



American Fisheries Society

Arkansas Chapter

Virtual Meeting November 7, 2022

President Christy Graham welcomed the group and called the meeting to order. Those in attendance were Christy Graham, JJ Gladden, Brie Olsen, Micah Tindall, Allison Asher, and Sean Lusk.

Appointed Officer Reports

Nominating and Awards Committee – JJ Gladden, Chair

EXCOM reviewed nominations for the Jenkins Award, Joe Hagan Award, and Subunit of the Year, as well as officer nominations. Those nominated for Treasurer were Sean Lusk and Jacob Martin and nominations for president were Dylan Hann and Kyler Hecke.

Ad-hoc Committees

Scholarship Fund

EXCOM discussed creating a sub-chair within the Education Liaison Committee to manage the scholarship applications and selection process. The group also discussed altering the Treasurer's responsibilities to manage the scholarship investment fund. The scholarship application and selection criteria are modeled after other AFS Chapter's scholarship programs. An announcement for scholarship applications will be emailed in December with the annual meeting notification.

Following the meeting, the ad hoc scholarship selection committee met and discussed allocation of scholarship funds. Three scenarios were discussed: 1) one scholarship for \$500, 2) \$500 divided into two scholarships, one graduate level and one undergraduate level scholarship, and 3) one graduate scholarship for \$500 and raising additional funding for a \$250 undergraduate scholarship. For 2023, a \$500 graduate and \$250 undergraduate scholarship will be offered. Dividends from the investment account will fund the \$500 scholarship. The Chapter will host a special raffle at the Chapter meeting to fund the \$250 undergraduate scholarship.

New Business

2023 Chapter Meeting

The annual Chapter meeting will be March 15-17, 2023 at the Conway Hilton Garden Inn. The hotel is in the Conway Commons area and there are options nearby for offsite socials.

JJ moved to adjourn the meeting and Micah seconded the motion.