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]
Bob Hughes, President
Donna L. Parrish, President-Elect
Ronald J. Essig, First Vice President
Joe Margraf, Second Vice President
John Boreman, Past President

Northeastern Division [MGT COMM]
James Armstrong (President)

North Central Division
Phil Moy (President)

North Central Division [MGT COMM]
Vince Travnichek (Vice-President)

Southern Division
Mike S. Allen (President)

Southern Division [MGT COMM]
John Jackson (President-elect)

Western Division
Pam Sponholtz (President)

Western Division [MGT COMM]
Hilda Sexauer (President-elect)

Bioengineering Section
Laura A. Wildman

Canadian Aquatic Res Section
Jack G. Imhof

Early Life History Section
Catriona Clemmesen-Bockelmann

Education Section
Craig Paukert
(Katie Bertrand, proxy)

Equal Opportunities Section
Lonnie Gonsalves

Estuaries Section

Fish Culture Section
Jesse Trushenski

Fish Habitat Section
John A. Sweka

Fish Health Section
Paul Hershberger

Fisheries Administration Section
Michael D. Stone

Fisheries History Section
Dave Clapp

Fisheries Information & Technology Section
Thom Litts

Fisheries Management Section
Brian Graeb

Genetics Section
Meredith Bartron

International Fisheries Section
Carl Burger

Introduced Fish Section
Scott Bonar

Marine Fisheries Section
Douglas Vaughan

Physiology Section
Brian Small

Socioeconomics Section
Tom Lang

Water Quality Section
Margaret Murphy

NON VOTING:
Constitutional Consultant [MGT COMM]
Jessica L. Mistak

Executive Director [MGT COMM]
Douglas J. Austen
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 able to participate in conference calls on the 3rd 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 2nd 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 2nd 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.