

American Fisheries Society

Estuaries Section

Executive Committee Meeting – March 12 at 1PM Eastern DST

Call-in # - [866-700-0938](tel:866-700-0938)

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

MEETING NOTES

1. Treasurer Report

- a. Google drive folder: has statements, spreadsheet of balances (is treasurer's workbook), reimbursement documents
 - i. Goal of doing this is making it transparent
- b. Konstantine will update spreadsheet following meeting
 - i. balance will most likely be \$1,500 by AFS meeting
 - ii. have not yet received AFS check for 2015 dues – Konstantine will call National office on June 1st if we have not yet received a check from AFS headquarters

2. Winter Newsletter

- a. Should be ready fairly soon
- b. Decided to add photos to candidate statements
- c. Will post to: Website, Facebook, LinkedIn

3. Elections

- a. Timing – candidate statements will go out with Newsletter
- b. New officers are 'sworn in' in August at business meeting in Portland
- c. When should we do Ballot? Send out with winter newsletter
- d. How to do ballot? ideas: email, google form
 - i. Konstantine will investigate google
 - ii. Abigail will ask headquarters

4. Symposia for 2015 Portland Meeting

****Symposia organizers need to keep track of how many people are at each talk**

a. Anthropogenic Effects – special journal issue?

- a. Invited speaker list is 15, expecting about 4 to not be able to show up
- b. 3 student presenters currently

b. Otoliths

- a. Still looking into doing a continuing education course, may include a vendor in it (as a means to have access to technology) – would have experts in room and make short presentations, would try and do some demo-ing (difficult without microscopes)
- b. Have many speakers lined up

5. Workshop for 2015 Portland Meeting

- a. Have 5 or 6 speakers lined up “monsters”
- b. Beverly (new education coordinator at AFS)- this is not a continuing education class, AFS views more as a fundraiser, which means there are costs we have to incur for meeting
- c. Good news, don’t have to pay for room
 - 1. room request is in, Sunday 12-4pm
- d. Doug Austen offered to run articles in Fisheries Magazine to promote event
- e. Will have to pay for A/V costs (Lee has schedule for that)
 - i. Patrick Lynch is bringing Projector
- f. AIFRB may be interested in helping with Cost in exchange they get to hand out materials at the door, will thank them at beginning --- AIFRB gave us \$200
- g. Abigail points out that Mugs may not be favorable for people traveling, suggested making stickers
- h. Unsure of charges at this point in time – maybe \$40 for non-student, \$20 for student?
- i. Steve Cadrin has another suggestion of person to invite (Abigail will ask for), likes idea of demystifying stock assessment

6. Website Update

- a. including member photos
- b. New website is up and running but we need to wait for parent society new website to go live before we can make the Estuaries website homepage more welcoming
- c. call is in newsletter for regional coordinators to gather updates from members
- d. Ask membership if they want to post recent publications (as a way to promote their research and scholarship) – would continue the scientific conference all year – would increase publicity of articles and their exposure (Member Highlight or Member Spotlight or Newest Publication or Publications from Our Membership **could go in Latest News** – some way for them to submit a “press release” on their research
- e. Will have paragraph on this for this newsletter (Konstantine writing)
- f. Add heads up to newsletter

7. Student Travel Award – timing

- a. Announcement that we are open for applications will go out April 1st
- b. Due May 20th, let winner know around 1st week of June
- c. \$500 award amount (1 winner)
- d. Advertise on Facebook and LinkedIn

8. Donation to Equal Opportunities Section for Student Travel Award

- a. donate \$100

9. Email request 2/11 for Crustacean Symposia sponsorship

- a. Voted no

10. Chapter Insurance

- a. Declined

11. Business Meeting in Portland

- a. Marine Section is organizing this year
- b. Sunday 4-6pm tentative day/time
- c. Ben W. (Marine Section) will give us update on food and cost

Next meeting: End of April? Week of 27th

Works for Karin, Lee, Lynn

Doodle poll to come