

## Incoming Governing Board Meeting Minutes – 12 September 2013

Pinnacle Room, Marriott – Little Rock, Arkansas.

2013-2014 GOVERNING BOARD LIST (*italics = present*)

AFS OFFICERS: [MGT COMM] <i>Bob Hughes</i> , President <i>Donna L. Parrish</i> , President-Elect <i>Ronald J. Essig</i> , First Vice President <i>Joe Margraf</i> , Second Vice President <i>John Boreman</i> , Past President	Fish Culture Section <i>Jesse Trushenski</i>
Northeastern Division [MGT COMM] <i>James Armstrong</i> (President)	Fish Habitat Section <i>John A. Sweka</i>
Northeastern Division John E. Cooper (President-elect)	Fish Health Section Paul Hershberger
North Central Division <i>Phil Moy</i> (President)	Fisheries Administration Section <i>Michael D. Stone</i>
North Central Division [MGT COMM] <i>Vince Travnichek</i> (Vice-President)	Fisheries History Section Dave Clapp
Southern Division Mike S. Allen (President)	Fisheries Information & Technology Section <i>Thom Litts</i>
Southern Division [MGT COMM] <i>John Jackson</i> (President-elect)	Fisheries Management Section <i>Brian Graeb</i>
Western Division <i>Pam Sponholtz</i> (President)	Genetics Section <i>Meredith Bartron</i>
Western Division [MGT COMM] <i>Hilda Sexauer</i> (President-elect)	International Fisheries Section <i>Carl Burger</i>
Bioengineering Section <i>Laura A. Wildman</i>	Introduced Fish Section Scott Bonar
Canadian Aquatic Res Section Jack G. Imhof	Marine Fisheries Section <i>Douglas Vaughan</i>
Early Life History Section Catriona Clemmesen-Bockelmann	Physiology Section Brian Small
Education Section Craig Paukert ( <i>Katie Bertrand</i> , proxy)	Socioeconomics Section <i>Tom Lang</i>
Equal Opportunities Section Lonnie Gonsalves	Water Quality Section <i>Margaret Murphy</i>
Estuaries Section	NON VOTING: Constitutional Consultant [MGT COMM] <i>Jessica L. Mistak</i> Student Subsection of Education Section Dan Dembkowski Executive Director [MGT COMM] <i>Douglas J. Austen</i>

Abigail Franklin

Bob Hughes called the meeting to order at 7:12 a.m. after Jessica Mistak determined that a quorum existed.

Bob Hughes asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Meredith Bartron moved (Joe Margraf seconded). Motion passed.

Bob Hughes invited, Louise Deschenes, the General Chair of the 2014 annual meeting in Quebec City, to speak. She invited symposia from each Section.

Bob Hughes requested at-large nominations for the 2013-2014 Management Committee. He reminded the Governing Board that nominees can be Governing Board members from Divisions or Sections and must be able to participate in conference calls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 3 PM ET.

Jesse Trushenski nominated Tom Lang.

Joe Margraf nominated Jesse Trushenski.

Donna Parrish nominated Margaret Murphy.

Ron Essig nominated Brian Graeb.

Tom Lang nominated Michael Stone.

John Boreman moved (Jesse Trushenski seconded) to close the nominations. Motion passed. Each nominee briefly stated why he or she was interested in serving on the Management Committee. Following one tie re-vote, Tom Lang, Jesse Trushenski, Margaret Murphy, and Michael Stone were added to the Management Committee

Bob Hughes requested nominees for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Nominating Committee.

Brian Graeb nominated Tom Lang.

Hilda Sexauer nominated Pam Sponholtz.

Donna Parrish nominated Jim Armstrong.

Joe Margraf nominated Kyle Hartman.

Joe Margraf moved (Ron Essig seconded) to close the nominations. Motion passed (thereby adding the above 4 members to the Nominating Committee) chaired by Margaret Murphy.

While waiting for the Management Committee vote results, discussion ensued on several issues. Bob Hughes discussed the Governing Board midyear meeting, which will take place in Kansas City around 29-30 January 2014 at the end of the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference (North Central Division meeting). The recommendation for co-convening midyear meetings of the Governing Board with Divisions arose from the 6 September governance retreat.

Based on discussion at the Past Presidents luncheon, Bob Hughes reported that (1) the Society 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President position will **not** be proposed for elimination and (2) the plenary and award sessions and business meeting may be restructured for the 2014 Quebec City meeting [N.B. current plans are for a daily plenary session followed by award sessions on three mornings and then a plenary followed by a business meeting with new officer installation on the fourth morning].

The need for a thorough constitutional review and revision was discussed. Joe Margraf agreed to chair a special committee including the current and past Society constitutional consultants. Hughes felt it unwise to limit the committee to only constitutional consultants and asked for volunteers. Doug Vaughan volunteered to serve on the committee.

Ron Essig reported that the 2017 annual meeting is to be held in Tampa, Florida. The decision of the Time & Place Committee was unanimous. John Boreman discussed his concern about Tampa having been a ghost town and a dangerous place at a previous Society meeting there. Ron Essig stated that things have changed, and that a new trolley system has been installed to transport people between the hotel and convention center. Carl Burger said Tampa already has 40 volunteers signed on, and that the city was providing significant financial incentives to support the meeting (e.g., convention center rental waived). Tom Lang expressed some concern related to having received only one bid for the annual meeting, and suggested that more might be done in the future to ensure that multiple bids are received so there is a choice and competition and the best locations are identified for our meetings.

Hughes asked for a motion to approve Tampa for the 2017 Society annual meeting. Carl Burger moved (Doug Vaughan seconded) to approve the motion. The motion passed.

Margaret Murphy (Chair of the Strategic Plan Revision Committee) discussed the Society Strategic Plan. She wants to update it to make it more useful and asks for any revisions to be sent to her before the midyear meeting.

John Boreman reminded everyone to sign the Conflict of Interest form.

Jessica Mistak reminded everyone that she is available to help with the wording of future motions. John Boreman encouraged everyone to send motions to Jessica Mistak before they are up for a vote, because they will most likely go right in. Bob Hughes agreed and said this is a way to make the meetings run faster.

Bob Hughes introduced Doug Austen. Doug thanked everyone for volunteering and said he will send out a meeting evaluation form soon. He invited everyone to come to Society headquarters when they visited D.C.

Tom Lang announced the Socioeconomics Section Awards.

John Boreman moved (Doug Vaughan seconded) to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 a.m.