

Spring 2016 EXCOM Meeting
20 May 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), Justin Homan (State Fish Ad hoc Committee), Chelsey Sherwood (UCA Subunit President)

Welcome and Introductions

Tate went going around the table and stating who all present and their titles.

Officer Reports

Secretary's Report

- Bylaw changes were approved by the parent society after a few recommendations were incorporated, which included:
 - Change "Parent Society" to "Society"
 - Change "Executive Committee" to "Management Committee"
- 2016 Business Meeting Minutes were sent to Parent Society and Southern Division
- Bylaws, 2016 Business Meeting Minutes, were sent to Christy Graham and Lindsey Lewis
- Change of Officer forms were sent out to student subunits, still awaiting ATU's reply
- Copies of Bylaws were handed out to officers

Treasurer's Report (Jason Throneberry)

- Jason passed out Treasurer's Report (attached)
- Balance brought forward after 2016 Chapter meeting was \$25,511
- Currently stand at \$33,382
- Discrepancies noted in balance brought forward on Treasurer's Report between 2016 Business Meeting and now due to cancelled checks, \$500 unaccounted for extra money in account (bank reports we have \$33,800), and other things not jiving. Jason will continue to look for where that money came from.
 - Eric commented that the bank isn't likely to take the \$500 away if it has been in our account that long
- Tax extension was filed on May 15th. After UofA sends Jason their tax form he will file Chapter taxes, which he anticipated receiving today and being able to file at the beginning of next week.

ASU Subunit Report

- JJ, Jeff, and Tate discussed whether ASU was a functioning subunit
- Throneberry noted that ASU doesn't report taxes because they don't have any official AFS members
- Jeff mentioned we need to talk to Brook Fluker and try to have him get students involved in AFS

Appointed Officer Reports

Newsletter Editor (Tate Wentz reported for Christy Graham)

- Appreciates everyone for sending in submissions in time
- Issues with subunits chronically reporting late
- JJ proposed withholding beer from subunits at Chapter socials. Jeff commented that he preferred positive reinforcement.

Webmaster (Tate Wentz reported for Lindsey Lewis)

- If anyone sees any issues or things that need to be added to the website to email Lindsey

Committee Reports

Nominating and Awards (Jeff Quinn)

- Have not solicited any nominations at this time

Activities and Raffle (Tate Wentz reported for Eli Powers)

- Thank you cards were sent to all sponsors that contributed \$50 or greater

Training Opportunities (Jeff Quinn reporting for John Jackson)

- Aquatic Plant Workshop was selected by the chapter in a survey created by Jeff Quinn and Matt Schroeder that polled the Chapter regarding how funds from 2013 National AFS meeting should be spent
- Jeff mentioned that, although Jeff nominated him to handle organizing an aquatic plant workshop at the 2016 Business Meeting, John Jackson shouldn't over function.
- Discussed hosting an aquatic workshop during the Fall, or just at some point during the growing season.
- Possible options of workshop leaders were discussed, either Theo Wetzel or Colton Dennis.
- Tate proposed we should try to schedule the workshop for Fall 2016
- Tate asked Jeff to see if Colton was interested in chairing the committee
- Jeff proposed we could also have a side scan sonar workshop at our next Chapter meeting

Environmental Affairs

- No report
- JJ mentioned that Grippo has been circulating things to the environmental affairs group via email.

Education Liaison (JJ Gladden)

- Monticello Science Fair was cancelled, but AFS judged all the rest.
- Still waiting on science fair results from ASU and UofA.
- Also still waiting on ASU and UofA to respond with time of year preference for educational workshops. Other subunits have reported Fall would be the best time for them.
- Tate reported about meeting with subunit leaders during annual meeting to discuss how the Chapter can provide additional support (e.g. training, workshops). JJ reported that subunits did not provided a lot of substantial feedback. Tate suggested leadership building opportunities (Brix Myer) with Steve McMurray from Virginia Tech.

2017 Annual Meeting

- Reported it was not looking like it was not going to be feasible to have a joint meeting for the 2017 meeting either due to timing of meeting or distance we would have to travel.
- Jeff said he was hoping we would have the meeting somewhere in south Arkansas.
- El Dorado and Texarkana were proposed as the two most viable options.
- Eric is going to check again with Louisiana before he scopes out El Dorado.
- Tate will send Eric budget from 2016 meeting. Jason offered to provide a line item report from 2016 meeting.
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Ad Hoc Committees

State Fish (Justin Homan)

- 33 people responded to Homan's inquiry for volunteers to serve on committee.
- Tate recommended the committee come up with metrics (e.g. economic value, likeability, recognizable) to rank fish before soliciting nominations for state fish.
- Justin said he wants to select a state fish that has a realistic chance of getting voted on by the state legislature and pointed out that there would be several groups that will want to have their interest represented, such as aquaculture.
- Justin said he needs people on committee to figure out how to get this to the legislature and how to find someone to sponsor the bill.
- Throneberry said he could help out with the rarity aspect of ranking, if that ends up being a metric included.

Fish Museum (Tate Wentz for Billy Justus/Charlie Gagen)

- At 2016 Business Meeting, question was proposed about whether there was any interest in pursuing a current museum receiving certification to become the state fish museum.
- Charlie Gagen has started researching criteria and requirements for fish certification requirements. Contacted Tulane and they reported they do not have any kind of certification.
- Billy Justus is going to contact John Harris to see if there is any kind of certification for ASU's mussel museum.
- Tate mentioned USGS requires a certified taxonomist to verify their fish samples.
- Throneberry volunteered to talk to ANHC curators to get ideas about potential funding sources or space to house a natural history museum.

Subunit Reports

UCA (Chelsey Sherwood)

- Participated in 7 science nights this past spring.
- Selling lots of hook bracelets as a fundraiser.
- Sent students to two meetings: society of integrative and comparative biology. Upcoming meetings include: Society for Freshwater Sciences and Joint Meeting for Ichthyologists and Herpetologists.
- Held elections and decided on new logo for subunits.
- Had 10 people volunteer to judge science fair.
- Over 10 volunteers for Girls of Power in Stem.
- Also helped out at a fish seining program at Pinnacle Mountain, Aviators and Pollinators.
- Upcoming events include: Joe Hogan Fishing Derby, Kid's Fishing Derby at Pinnacle Mountain, and subunit camping trips.
- Big hit at science nights. Sent students to two meetings. She is talking way too fast. I will just get her notes from her. Decided on new logo. 10 people volunteered for science fair judging and for girls of promise. Fish seining demonstration for Pinnacle Mountain and Aviators and Pollinators. Helping out with fishing derbies at Hogan and Pinnacle and they are taking subunit camping and fishing trips this summer to get more undergraduates involved. Throneberry warned of people falling asleep on their horns during subunit camping trips.

Old Business

- Recap on Bylaw changes
- Southern Division 2020 Meeting bid was approved, which will be coinciding with the Catfish Symposium.
 - Steve Lochmann is Program Chair
 - Tate Wentz and Ben Batten are Local Arrangement/General Meeting co-chairs
 - Ginny Adams and JJ are Social co-chairs
- We put in bid, they approved. Catfish symposium is coinciding. Lochman is program chair for SD. G. Adams and JJ.
- Jeff reported we did not get Best Chapter Award for AFS.
- JJ mentioned we need to also follow up about who won Best Subunit Award.

New Business

- Tate to meet with Steve Lochmann and Ben Batten to discuss everyone assuming their old roles from the 2013 AFS meeting for SDAFS 2020.
- Eric and Jason have been evaluating costs and functionality of meeting registration and membership programs due to Wild Apricot raising annual fees to \$700 a year. Will also be need list serve and cloud storage capabilities.
- Throneberry proposed that whatever we switch to we should at least use software for two years before making a decision to keep or get rid of it.
- Eric Brinkman motioned we just renew Wild Apricot subscription for this year since renewal date is May 31st. Jeff seconded the motion.
- Jessie to email Lindsey Lewis to update website.

Jason Thronebery motioned to adjourn. Jeff Quinn seconded.