

2014-2015 Incoming Governing Board Meeting Minutes

0700 Thursday, August 21, 2014
Hilton Québec, Courville Room

1. Member sign in-(collected by Jasmine Sewell)
2. Call to Order-(Donna Parrish, President)
 - At 7:30 am
 - Donna Parrish, President
 - Ron Essig, President-elect
 - Joe Margraf, 1st Vice President
 - Steve McMullin, 2nd Vice President
 - Bob Hughes, Immediate Past President
 - Vince Travnichek, President, North Central Division
 - Dave Coughlan , Vice President, Southern Division
 - John Jackson, President, Southern Division
 - Hilda Sexauer, President, Western Division
 - Jim Bowker, President-Elect, Western Division
 - Doug Austen, Executive Director, AFS
 - John Boreman, Constitutional Consultant in training
 - Laura Wildman, Bioengineering Section
 - Jack Imhof, Canadian Aquatic Resources Section
 - Myron Peck, President, Early Life History Section
 - Catriona Clemmesen-Bockelmann, Past president, Early Life History Section
 - Katie Bertrand, Education Section (proxy Craig Paukert)
 - Marybeth Brey, Equal Opportunities Section
 - Jesse Trushenski, Fish Culture Section
 - John Sweka, Fish Habitat Section
 - Thomas Litts, Fisheries Information & Technology Section
 - Mark Porath, Fisheries Management Section
 - Jeff Olsen, Genetics Section
 - Bill Franzin, International Fisheries Section
 - Pam Fuller, Introduced Fish Section
 - Ben Walther, Marine Fisheries Section
 - Tom Lang, Socioeconomics Section
 - Margaret H. Murphy, Water Quality Section
 - Neil Ward, Oregon Chapter AFS 2015
3. Announce Proxies - None
4. Determine Quorum -(Joe Margraf, Constitutional Consultant)
 - Declared by Joe Margraf
5. Introductions- (Officers, Executive Director, Governing Board, special guests)
6. Approve agenda
 - Approved
7. Determine Management Committee
 - a) Serving as per Constitution:

Donna Parrish (President), Chair
Ron Essig (President-Elect)
Joe Margraf (1st Vice President)
Steve McMullin (2nd Vice President)
Bob Hughes (Immediate Past President)
Doug Austen (Executive Director) Non-voting
Jessica Mistak (Constitutional Consultant) Non-voting

b) Division Appointments:

Northeastern Division, President-elect, Kristen Ferry
North Central Division, President-elect, Melissa Wuellner
Southern Division, President-elect, Dennis Riecke
Western Division, President, Hilda Sexauer

c) **Nominate & elect** four additional members from the Governing Board at large

- Nominated
 - Mike Stone
 - Jim Bowker
 - Jesse Trushenski
 - Margaret Murphy
 - Mark Porath
 - Laura Wildman
 - Tom Lang
- Elected
 - Laura Wildman
 - Margaret Murphy
 - Jesse Trushenski
 - Mark Porath

d) Additional information on management committee

- Calls are on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. ET

8. Determine Nominating Committee

a) Carolyn Griswold, Chair

b) Division Representatives

Northeastern Division: Scott Craig, scott_craig@fws.gov

North Central Division: Brad Parsons, brad.parsons@dnr.state.mn.us

Western Division: Bob Gresswell, bgresswell@usgs.gov

Southern Division: Kim Bonvechio, Kim.Bonvechio@MyFWC.com

c) Bob Hughes (Immediate Past President)

d) **Nominate & elect** four AFS members-at-large

- Nominated
 - Dick Beamish
 - Churchill Grimes
 - Cecil Jennings
 - Anthony Overton
 - Abigail (Franklin) Archer
 - Cari-Ann Hayer
- Elected
 - Dick Beamish

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 - Cari-Ann Hayer
 - Abigail (Franklin) Archer
9. AFS 2015, Portland Report (Neil Ward, General Chair)
- Neil Ward provided full report on Portland meeting planning activities
10. Time and Place Committee Report (Recommend 2018 Meeting Site; Chair, Lee Bergstedt (not present) and reported by Doug Austen)
- Two bids were reviewed by the Time and Place Committee – Boston and Atlantic City. Both had advantages and disadvantages and there was some information still needed to be acquired in order to make a final determination.
 - Atlantic City has lower costs but questions exist about transportation and recent casino closing issues.
 - Boston costs were significantly higher and issues existed about proposal that split sessions between Hynes Convention Center and Sheraton.
 - Time and Place Committee had a preference for Boston but recognized the need for additional research. Committee deferred final decision to the Management Committee once data is compiled
 - AFS staff will visit Boston, obtain more complete financial information and investigate options for expansion of available space at Hynes as well as other bid issues.
 - Joe Margraf – We need to vote to authorize the Management Committee to make final decisions on behalf of the Time and Place Committee
 - Steve McMullin – Motion to have the Management Committee vote on 2018 meeting site on September MC call
 - Jim Bowker seconded
 - Doug Austen – Working with The Wildlife Society on the 2019 meeting
 - AFS and TWS will develop a joint planning team and draft the fundamentals of an MOU that will specify overall goals and mutual values for the event, event management relationship and responsibilities between AFS and TWS, and other partnership details.
 - The Wildlife Society will consider authorization at their Pittsburgh annual meeting in October 2014.
 - We will come back to the Governing Board for bid approval
 - Motion passed
11. New business
- Follow-up from the Management Committee
 - Ron Essig made a motion to suspend rules related to the Time and Place committee and render the Time and Place committee as inactive for the coming year. Time and Place committee duties would be assumed by the Management Committee. Seconded by Margaret Murphy.
 - Discussion-The Time and Place Committee members do not have enough knowledge or background to evaluate bids, especially with a different model with the possible joint meeting with The Wildlife Society.

- President Donna Parrish will work with the Constitutional Consultant and apprentice (John Boreman) to come up with a proposal on how to address the committee and its duties.
- Motion passed

12. Announcements

- Mid-year of the Governing Board will be on Monday, February 2, 2015 in Savannah, GA, conjunction with the annual meeting in AFS Southern Division. For more details: <http://sdafs.org/spring-meeting-2015-in-savannah-ga/>
- Bob Hughes – Asked for comments needed on letter on copper mine and if the Management Committee could stay and discuss?
 - Donna Parrish – Most individuals have not seen the letter on copper mine and many members were not at the incoming board meeting therefore it be wise to have this conversation at a later date
 - Joe Margraf – Should take up at formal meeting of Management Committee. Can talk informally but can't take action for copper mine letter
 - Donna Parrish – will take Joe Margraf's advice and discuss after adjournment.

13. Motion to adjourn

- Tom Lang motioned. Steve McMullin seconded. Motion passed.