and Technology Section
 - Marybeth Brey, President , Equal Opportunities Section

4. Determine Nominating Committee

- A. Carolyn Griswold , Chair
- B. Division Representatives
 - Northeastern Division: TBD
 - North Central Division: Craig Paukert,
 - Western Division: TBD
 - Southern Division: TBD
- C. Donna Parrish (Immediate Past President)
- D. Nominate & elect four AFS members-at-large

Nominees

Lonnie Gonsalves, Julies Claussen, Zach Penney, Tom Lang, Jim Bowker, Anthony Overton, Dirk Miller, Pat Mazik, and Karen Dunmall

Elected

Tom Lang, Julie Claussen, Jim Bowker and Pat Mazik

5. AFS 2016, Kansas City Report (Vince Travnichek , General Chair)

6. **New Business**

- A. Tom Lang- Are we searching for a mile marker for our 150th Anniversary Annual Meeting? AFS staff responded that a national search will commence for a 150th annual meeting location with a preference given to the North Central Division geographical area since that would be next in the traditional rotation. However, if no suitable location is found in the NCD area or the financial incentive and other factors suggest that alternative location be considered, AFS staff will provide such a recommendation to the Governing Board.
- B. Constitutional Consultant John Boreman will be adding a "Running a meeting under Robert Rules of Order" into the unit survival guide as well as on the website

7. **Announcements**

Marybeth Brey- Asked about the midyear Governing Board meeting. AFS staff responded that the midyear meeting will be held in Bethesda, Maryland, at the Bolger Conference Center on April 6th and April 7th

8. **Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 am