

# American Fisheries Society - Estuaries Section

## Executive Committee Meeting – June 17 at 1PM Eastern DST

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Participation code - 677294

### Officers

**President: Abigail Franklin Archer**

**President-Elect: Karin Limburg**

**Secretary: Lynn Waterhouse**

**Treasurer: Konstantine Rountos**

**Past President and Newsletter Editor – Lee Benaka**

### 1. Student Travel Award – Choose a recipient

- a. John Mohan (University of Texas at Austin) is winner of travel award – award is \$500
- b. Lee recommended CJ Schlick and Amanda Sills to Potomac Chapter for consideration for award, as their work is relevant to the scope and mission of the Potomac Chapter (but will be up to this chapter to decide if they are able to fund them)
- c. Abigail will go after corporate donors as a 2<sup>nd</sup> source of funding for an additional student award
- d. Konstantine will approach people via LinkedIn to try and see if there are any additional donors out there (emphasis on commercial seafood places)
- e. Abigail will email the students who did not win
- f. Abigail will order certificate for winner, we already have a plaque (so no additional cost this year)

### 2. Symposia for 2015 Portland Meeting- start advertising 1 week prior to conference (August 10<sup>th</sup>) to advertise these two symposium (Facebook and LinkedIn) – blurb and photo

#### a. Anthropogenic Effects – update from Konstantine

##### i. Progress Report

- a. Currently all speakers are able to attend
- b. Email has been sent to presenters, no one has cancelled yet

##### ii. Possibilities for Publishing

- a. Will be discussion session at end of symposium, will be opportunity to see if there should be push for special edition of some magazine, also possibility of doing a summary in Fisheries Magazine

#### b. Otoliths – update from Karin

##### i. Progress Report

- a. 1.5 day long session (Monday afternoon and all day Tuesday)
- b. Karin will start symposium at 1:20pm Monday
- c. there will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> otolith symposium this September

##### ii. Possibilities for Publishing

- a. Ben Walther is taking lead, goal is for peer-reviewed journal, people have requested open access journal (but is pricey), may try for a journal that is open access for AFS members – still working on selecting a journal (tradeoff between cost and access)

### **3. Monsters of Stock Assessment**

#### **a. Progress**

- a. 26 or 27 RSVP's thus far
- b. Doug Austin confirmed we should see publicity in AFS magazine (Sarah Gilbert Fox has emailed Abigail, Lee, and Lynn)
- c. National stock assessment workshop occurs right before the Monsters workshop (Lee will email them)
- d. Lynn will email QUEST and Pop. Dy. fellows
- e. goal is to RSVP to Lee (via email)
- f. still need to reserve audio visual equipment (Patrick Lynch has offered to bring a projector, which should cut down costs) – but other stuff will most likely cost \$500-\$600 (podium, microphone, possibly screen) – Lee will try and reduce costs and possibly ask for a deal
- g. Don't have titles from all presenters, may try and get final ones
- h. Rick Methot will give introduction
- i. AIFRB is giving \$100 to AV costs, they will setup AIFRB membership info at registration table in exchange
- j. Konstantine arrives Portland 11am, will come by later
- k. room holds 200 people, would like to get close to being filled
- l. Lee will send AIFRB flyer so they can cross promote
- m. Flyer is on estuary section website, will be in newsletter

#### **b. Merchandising**

- a. Tshirts – looking for company, will be zero cost to section, handled online
- b. stickers- 100 stickers cost per stick is \$.42, goal would be to sell for \$1 (50 monsters of stock assessment and 50 of logo) – Abigail will front cost as donation to Estuaries Section
- c. need to think of token of appreciation for presenters, but Lee would like #'s to get up first

### **4. Website Update**

- a. AFS still working on their website (Sarah Gilbert Fox contact on this)
- b. AFS Estuaries section homepage needs cleaned up, right now is somewhat a bulletin board (anything posted new goes to website homepage- including main page updates)- but we can't work on our website till AFS main page is finished

### **5. Confirm Section representation at Portland Governing Board events**

- a. meeting is all day Saturday - Abigail will attend
- b. Thursday morning (7-8:30am) – Karin can attend

### **6. Set next meeting date**

- a. before next meeting- week of July 27<sup>th</sup>, doodle poll will be sent out

### **7. Treasurer's Report- Konstantine**

- a. AFS membership check will be sent to Abigail (should arrive soon, has not arrived yet)
- b. \$1683.62 balance (in May sent \$100 to EOS of AFS, paid for checkbook for section)
- c. 207 members as of June 10<sup>th</sup>

### **8. General thoughts for meeting in Portland**

- a. Everyone please bring camera and at all events with Estuary Section affiliation please snap photos

- 9. Lee offered to continue on as Newsletter editor, will also serve as Emeritus past president**
- 10. Abigail offered to keep tabs on website as past President (is also serving as co-chair of AFS meeting Kansas – will work to make sure Mar)**
- 11. Marine fisheries section is hosting meeting at AFS Portland- trying to keep food costs under \$700 (AFS Estuaries will owe \$350)- wine, sodas, spinach and artichoke dip with bread and vegetables (catering menu was nice but expensive, more so than Quebec)**
  - a. no beer, because if we had beer we would have to have a bartender**
  - b. could email out looking for donor to sponsor bartender and beer? – Abigail will check price list and discuss with Ben Walther**