

**Fall 2016 EXCOM Meeting**  
26 September 2016 – Boudreaux's, Maumelle, AR

**Attendees:** Tate Wentz (President), Eric Brinkman (President Elect), Jeff Quinn (Past President), Jason Throneberry (Treasurer), Jessie Green (Secretary), JJ Gladden (Education Liaison), Chelsey Sherwood (UCA Subunit President)

**Welcome and Introductions**

Tate begrudgingly went through the roll call.

**Officer Reports**

**Secretary's Report**

- Tate mentioned the Spring 2016 EXCOM minutes had already been passed around and then questioned whether the group wanted to take a minute to read them or just go ahead and approve them.
- Jeff motioned to approve Spring Minutes. Jason seconded.

**President Elect's Report (Eric Brinkman)**

- Texarkana – roadblock with Texarkana (Arkansas side) Convention Center not returning Eric's calls. Will attempt to make contact one more time before pursuing Magnolia.
- Magnolia – SAU has great meeting place, but do not allow alcohol on campus. Will have to go off campus for socials and dinner if we want beer. However, they do cater, so dinners could be done on campus.
- Tate offered to help if there is anything Eric can think of that we need to do.
- Plenary session – no decision has been made if there will be one or what topic. Not likely.
- Lateral Line considerations – Jeff Quinn mentioned Lateral Line will be coming out in November for the Fall edition, so will need to have things roughly figured by then. Will need registration forms, accommodation details, and Wild Apricot link for newsletter.
- Number of rooms to be blocked off - Tate recommended 80 rooms. Eric mentioned that with every 25 room reservations, Texarkana provided a free room or provided a free upgrade to suite. Based on that, Tate changed his recommendation to 50.
- Potential dates - February 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> 2017 (SDAFS is Feb 2-5, so there is that consideration). Tate mentioned that we generally try to host our chapter meeting before SDAFS, so Eric is going to check availability for January.
- Regardless of location, will still seek out donations from Pecan Point for beer as well as whomever JJ knows that is a distributor. JJ is having a tough time recalling the details of his discussion since he was at a Journey concert whenever he was working through the details. Jason also mentioned he might be able to get donations from New Belgium if need be.
- (*Post hoc* update) – 11 October 2016 – Eric was able to solidify plans to host 2017 Chapter meeting at Arkansas Convention Center in Texarkana 25-27 January 2017. In addition, Eric reported having asked Bill Posey to coordinate an 8-hour Side Scan Sonar workshop to be held 24 January 2017 at the same location.

**Treasurer's Report (Jason Throneberry – report attached)**

- Deposits have been almost \$1,000 since May 2016.
- AFS Sportfish Scholarship \$200 is the AFS Chapter part of that scholarship for the two students that were sponsored to go for the Centrarchids and Stream symposium (AFS 2016 Annual

Meeting, Kansas City, MO). Originally thought we were going to have three Arkansas students attending, but one was able to get university funding.

- Check from Paul Port was for last year's meeting registration, etc.
- Jeff thanked the Chapter for funding those scholarships to help the Centrarchids and Streams symposium to become more successful.
- Jason hasn't had any requests for reimbursements for professional certification.
- Tate mentioned we need to clarify how long that deadline (for certification reimbursements) will go.
- Eric brought up that we still need to send a check for \$1500 to Puerto Rico. Jason will send this week.
- Eric recommends we just assume we definitely have the extra \$500 that is showing up in our bank account.
- Tax preparation was more costly than estimated due to tax preparer adding various other charges that were not disclosed with Jason from the front end. Eric will check with the accounting firm his sister works at for next year.

### **Appointed Officer Reports**

**Newsletter Editor** (Tate Wentz reported for Christy Graham)

- Christy will probably be soliciting submissions soon for Fall newsletter.
- Tate made note of how excellent Christy has been doing on newsletter and encouraged everyone to be prompt with getting back to her.

### **Committee Reports**

**Nominating and Awards** (Jeff Quinn)

- AR AFS did not win Best Student Subunit or Chapter Awards - Auburn won, probably because the subunit got the Alabama Chapter going again.
- Tate asked Quinn's thoughts on resubmitting.
- Chelsey said they would resubmit for 2017 award.
- Oregon won Best Chapter award for the parent society since they hosted the meeting.
- Quinn will put out call for nominations in the Fall Lateral Line Newsletter.
- Jason recommended paying for awards before the meeting this year if that is a possibility. Jeff didn't think that would be an issue. JJ commented there very expensive shipping charges for last minute orders last year, so we are going to try to avoid that. The Chapter usually orders awards from LA Frames in Monticello.

**Activities and Raffle** (Tate Wentz reported for Eli Powers and John Jackson)

- Tate said if you can get any donations, those are always appreciated.
- Activities – Tate called Theo Witzel this morning and will call Colton to discuss plant ID class. Shooting for Summer 2017. Likely a day and half class that includes. JJ recommends second week in July. Tate will follow up with plant ID class and find out the maximum class size.
- Tate will follow up with Jeff Quinn about side scan sonar class for the upcoming annual meeting.

**Education Liaison** (JJ Gladden)

- Previously discussed some form of professional development for subunits; however, life happened.
- Tate mentioned the subunits might not know what kind of professional development classes they may need and proposed something related to resume building or interview skills.

- Discussion of needing to get subunits to be timelier in their submissions of virtually everything (e.g. sending in tax forms and lateral line submissions) and also need to be more proactive in submitting featured research for the newsletter...Chelsey took note, as she was the only subunit representative here.
- UAPB recently changed officers; Greyson Farris is now subunit president.

### **Ad Hoc Committees**

#### **State Fish** (Tate Wentz reporting for Justin Homan)

- Stalled on state fish - looks like we will likely have two (game vs. non-game).
- Darrell will check in to the legal stand point.
- Jeff was impressed with how much the state has spent on the Guadeloupe bass in Texas due to them making it their state fish. Talked about how it is a matter of pride.
- JJ mentioned Catfish Grower's Association tried to submit a channel catfish as the Arkansas state fish and the Bass Association blocked it.
- Tate said bylaws do state that ad hoc committees generally disperse after one year at the completion of their task, so EXCOM will likely have to extend the ad hoc committee at the spring business meeting.

#### **Fish Museum** (Tate Wentz for Billy Justus, Charlie Gagen, and Ginny Adams)

- Since ASU received a large NSF grant for Arkansas Center for Biodiversity Collections, need to put Billy Justus in contact with Brook Fluker.

#### **Wild Apricot Software Update** (Jason Throneberry and Eric Brinkman; also, not technically an ad hoc committee)

- If price continues to increase, then we will look elsewhere. Still no updates on potential alternatives.

### **Subunit Reports**

#### **UCA** (Chelsey Sherwood)

- Participate in Lonoke Fishing Derby in June.
- Six students presented at 2016 Joint Ichthyologists and Herpetologists meeting in New Orleans, LA.
- Conway Days and UCA RSO fair -Lori Monday from Delta River Nature Center brought alligators, snapping turtles, and snakes.
- Will to have some socials and hiking opportunities that will involve other subunits.
- Two big science nights coming up in October and November.
- EcoFest coming up soon, will be selling their fish hook bracelets.
- Will be going to Southeasten Fisheries council meeting soon.
- Subunit looking for a guest speaker for November.
- Invasive Species fish fry will be moved to the spring to be hosted during the Homecoming game.

#### **Old Business**

- 2020 SDAFS meeting - Lochmann (co-chair) and Ben Batten (Program Chair).
- Will be soliciting volunteers beginning with the fall lateral line.
- Still have some time before we will start organizing and planning for the 2020 meeting, but the Chapter decided to keep same organizing committees same as they were for 2013 Annual AFS meeting in Little Rock.
- Average attendance -500-ish, but Eric mentioned there were less than 300 in Wheeling, WV.

- Side scan sonar workshop for 2017 annual meeting. Eric agrees he would like to have a continuing education component to 2017 meeting. Jeff mentioned Bill Posey was working on the same topic for hosting a side scan sonar workshop for AGFC. Tate mentioned it will need to cover the interpretation and how to quantify habitat types.
- Jessie volunteered to put the program together for the 2017 meeting.
- Everyone should log on to WA to make sure they can still log in and all is well.

#### **New Business**

- None.
- Tate motioned to adjourn. Jason with the Second.