

Estuaries Section ExCom Meeting
October 11, 2022 11:00-12:00 (Eastern)

Attending: John Mohan, Justin Stevens, Catherine Johnston, Amanda Croteau, Lee Benaka, Abigail Archer

- Estuaries Section new website: <https://units.fisheries.org/estuaries/>
 - Can we track analytics on who uses the website?
 - Mike Curtis will be taking over website; Should be ready to go live the first week of November
- Update from Atlantic International Chapter Meeting in September from Justin Stevens
 - Justin gave a presentation on the Estuaries section; had several people express interest in joining including students (especially interest travel grant opportunities)
- Fall newsletter
 - President's message and most of the student articles are ready for fall newsletter; need treasurer's report
 - Will feature 3 students in fall and 3 in spring
 - We should announce website
 - We should include a call for nominations for officer elections (all positions)
- Southern New England chapter meeting in Boston in January; Should we give the estuaries presentation?
 - Abigail is on the planning committee and gave an overview of schedule: Workshops on Sunday (diadromous fish focused); 3 concurrent sessions; abstracts extended to Oct 21; 3 special symposia: diadromous, eDNA, climate change; social on Monday night
 - Opportunity for Estuaries social on Sunday night
 - AFS governing board meeting on Saturday; Justin may be able to attend to represent Estuaries Section
- Latin America and Caribbean Fisheries Congress in May
 - John submitted a proposal session: migration and population connectivity of highly migratory species; opportunity to co-sponsor with MFS
 - Promote within Estuaries newsletter, advertise to email list
- Spring Estuaries Section elections
 - Need to advertise the elections, solicit nominations for officer positions
 - Announce in newsletter; send a reminder in spring
 - Online ballot late spring/summer; New officers will come on board at annual meeting

- Monsters!
 - Host a Monsters in Grand Rapids? Theme?
 - Monsters 101: usually on Sunday, 1/2 day session after lunch but before business meeting; usually a series of longer talks from invited speakers; sometimes includes games, songs, costumes; No funding to bring speakers in, so rely on local/regional speakers; fundraiser for travel award fund; usually differential cost for students; often partner with MFS
 - Theme ideas:
 - Monsters of Michigan/ Michigan State? Focus on fisheries professionals
 - Monsters of freshwater estuaries? Link with NERRs; common problems & common toolboxes

- Student subunit engagement
 - Membership Committee and Education Section/Student and Early Career Subsection are working on cataloging existing student subunits with current contacts for faculty advisors and officers; will share contact info with Estuaries section
 - UNE has discussed creating a student subunit; Would be a great opportunity to track impact of student subunit on recruitment and retention in AFS

- Social Media
 - Need to see if we can access and add administrators to Facebook page, or contact Lynn for access; Amanda willing to manage Facebook page
 - Catherine will hand off Twitter management to Abigail
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- Treasurer's Report from Konstantine
 - The balance is \$3,467.52 for our account.
 - To follow up on a few items:
 - I have not received any invoice from the MFS treasurer for the reimbursement amount. Please have them send me an email with the invoice and our contribution and I will generate a check.
 - I have not received the invoice for our International Student awards.
 - We have not received our 2021 dues. We received our 2020 dues in December 2021, so they might be slow to do this. I suggest we inquire with AFS to see.