

# AFS Estuaries Section Executive Committee

## November 13, 2013 Meeting Notes

### 1. Review officer terms and interest

President: Abigail Franklin Archer- continuing to 2015

President-Elect: Karin Limburg- becomes president in 2015

Secretary: Lynn Waterhouse- interested in continuing on

Treasurer: Anthony Overton

Note: have 2 more people interested in joining leadership:

Konstantine Rountos and Mick Walsh

Note: need to check the bylaws for when elections should take place (on website)

Note: we can have special elections whenever if a leader resigns their position

### 2. Projects for 2014

#### A. Quebec Symposia

- a. Coastal and Estuarine Research Federation (CERF) co-sponsored session at AFS
  - i. possible topics: nutrient loading, ocean acidification, sea level rise, hypoxia
- b. Consider co-sponsoring session with Southern Association of Marine Labs
- c. Consider co-sponsoring session with Ecological Economics Society - this could be in conjunction with the CERF co-sponsored session (Karin was formerly involved in Ecological Economics)
- d. Continuing education class
  - i. Follow up on discussion with Lee Benaka, John Hoenig, and Lynn Waterhouse at AFS Little Rock—could be sponsored (and proceeds going to) the Marine Section and the Estuaries section
    1. find out overhead costs
    2. determine what to charge for tuition
    3. get attendance #'s for previous continuing education classes
    4. which courses have worked in the past
    5. consider having junior members participate as well as experts
    6. one idea: "Monsters of Stock Assessment"
- e. Email ideas to membership to flesh out ideas, include ideas from business meeting

Note: symposia proposals are due in January

**TASKS: Abigail will contact AFS to determine costs and logistics of scheduling a short course By 11/30**

**TASKS: Abigail will send out an email to the membership regarding symposia ideas By 11/30**

#### B. History of the Section

- a. Section is turning 20 years old
- b. Michelle Walsh interested in chairing subcommittee to create a history of the section
- c. AFS headquarters has some historical documents
- d. Lee has documents from the 2001-2006 time period

- e. Karin suggested taking some video of interviews with original members  
**TASK: Abigail will contact Michelle Walsh about tasks, timelines, and recruiting help**

### **C. LinkedIn group-** Konstantine Rountos's idea

- a. Need to provide membership with guide that has clear instructions on how to join and do some basic things in LinkedIn
- b. Could be way to increase interaction among members- post things like job opportunities and scholarships
- c. Would not replace the list serve, would be in addition to

**TASK: Abigail will contact Konstantine about creating an announcement to the members By 11/30**

### **D. List serve**

- a. Needs to be resurrected, work on getting most recent version (does this come from AFS? Lee may have older one)

**TASK: Lee will send the information he has to Abigail By 11/30**

### **E. Facebook**

- a. keep page

**TASK: Lynn is in charge of updating the Facebook page Ongoing**

### **F. Website**

- a. Anthony currently in charge of
- b. site is runoff AFS serve
- c. will check on traffic through site
- d. update with history project, 2013 business meeting notes, future travel award funding, social media the chapter uses

**TASK: Anthony will update the website with materials from the most recent meeting**

**TASK: Abigail will ask membership for help on website By 11/30**

### **G. Newsletter**

- a. Abigail will be coordinating the next one, Lee also volunteered to help out
- b. See if any recent travel award winners are interested in contributing
- c. Include announcement about opportunities to connect with members (new LinkedIn, Facebook, website, listserve), Western Division Meeting in Mexico, Otolith Symposium in Spain, Restoration Summit in DC in Nov 2014, looking for help with website, announce the history project and ask for members from the 1990s to identify themselves to Mick Walsh

### **H. Consider T-shirts for fundraising**

- a. look into if this was ever done in chapter's past

### **I. Note that the Potomac chapter has co-sponsored travel awards with the Estuaries Section in the past**

### **3. AFS Mid-Year Governing Board meeting – January 29 in Kansas City, Missouri**

Abigail will be using WebEX most likely to participate in this meeting

### **4. AFS Chapter Insurance**

As the section only meets once per year at the annual AFS meeting, their insurance should cover us, and this was deemed unnecessary at this point in time.

### **5. Conference Sponsorship Requests**

#### **A. Fifth International Otolith Symposium**

approved funding \$200 travel award aimed at an Estuaries section member (student or young professional)

***TASK: Karin will contact the meeting organizers about the logistics of providing support.***

#### **B. Mangroves as Fish Habitat Symposium**

approved funding \$200 travel award aimed at an Estuaries section member (student or young professional)

### **6. Executive Committee Communication/Meeting Schedule Options**

#### **A. Monthly Phone Meeting**

#### **B. Communicate mainly by email – schedule phone meetings as needed**

#### **C. 4 phone meetings a year – Fall, Winter, Spring, Summer**

decided to go with 4 phone meetings a year and communicate via email as necessary in between meetings. Officers can email Abigail at any time with agenda items. Next meeting will take place in February 2014.

***TASK: Abigail will send notes to Executive Committee by 11/14***

***TASK: Abigail will send a Doodle poll to Executive Committee in late January By 11/31***