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2016 Annual Business Meeting Minutes Arkansas Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Fairfield Bay, Arkansas 2/12/16

Welcome and Introduction of Officers

- Jeff Quinn called the annual business meeting to order at 9:41am.
- Jeff thanked everyone for sticking around for our 30th anniversary business meeting.
- Jeff introduced the current EXCOM in attendance: Past President: Ben Batten, President: Jeff Quinn, President-Elect: Tate Wentz, Secretary: Matt Schroeder, Treasurer: Jason Throneberry.
- Jeff recognized past officers in attendance and announced that there were 16 past presidents in attendance.

Determination of a Quorum

- Matt Schroeder determined that a quorum was present (61 members present at business meeting).

President's Report

- Jeff reported two EXCOM meetings were held this past year and the minutes can be found online.
- Jeff thanked all of the EXCOM officers and committee chairs for the work that they have done this past year.
- Jeff thanked Tate Wentz, Jason Throneberry, and Ginny Adams for their implementation of Wild Apricot.
- Jeff also thanked Mike Eggleton for chairing the AFS 2013 Profit ad hoc committee.
- Jeff went over the results of the AFS 2013 Profit survey.
- Jeff stated two ideas for spending the profits from the 2013 meeting were identified: training and reimbursement of partial AFS certification expenses (\$50).
- Jeff stated the top two training courses that were selected were: aquatic plant ID and side scan sonar interpretation.
- Jeff stated he was considering forming an ad hoc training committee and asked if there were any volunteers to chair this committee (no volunteers spoke up).
- Jeff asked Dr. John Jackson if he thought that this committee could be grouped into the Activities Committee.
- John responded that he thinks this could be grouped into the Activities Committee.
- Jeff went over the statistics of the reimbursement of AFS Certification from the survey.
- Jeff entertained a motioned to reimburse \$50 towards a partial reimbursement for the fee associated with AFS Certification. This offer will be valid to anyone who obtains the certification in 2016 or 2017.
- Dr. Steve Lochmann moved on the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Charles Gagen. The motion carried.
- Jeff brought up the idea of the Lifetime Membership Option that was brought up last year and announced that EXCOM decided not to make this an option due to a loss of too much membership dues over time.
- Jeff also announced that Jason Throneberry contacted the University of Arkansas Press about the need for additional funding to publish the new Fishes of Arkansas book and they reported that they did not need any money to complete the project at this time.
- Jeff announced that he submitted two applications to Southern Division: Best Chapter Award and Outstanding Subunit Award (see attachments).

SDAFS Report

- Dr. John Jackson reported that the next Southern Division Meeting will be next week in Wheeling, WV.



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- John reported that he is stepping down from his role as President of the Southern Division after the annual meeting.
- John reported that Southern Division has a new web master and encourages the chapter and subunits to submit photos and make sure that subunit and chapter info is correct on the Southern Division website.
- John announced that Southern Division was hit with a copy write fine.
- John cautioned anyone who submits photos to the Southern Division website to make sure that all photos that are summited are not copy written.
- John reemphasized to make sure that you know who took the picture and have permission to use it.
- John also announced that this past year the Southern Division website was hacked from a worm virus that was attached to a subunit photo. Because of this, Southern Division moved their website to the more secure Society website.
- John also announced that the list serve is up and running. Although Brandon Peoples has moved to Purdue, he will continue to administer this service for the Southern Division.
- John also reminded the chapter and subunits that they have access to conference calling, survey monkey for free.
- John reported that revisions to the procedure manual are ongoing and he hopes to have it wrapped up soon. –
- John also reported that Southern Division is looking into the possibility to reduce the Southern Division Meeting registration for parent society members. This will be good incentive for Chapter members to become Society members as well.
- John urged the chapter and subunits to review and update websites. Some websites have not been updated in seven years.
- John urged these groups to consider developing a static website that only needs to be updated a couple of times a year.
- John also reminded the EXCOM and subunits to keep Southern Division up to date with change in officers.
- John also announced there are numerous volunteer opportunities at Southern Division meetings.
- John announced the upcoming Society meetings: Kansas City (2016), Tampa (2017), Atlantic City (2018), Reno, NV (2019).
- John also announced the upcoming Southern Division meetings: West Virginia (2016), Oklahoma (2017), Porta Rico or Texas (2018), Texas (2019), Arkansas (2020).

Review and Approval of 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes

- Jeff reminded the chapter that the business meeting minutes were made available on the chapter's website and asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes.
- Chris Racey made a motion to approve the 2015 Annual Business Meeting Minutes; Jimmy Barnett seconded the motion; the motion passed.

Treasurer's Report (see attachment)

- Jason Throneberry reported that the good news is that we still have money. After reviewing the details of the report, Jason reported that the chapter is in the red \$2,600 for the meeting.

Appointed Officer Reports

Newsletter Editor

- Christy Graham voiced her appreciation for everyone sending in information for the newsletter.
- Christy stated that she would like to see more student cooperation of sending in info.



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-Jeff thanked Christy for her work.

Webmaster

-Lindsey Lewis reminded the chapter that the website content is determined by the chapter.

-Lindsey told the chapter to let him know if you see any problems with the website.

-Jeff thanked Lindsey.

Committee Reports

Program Committee

-Tate Wentz announced that there were 115 registrants, 28 students, 41 papers (2 plenary, 6 symposium, and 38 contributed talks). Sixteen of the 41 talks were given by students. Additionally, students gave two of the ten poster presentations.

-Tate thanked JJ Gladden for getting our beverage donations.

-Tate thanked Eli Powers for his work on the donations and raffle.

-Tate thanked EXCOM for helping put this meeting together and the chapter for coming to the meeting.

-Jeff thanked Tate for the great job he did putting this meeting together.

Nominating and Awards Committee

-Ben Batten reminded all past presidents about the lunch after the annual business meeting at the Little Red Restaurant at 1PM.

-Ben reminded the Chapter of the awards handed out at the previous evening's banquet (Award recipients below).

-Ben presented the award winners for presentations in the following categories: professional presentation, graduate student presentation, and student poster.

-Ben introduced the nominees for Secretary and President-elect. Secretary candidates were Justin Homan and Jessie Jean Green. President-elect candidates were Eric Brinkman and Dan Magoullick.

-Ben reminded the chapter that the Secretary position was a two-year term and the President position was a three-year term (President-Elect, President, Past-President). Ballots were distributed.

Award Recipients

Individual Achievement

-Bill Shinn: For his service of more than 20 years as Education Liaison.

-Dr. Steve Lochmann: 2016 Joe Hogan Award for Individual Achievement.

Outstanding Conservation Achievement

-Trout Unlimited 514: 2016 Robert M. Jenkins



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Outstanding Subunit Members Award (\$50)

- Arkansas State University: Jessica Buford
- Arkansas Tech University: Garrett Lawson
- University of Arkansas: Allyson Yarra
- University of Arkansas at Little Rock: William Ketcheside
- University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff: Kyler Hecke
- University of Central Arkansas: Heather Saco

Best Presentation

- Poster (\$100): Christopher Robinson - UCA
- Graduate Oral (\$100): Mary Kilmer - ASU
- Professional Oral: Kris Nault - AGFC

Activities/Raffle Committee

- Dr. John Jackson pointed out how Jeff volunteered him for a second committee and jokingly thanked him.
- Eli Powers thanked everyone for their participation.
- Eli thanked Jeff for nomination to be the MC.
- Eli encouraged the chapter to continue looking for good items for the raffle.
- Jeff thanked Eli for all of his work.

Environmental Affairs Committee –

- Dr. Rich Grippo reviewed the issue with regard to the C&H Hog farm on Buffalo River.
- Rich reported ADEQ found no significant finding and could not pull the permit.
- Rich reported the NPS is monitoring Big Creek and the Buffalo River for changing water quality.
- Rich informed the chapter he submitted a letter to ADEQ to block mining on Spring Creek, a tributary of the Strawberry River.
- Rich reported this permit was blocked.
- Rich introduced a new concern involving the construction of an aqueduct across Arkansas to Texas.
- Rich reports that the purpose of the aqueduct is to pump water from Mississippi River across Arkansas to NE Texas.
- Rich drafted a letter and will hand it out to the chapter now.
- Rich wanted approval of the content of the letter from the chapter.
- Jeff requested that Rich send the letter to EXCOM for review and EXCOM will return the edited letter to him.
- Rich speculated that this water would be used for fracking.
- Jim Wise suggested that this will be for irrigation not fracking.
- Jeff thanked Rich for his work.

Education Liaison Committee

- JJ Gladden announced that he needs volunteers to judge the west central science fair.
- Steve Filipeck volunteered to judge the fair.
- JJ stated that he also needs a volunteer for the south west science fair.



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- JJ requested that the judges let him know who wins and other pertinent information.
- Christy Graham requested that more people take pictures and submit to her for the newsletter.
- Bill reminded JJ to get the name of all of the judges at each fair.
- JJ announced that we had the first student social at this year's meeting and it was successful.
- Jeff thanked JJ for his work.

Historical Ad Hoc Committee

- Chris Racey reported that his report would be part committee status report and abbreviated history (see attachment).
- Chris suggested that we continue to capture this information every year and conduct an audit every 5 years to ensure that we are up to date.
- Jeff thanked Chris and the committee for their work.

Bylaws and Procedures Ad Hoc Committee

- Tate reminded the chapter that this edits were sent out for prior review and went over the changes.
- Tate reported that the edits include: recognizing the UCA and UALR Subunits, address inconsistencies and grammatical errors, and changed to two newsletters.
- Jeff asked if there was a motion to approve the amended bylaws and procedures.
- Steve Filipeck made the motion and Jason Olive second.
- Jon Jackson proposed a friendly amendment that the chapter considers covering 100% of the society membership fee if a subunit officer cannot pay for it.
- The friendly amendment passed unanimously.
- There was no other discussion on the original proposal; all were in favor, the amendments passed unanimously.

Subunit Reports

Arkansas State University

- Dr. Rich Grippo reported they had to kick off the subunit president because he was only interested in fishing on Lake Conway.
- Rich reported the following:
 - A-State Subunit participated in a Science Festival which 700 grade school children plus their parents, Girls of Promise (200 9th grade girls who were exposed to STEM initiatives), Science Fun Day (175 6th grade Gifted and Talented students), Earth Day activities, Wildlife Conclave (canoeing, fly casting competitions; fish sampling workshop), Spring Break trip to Gulf coast (New Orleans Aquarium, Insectarium, I-MAX, New Orleans Zoo, Gulf Coastal Marine Laboratory). 2015 saw a tremendous increase in the level of support to the subunit from the College of Science and Mathematics, which made the student experiences much more complete and far-reaching. An end of the year dinner party for all clubs was held and drew over 100 students.

Arkansas Tech University

- Zack Moran reported the following:
 - The Arkansas Tech Fisheries and Wildlife Society has been involved in a myriad of activities over the past six months. For simplicity, we have broken them down into four categories of involvement; 1)



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Conservation, 2) Education, 3) Research, and 4) Subunit Recruitment. We appreciate you taking the time to read about our activities as a subunit.

1) Conservation is an enormous task often requiring massive input from volunteers and user groups to improve fish and wildlife resources. The Arkansas Tech subunit has done its part on several occasions by volunteering at Bearcat Hollow Wildlife Management Area, Bona-Dea Wildlife Sanctuary, and with the Army Corps of Engineers on Lake Front Drive. More than 40 volunteers worked with managers at each of these areas to accumulate more than 500 labor hours cleaning trash, removing invasive species, and improving habitat. This spring, we will be conducting a “Work Day” at Petit Jean WMA cleaning fire lines and improving wildlife habitat. We also hope to organize a trash clean-up with all six Arkansas subunits this spring, and will continue to volunteer at Bona-Dea and Bearcat Hollow WMA next year.

2) The Arkansas Tech subunit has been proactive in education of the public by volunteering at Holla Bend National Wildlife Refuge’s annual “Bowjam”. Over thirty members attended this event helping to teach all ages of children about archery safety and animal identification. Members demonstrated various aquatic ecology sampling techniques stream-side for the Russellville High School Advanced Placement in Environmental Science class. We also held two educational field days this past fall where graduate students taught over 40 undergraduate students how to sample fish assemblages using seine nets and backpack electrofishing, identify mammal species, trap exotic species, and sample reptiles and amphibians. Fifteen undergraduate students will be attending Southeastern Wildlife Conclave this spring to enhance their education and skills in Fisheries and Wildlife Science. Five graduate students attended this year’s Arkansas State meeting of the American Fisheries Society, three of which gave presentations on their research. We will continue to volunteer at “Bowjam” next year, participate in state AFS and TWS meetings, and organize several more field days to educate undergraduate students about fisheries and wildlife.

3) Several members of the subunit have been actively involved in both graduate and undergraduate research. Nearly half of our subunit has been involved with research on Paddlefish movement, efficiency of chase boats for sampling Blue Catfish, predation on White and Black Crappie by piscivorous predators, genetically describing Eastern Fence Lizards, and Feral Cat ecological impact studies. Several of our members have received internships with the Army Corps of Engineers, Arkansas Game and Fish, and Arkansas Conservation Police Officers. With multiple incoming freshman applying for technician jobs, we hope to continue our subunit involvement with professional research of fisheries and wildlife.

4) We have been successful in recruiting undergraduates into the society through bi-monthly meetings. We have had several socials including our annual “Beast Feast” where the public is invited to dine on a cornucopia of elk steaks, quail breast, braised raccoon, and coyote fajitas. At this event, we had over 120 people attend, and raised over 2,000 dollars for the society. We will continue to have field days, and are appointing a webmaster to update our Facebook and website with upcoming events. By increasing meetings and outreach, we hope to continue attracting students to our society.

University of Central Arkansas

-Heather Saco reported the following:



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-Spring 2015, Girl Power in STEM – Annual event at UCA that brings in over 200 eighth grade girls from all over the state to allow them to meet women in STEM careers. Our female members volunteered as team leaders for the day. We volunteered with Earth Day activities at Jewel Moore Nature Reserve - located on the UCA campus. Our members assisted with an aquatic taxa scavenger hunt and a stream clean-up of Stone Dam Creek on the nature reserve.

We invited two speakers to give seminars last spring. Dr. Brook Fluker from Arkansas State University gave a talk on his research looking at aquatic biodiversity in the southeastern U.S., and Dr. Maureen “Mo” Donnelly from Florida International University gave a seminar on her research of poison frogs. Two members presented their original research at Society of Freshwater Sciences meeting. Two members helped Bill Shinn judge the Aquatic Sciences award at the state science fair at UCA. Members participated in several Science Nights at local elementary and middle schools – where we bring fish and macroinvertebrate specimens as well as live herps to educate students and community members on conservation issues.

-Summer 2015, Members volunteered at the Joe Hogan Fishing Derby. We weighed fish and handed out hourly prizes. We love participating at the fishing derby and look forward to this event each summer.

-Fall 2015, Members voted to change the subunit name from American Fisheries Society (AFS) to Fisheries and Wildlife Society (FWS). This name change has increased our visibility to undergraduates searching our campus directory for an organization in which to become involved.

We participated in the annual Conway EcoFest – which is a sustainable living/environmental conservation - focused event for central Arkansas communities. We held a booth which included fish and macroinvertebrate specimens, mammal pelts, and live snakes, turtles and lizards. Our mission at EcoFest was to educate participants on fisheries and wildlife conservation issues in Arkansas. We sold fishhook bracelets made by our members as a fundraiser.

We attempted to be food vendors at Conway EcoFest to hold our annual Invasive Species Fish Fry. Due to liability reasons, we were unable to make it work. But, we would like to thank Jeff Quinn and members of the EXCOM for working hard to help us out. We appreciate your support.

Two members presented their research at Southeastern Fishes Council in Florida.

Three members presented research at Natural Areas Conference in Little Rock.

Three speakers gave seminars last fall. Lindsey Lewis gave a talk on the history of saltwater species in Arkansas. Kelly Irwin gave a talk on the status of the Ozark Hellbender in Arkansas. And, Patrick Moore gave a seminar on his graduate thesis project looking at home range and habitat use of the Gray Bat in Arkansas. Members also participated in several area science nights.

-Spring 2016, Three members presented their original research at the Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology in Portland, Oregon.

-Upcoming, Officer Elections will be held this month for the UCA subunit (FWS). Science Nights begin in February.

University of Arkansas – Fayetteville

-Dr. Dan Magoulick reported their subunit was joint group with the wildlife group but has disassociated with wildlife group, but may associate with the wildlife group depending on what the new president wants to do.

-Dan reported that they are going into schools and giving presentations.



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-Dan reported that the students give demonstrations on sampling techniques and tell the students about fisheries.

-Dan reported that they do many of the same things as other subunits

University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff

-Kyler Hecke reports the following:

- The UAPB sub-unit has been fairly busy since the spring. We had some members volunteer at the kid's fishing derby held at the AGFC Joe Hogan Fish Hatchery in early June. In August, we had a few members attend the AFS national meeting in Portland, OR to present their research and attend scientific presentations. Also in August, Greyson, Ele, and Kyler ran a table at Freshmen Orientation at UAPB to try to recruit new members.

In September, we did a trash clean up at MLK Jr. Park pond in Pine Bluff. We also had an Aquaculture/Fisheries Club Day at the first UAPB home football game, where we grilled out and met some of the new members before we went to the game together. At our September meeting, we had guest speaker, Dr. Reed Green (Water Scientist for the USGS), who gave our members a seminar on reservoir limnology. This year the Aquaculture/Fisheries Department of UAPB put on Aquatic Sciences Day, a day where high school kids from around the southern part of Arkansas come to the UAPB Research station and observed demonstrations put on by students and faculty members within the department, many of our members participated in this.

In October, some members set up an exhibit table at the Southeast Arkansas Regional Fair held at Hestand Stadium in Pine Bluff, to try to promote interest from the community about our Aquaculture/Fisheries Club and the Aquaculture/Fisheries Department at UAPB. A few members also ran a table at High School Day at UAPB to try to promote the Aquaculture/Fisheries Club and the Aquaculture/Fisheries Department to visiting parents and potential future students. We also had a few members volunteer at the "BOO on the Bayou" event held every year around Halloween at the Delta Rivers Nature Center in Pine Bluff. At our October meeting, we had Dr. Joao Koch (Post-doctoral Researcher for the UAPB Aquaculture/Fisheries Department) give our members a seminar on aquaculture in Brazil.

In November, we had a member attend the SEAFWA conference in Asheville, NC to present their research and attend scientific presentations. At our November meeting, we had Ben Batten, (Region 1- Assistant Chief of Fisheries Management for the AGFC) give our members a seminar on experiences he has encountered throughout his career in fisheries.

In December, the sub-unit wrapped up a yankee candle sale as a fundraiser to raise money for the club. The funds made during the fundraiser will be used to do club activities.

In February, we had a trout-fishing derby for our member at MLK Jr. Park pond in Pine Bluff. At our February meeting, we had Ben Thesing, an Environmental Analyst for the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department give a seminar to our members about what he gets to do as an Environmental Analyst.

For the remainder of this spring, we have a talk=swap planned with Arkansas Tech University, a float trip planned with the University of Arkansas at Monticello's Biology Club on the Saline River, a trash clean-up at MLK Jr. Park pond, a White Bass fishing tournament on Caney Bayou in Pine Bluff, judging the 2016 Southeast Arkansas Regional Science Fair.



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University of Arkansas at Little Rock

-Elizabeth Haralson reported the following:

-This past year, the UALR Aquatic Sciences Association participated in cleanups along Fourche Creek, Coleman Creek, and the Lake Maumelle Watershed. Little Rock is located within the immediate areas of these three aquatic resources. Our student members volunteer their time to raise awareness for environmental stewardship and restoration of these natural features surrounding our capitol city. This previous fall, we also were able to have a little fun with a float trip along the Little Maumelle River at Pinnacle Mountain State Park. Dr. Reed Green spoke at one of our meetings to give us background information of the area and he also guided us out on the water. We were able to observe two different eco systems all along the same river. We wrapped up the Fall semester with a change in executive officers since most of the previous officers were graduating. Our new exec board consists of Elizabeth Haralson, President; Katharine Abbott, Vice President; Will Ketcheside, Treasurer; and Tyler Gray, Secretary. Our faculty advisors are Dr. Forrest Payne and Dr. Laura Ruhl. Without their help, the Aquatic Sciences Association would not be where it is today. We have lots of fun events planned for this spring, including more volunteer work, cleanups, and opportunities to gain hands on experience with aquatic sciences.

Old Business

SDAFS 2020

-Jeff Quinn reminded the chapter that we discussed at last year's chapter business meeting whether or not we wanted to host the 2020 Southern Division meeting.

-Jeff informed the chapter that Southern Division said we needed a letter that the chapter wanted to host the meeting.

-Jeff asked if there was a motion that the Arkansas Chapter put in a bid to host the 2020 Southern Division meeting.

-Jimmy Barnett made the motion, which was second by Jason Olive.

-Dr. Steve Lochmann asked if this motion comes with a location attached to this motion (city).

-Steve made the argument that the location would determine if he voted for it or not.

-Tate Wentz said the three options are Little Rock, Northwest Arkansas, or Hot Springs, but he would leave it to the planning committee to decide.

-Jason informed the chapter that the Catfish 2020 meeting is going to be held either at North Central or Southern Division meetings.

-Jason suggested having it at Little Rock because it would probably result in having this meeting in conjunction with Southern Division.

-Dr. Ginny Adams reminded the chapter that it would be easier to have it in Little Rock because of existing contacts.

-Dr. John Jackson informed the chapter that in the past, you had to put together a packet to compete for hosting the Southern Division meeting and the more complete the packet is, the better chance we will have it.

-Tim Burnley made the amendment that we make the location in Little Rock. Justin Stroman second, it passed. -Jeff asked if there was any other discussion about the original motion. All were in favor, it passed unanimously.

-Jeff will send the official letter to Southern Division (see attachment).

Election Results



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-Ben Batten announced that Jessie Green will be the next Secretary and Eric Brinkman will be the next President-Elect.

Introduction of the New President

- Jeff introduced Tate Wentz as the new president.
- Tate's first order of business was to thank Jeff for his service.
- Tate presented Jeff with a plaque for his service as President.
- Tate then presented Matt Schroeder a plaque for his service as Secretary.

2020 Southern Division Committee Chairs

- Tate asked if there were any volunteers to be the chairs of the 2020 Southern Division meeting in Little Rock.
- Dr. Steve Lochmann volunteered for the program chair.
- Ben Batten and Tate Wentz volunteered to be co-general chairs
- Jon Jackson will present this bid to the Southern Division.

New Business

- Tate Wentz asked the chapter if there was any new business to discuss.
- Steve Filipeck made a plug for the students and young biologist to help out with the science fairs.

- Dr. John Jackson announced that he was asked to chair the Carl Sullivan Fish Conservation Award for the Society.

- Billy Justus brought up that there isn't an official museum to store fish specimens for the state.
- Billy is looking for a commitment from the chapter to support to get money to consolidate fish specimen records in the state.
- Dr. Ginny Adams said that UCA may be able to help out in the future due to getting a new building built.
- Dr. Rich Grippo said that ASU's new aquatic ecologist, Brook Fluker, has got their collection going strong.
- Dr. Dan Magulick said that the U of A has a fish collection.
- Dr. Charlie Gagen stated that Arkansas Tech also has a fish collection.
- Rich suggested that maybe a committee be formed to coordinate the collections around the state.
- Tate announced an ad hoc committee has been formed to review the various fish collections in the state.
- This committee will investigate the possibility of reviewing and vouchering new specimens.

- Jason Olive made a motion that a rotation be created to distribute the chapter meetings around the state and Eric Brinkman second the motion.
- Eric Brinkman agreed that the meetings need to be distributed more evenly.
- Dr. Steve Lochmann pointed out than normally the new president decides the next location, are you suggesting that some constraints be put on this?
- Dr. Ginny Adams pointed out that this may be difficult if you live in the south Arkansas and the meeting is in north Arkansas.
- Billy Justus stated that this have been done in the past.
- Jim Wise suggested that we should maintain the flexibility of the old way of doing it.



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- Jeff Quinn pointed out that one of the limitations is that there are fewer meeting spaces that are affordable if you want to have alcohol at meetings.
- Tate Wentz echoed Jeff's statement.
- Tate stated that we have been semi-central the last five years to try to appease as many people as possible.
- Jeff Quinn read the exact words in the bylaws as it pertains to deciding meeting locations. Currently the EXCOM decides the meeting locations.
- Dr. Steve Lochmann reminded the chapter that we chose Conway to save money.
- Dr. John Jackson pointed out that Lake Degrey was the furthest south we have been in over 10 years and over 20 years since we have had the meeting in Jonesboro.
- Tate put the motion to a vote; four were in favor of moving meetings in a geographic rotation and the rest opposed. The motion did not pass.

- Justin Homan inquired if there was an official state fish.
- Several members confirmed there is no state fish in Arkansas.
- Justin made a motion to request that the EXCOM poll the chapter to come up with what the state fish should be.
- Darrel Bowman requested that the motion should be altered to see if we need a state fish.
- Tate announced that an ad hoc committee will be formed to poll the chapter to see if we need a state fish and what the state fish needs to be.

- Lindsey Lewis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Jessie Green second. All were in favor.
- Tate adjourned the business meeting at 11:30am.

Submitted by Jessie Green, Secretary.