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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE– Dr. Derek Ogle



As I noted in my “inaugural address” it is an honor to serve this year as President of the Wisconsin Chapter. It is humbling to see the list of past Presidents of our chapter (e.g., John Magnuson!!). I will follow their lead and work hard on our behalf.

We should all thank the chapter members who were involved in organizing the Midwest Fish and

Wildlife Conference meeting in Milwaukee at the end of January. Members Steve Gilbert and Justine Hasz were on the Steering Committee; Hadley Boehm, Brad Eggold, Ben Heussner, Dan Isermann, Cheryl Masterson, Tammie Paoli, Dave Rowe, Greg Sass, Mike Seider, Lori Tate, Ted Treska, Justin VanDeHey, Jordan Weeks, and Max Wolter all served on a program committee or were involved in local arrangements; and numerous others helped with various duties. Thanks!

We were presented with the Most Active Chapter (Large) award at the Midwest Fish and Wildlife Conference in Milwaukee. We last received this award in 2008 (and in 2005 before that). This award acknowledges the good work that many of you have done on behalf of the Chapter (and thanks to past Presidents Sass and Isermann for forwarding our nomination). This level of accomplishment, however, will continue only if we fold more members into the administration of the chapter's work. I am pleased that Tony Rieth has agreed to take over the membership duties from Lori Tate, who begins her first elected term as Secretary-Treasurer, and Luke Roffler will be taking over the photo fishing contest. Laura Schmidt and Kendal Patrie also volunteered to help with membership duties. We will call on them to help us elsewhere. Thanks Lori, Tony, Luke, Laura, and Kendal for volunteering to help!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

We also need leadership and support for other chapter duties. The Nominations and Outreach committee chairs are vacant and the Raffle and Revenue committee is looking for help. As I read the last 15 years of Business Meeting minutes, I noticed that Steve Gilbert first asked for help with the raffle as early as 2008. Steve, Dave Rowe, and Gervase Thompson have asked for help with the raffle nearly every year since then. The raffle is a revenue generator for the chapter that helps fund scholarships and other items (e.g., our support to help colleagues attend the Southern Division meeting in Puerto Rico), and is also a source of entertainment at annual meetings (think Menards shirt!). Steve and Dave seem like they can do the raffle forever, but that is unfair and unrealistic to expect of them. To ensure future raffles, please ask me or them to see how you can help. Finally, I hope to update our by-laws to reflect our current chapter configuration (e.g., add all of the student sub-units) and best practices as suggested by National AFS. Please contact me if you would like to help with this exhilarating task.

I look forward to serving as your President this year, but, more importantly, I hope to work with more of you in serving our critical mission. Please let me know if you would like to help with the duties described above, in some other specific way, or generally (i.e., you don't know how, but you would like to volunteer). Derek Ogle

FISHERIES BOOTCAMP 2018

Are you an undergraduate student member of the WI Chapter of the American Fisheries Society interested in gaining direct field experience in applied fisheries management?

If you are, please consider submitting an application for participation in the third annual “Fisheries Bootcamp” at the Escanaba Lake Research Station and Northern Highlands Fishery Research Area located in Boulder Junction this spring. If selected, you will receive an all-expenses paid (courtesy of the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society through your student sub-units) weekend to lake-rich Vilas County to directly assist fisheries researchers in spring fyke netting, length and weight measurements, fish tagging (fin clipping, Floy tagging, PIT tagging), electrofishing training and basic operation, net mending, knot tying, and conducting a creel survey (all highly relevant skills for any fisheries professional). Fish species sampled will include walleye, yellow perch, muskellunge, northern pike, smallmouth bass, and various panfish species. The weekend of the event is to be determined and will be dictated by spring ice out, but is anticipated to occur between mid-April and mid-May. Up to three undergraduate students from each Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society Student Sub-unit (Northland College, UW-Green Bay, UW-Stevens Point, UW-Stout) will be selected for participation and lodging will be provided at the nearby UW-Madison Trout Lake Station.

To apply, please email an essay (limited to one, 12 point font, double-spaced page) in an attached Word document to Dr. Greg Sass (gregory.sass@wisconsin.gov) detailing “Why you would like to become a fisheries professional and how this opportunity would help you to achieve that goal” by March 23, 2018. I look forward to receiving your essays and leading this third annual “Fisheries Bootcamp” group towards achieving their professional fisheries goals.

MEETING MINUTES



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EDITORS NOTE: Committee and budget reports in this issue of the newsletter are from the 2018 Winter Business Meeting Tuesday January 30, 2018 in Milwaukee

Call to Order – Dan Isermann 5:00 pm (60 members present)

Recognition of Executive Committee, past presidents and special guests - President Isermann recognized the past presidents in the audience. Also voiced his thanks to many people for their help on putting together the Midwest Conference, including but not limited to: Brad Eggold, Max Wolter, Steve Gilbert, Lori Tate, and the Scholarship committee. Noted that Wisconsin Chapter was recognized as the winner of the Most Active Large Chapter Award (a title we have not been granted since 2008)! Isermann recognizes Lori Tate for her willingness to step into the Secretary/Treasurer position after Ted Treska had to step down.

Reminder to Pay Annual Dues – As we did not have a separate winter meeting, President Isermann reminds members who are present at the meeting to pay their annual dues.

Review and Approval of Agenda - President Isermann outlined the agenda and asked for any amendments, though none were requested. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda as written. The motion was passed with no dissenting votes.

Approval of 2017 Business Meeting Minutes - President Isermann asked for comments on the minutes which were published in the newsletter, no comments were made. Motion to approve minutes as published in the newsletter was made and seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

President's Remarks – President Isermann indicated that it had been a pleasure to serve as president of the Chapter, and again iterated the need for more involvement from the new people in the organization, as a lot of work has been done by a few folks in the chapter and it is time for others to step in.

Treasurer –Yearly report – Lori Tate summarized the 2017 finances. On 12/31/2017, WIAFS had total worth of \$67,618.27. This includes a checking account balance of \$10,760.05, and the Vanguard GNMA worth \$15,640.98. We also held a balance in the Midwest CD, which was put into a checking account last year, of \$7,329.12 as of 12/31/2017. Per our decision at last year's meeting, the principal from the BMO CD and from the Short-Term Bond Account, both of which were returning <\$3 a month, were put into the VanGuard Fund managed by the National AFS; the total investment in 2017 was \$15,000, added to the base investment of \$10,000. The worth of that investment as of the end of October 2017 (last statement received) was \$26,559. A bank error in 2016 resulted in an additional \$6,120 having to come from 2017 funds to cover a double payment for National AFS donations (Hutton, Skinner memorial, etc). Total expenses for 2017 (including the 2016 bank error) were \$42,318 (higher than projected due to the greater cost of holding the annual meeting at the Milwaukee venue) and total income was \$35,934, for a net loss of \$6,384. This loss is primarily due to the payback for the 2016 AFS National Scholarship donations. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed with no dissenting votes.

Committee Reports:

Continuing Education: President Isermann read a short update from Chair Allen Lane about the two CE courses – Telemetry Surgery and Fish Health. It was noted that there were no costs to the Chapter for either CE course, as many of the supplies were donated by the groups organizing the workshops.

Scholarships: There were 5 applicants for the Norden Scholarship. The recipient is Lydia Doerr (UWGB). There were 4 applicants for the Duffy Scholarship. The recipient is Lydia Doerr (UWGB). The recipient of the Frie Scholarship is Alex Catalano (UWSP).

Membership: Lori reported a total membership roster currently at 386, with 127 paid chapter dues at the time of the meeting (difficult to track non-returning members).

Raffle: Ticket sales for 2017 raffle totaled \$3,087, costs amounted to \$756

Website: There were some issues with PayPal in 2017; costs for website upgrade are anticipated to be \$2,000 (see further discussion in new business below).

Nominations – Needs a new chair of committee.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS



Newsletter: Spring issue coming out soon, looking for new contributors. Continuing the fishing contest, there were many entrants in 2017 and the contest is popular. Editor Max Wolter noted that he is willing to let someone else take over compiling the newsletter if anyone is interested.

Student SubUnits – Representatives from UWSP, UWGB and Northland College subunits all gave update presentations. UWSP had 12 students attending the Midwest Conference, 5 as presenters. Northland College had 3 student attending the Midwest Conference.

Walleye – Held 2017 meeting jointly with the Esocid committee.

Centrarchid – Did not hold a meeting, will hold 2018 meeting jointly with Walleye committee.

Esocid - Held 2017 meeting jointly with the Walleye committee; encouraged members to attend these technical meetings, noted Muskie publication was released this year.

Rivers – Noted upcoming meeting March 28-29, 2018 in Illinois.

Ictalurid – Noted upcoming Catfish Symposium in 2020 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Old Business - No other old business brought forward.

President Installation – Justine Hasz and Ted Treska installed Derek Ogle as president, who gives thanks to Dan Isermann and recognizes him with the Past President's plaque.

Voting for Officers – Dan Dembkowski nominated as President-Elect, no other nominations from the floor. All voted Aye to install Dan as President Elect; Dan's platform will be to focus on increasing membership and participation.

Lori Tate nominated for Secretary/Treasurer, no other nominations from the floor. All voted Aye to install Lori Tate as Secretary/Treasurer for a two-year term.

New Business:

2018 Budget – Derek Ogle presented his 2018 budget which was very similar to last year's budget. One increase will be seen for required security upgrades to the WI AFS Chapter website estimated at \$2,000 (\$3,000 was allotted in the budget). Doug Austen of National AFS requested the floor to solicit a chapter donation to fund relief efforts in Puerto Rico; membership decided upon a \$1,000 donation. With these amendments inserted into the budget, a motion was made and seconded to approve the Budget as amended. The motion passed without dissenting votes.

Website - National AFS representative Doug Austen indicated that it was possible to move our chapter website to a site maintained and operated by the National AFS. This could provide increased security and cost-savings. Membership agreed to proceed with existing site, but to look into this option before upgrading the existing site. President Ogle asked Brad Eggold to look into this option. Contact for more information at National AFS will be Beth Beard.

Scholarships – Committee chair Tammie Paoli made a motion (which was seconded) for a new deadline of December 15th for scholarships. This will help with timing of review/approval prior to holiday season. The motion passed without dissenting votes. Tammie will work with Brad Eggold to update the dates information on the chapter website.

Donations – Tim Kroeff has generously agreed to donate \$10,000 for a new AFS student scholarship, to be awarded annually for 10 years starting in 2019 in the amount of \$1,000 each. A motion was made and seconded to accept this donation. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Tammie and the scholarship committee will work with Tim to develop the name and criteria for the scholarship. THANKS TIM!!

Membership Dues – Tim Simonson made a motion (which was seconded) to reduce meeting registration fees for retired members. The motion was discussed among members and was ultimately tabled. President Ogle will ask the membership committee to look into this request, including researching what other AFS chapters (and the Wisconsin TWS chapter) do in this regard. ExComm will consider the findings of this research at the Summer Meeting and make a recommendation to the planning committee for next year's meeting.

Annual Meeting - Steve Gilbert suggested the next meeting to be held at Tundra Lodge in Green Bay in winter 2019.

Next Meeting Time and Place – Next year's meeting location will be determined during the Summer Executive Committee Meeting (date and location TBD).

Adjournment – A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion passed with no dissenting votes. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

BUDGET REPORT

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EDITORS NOTE: Committee and budget reports in this issue of the newsletter are

		<u>Budgeted</u> <u>2017</u>	<u>2017 Actual</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>2018 Pro-</u> <u>posed</u> <u>Budget</u>
Expense					
State MTG	Raffle expenses - State Meeting	\$ 650	\$ 756	\$ (106)	\$ 650
	Chapter Meeting	\$ 17,000	\$ 31,630	\$ (14,630)	\$ -
Awards, Dona- tions	Duffy Award	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
	Awards, Plaques, Best Papers	\$ 400	\$ 175	\$ 225	\$ 400
	Hutton Program	AFS \$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000
	International membership challenge	AFS \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	Skinner memorial	AFS \$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
	EOS	AFS \$ 500	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000
	AFS Memberships for Norden winner		\$ -	\$ -	
	Norden Student Scholarship	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000
	Student sub unit AFS membership	\$ 160	\$ -	\$ 160	\$ 160
	UWSP Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Northland Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Green Bay Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250
	UW-Stout Student Unit	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 250	\$ 250
	Wisconsin Conservation HOF				
Miscel- laneous Fees	Continuing education	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Fisheries Bootcamp	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,265	\$ 335	\$ 1,600
	Web Fees	\$ 150	\$ 147	\$ 3	\$ 150
	PO Box	\$ 70	\$ 76	\$ (6)	\$ 80
	Discretionary	\$ 150	\$ 30	\$ 120	\$ 150
	President travel	\$ 2,000	\$ 552	\$ 1,448	\$ 2,000
	T-Shirts	\$ 1,350	\$ -	\$ 1,350	\$ 1,350
	National Chapter Insurance	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150
	Event sponsorship		\$ -	\$ -	
One- Time Expens- es	Executive Committee AFS Membership	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ 320	\$ 320
	Frie Scholarship Funding	\$ 500	\$ 472	\$ 28	\$ 500
	Equipment Donation to SubUnits	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Web Upgrade				\$ 3,000
	Donation to Natl AFS meeting		\$ -	\$ -	
	Catch-up on National AFS Awards		\$ 6,120	\$ (6,120)	
	Puerto Rico Relief Fund				\$1,000
EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 31,600	\$ 42,724		\$ 21,610
INCOME TOTAL		\$ 36,168			

Scholarships and Awards



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There were 5 very well qualified applicants for the \$1000 Carroll Norden scholarship. Applicants were from UW-GB, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Madison, and Northland College. The 2017 recipient was Lydia Doerr, a M.S. student at UW-GB working under Dr. Patrick Forsythe investigating the natal origin and growth rate of lake whitefish larvae in lower Green Bay.

There were 4 applicants for the Joan Duffy student travel award, which helps students offset costs to attend the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference. The total award amount is \$200 (\$100 from WI AFS and \$100 from AFS NCD). Lydia Doerr of UW-GB was the recipient.

Tammie Paoli—Scholarships Committee

Carroll Norden Scholarship

Lydia Doerr

UW-Green Bay

Joan Duffy Travel Award

Lydia Doerr

UW-Green Bay

In other scholarship news, WDNR fisheries technician Tim Kroeff (Sturgeon Bay office) has offered to begin a WI AFS scholarship that would award \$1,000 annually for 10 years to a fisheries student. Tim, who is on the scholarship committee, will work with that committee and the Executive Committee to develop qualifying criteria and an application form.

Presentation & Poster Competition—2019

It's never too early to start thinking about what fisheries management, thesis or research project you would like to share with the group at the upcoming 2019 competition. Cash prizes are awarded to the best professional presentation, best student presentation, and best poster. If cash-money is not a big enough motivator, perhaps you are interested in rubbing it in your coworkers face by hanging the certificate on the wall next to your other trophies. Bring your a-game in 2019 and share some of your innovation, success, or failures. For those not presenting or making a poster, perhaps you would like to consider signing up for judging papers or posters. There are opportunities for you to participate in 2019, see you there!

Ben Huessner—Awards Committee

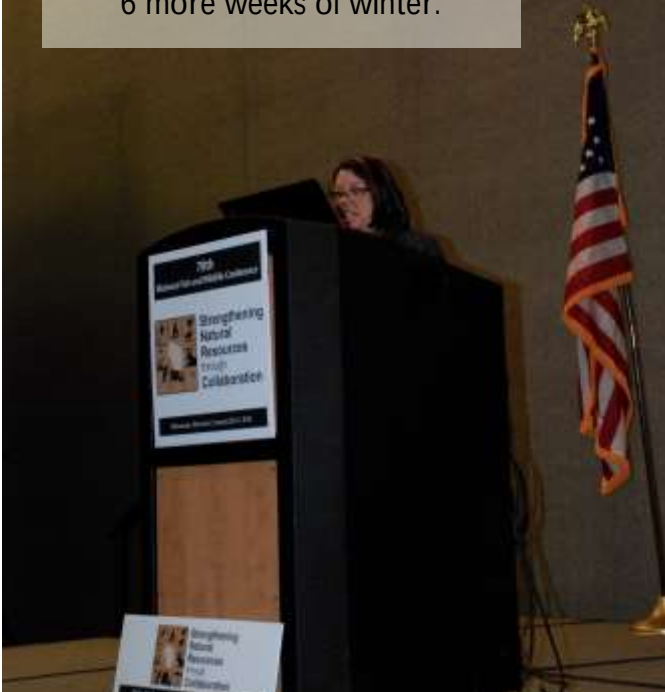
Scenes from Midwest F/W Meeting in Milwaukee



Justine came out from her podium and saw her shadow, which means 6 more weeks of winter.



We won an award!



Photos by Joanna Griffin

Best advice I ever got...

With WDNR's John Komassa

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What was the best advice you got during your career?

While attending UW – Milwaukee (My brothers called it UCLA = University Clos-
est to Lake Area) I met Rich Klett, a Fisheries Technician Advanced at the Wild
Rose Hatchery. Rich helped me acquire my first “fish” job as a Lab Assistant in the
fish research lab at the Great Lakes Research Facility (GLRF), currently named the
School of Freshwater Sciences lead by Fred Binkowski. I spent ~7 years as an LTE
between the fish research lab and the WDNR Southern Lake Michigan Fisheries
Work Unit. My first permanent position with WDNR was a Technician at the Ket-
tle Moraine Springs Hatchery (KMSH). The best advice I received was from Randy
“the missing” Link. He said, “Don’t sell yourself short”. So, after 6 years at
KMSH I accepted a Hatchery Supervisor position at the Nevin Fish Hatchery. Sev-
en years later I accepted a Fisheries Operations Coordinator position at Eagle.
(Kettle Moraine Southern Unit State Forest location) After 7 years at Eagle, I am
now going on 6 years as the South East Hatchery Group Leader stationed at Fitch-
burg . (My first experience living in a cube). While providing hatchery tours over
the years, a common question that came up was “Do you like your job”? or “How
do I get a job like this”? (That was usually in June or July). I would still say “yes”
after all these years, I really like my job. My duties have certainly changed a bit from hands on to developing
policy, tracking budgets and recruiting, etc. I do see the value that my position provides to the team by doing my
best so my colleagues can perform their work in a safe, efficient and productive manner.



Looking back on your career what is one thing you know now that you wish you’d known on day 1?

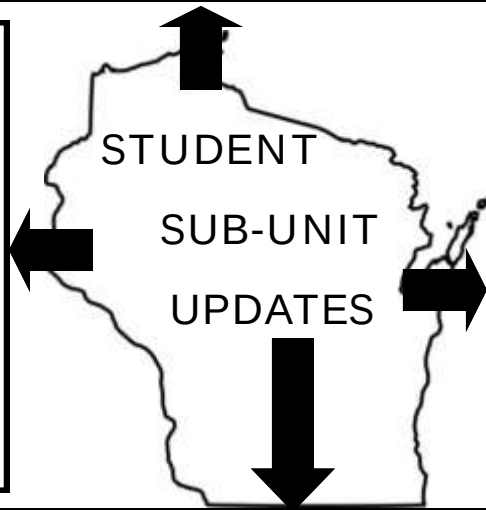
I grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee in a tight knit family of 10 children, of which, I’m #10. (Yes, we’re Catho-
lic) One could say I was part of a team, with that many siblings. If day one were to include my LTE positions, I
would say to students or LTE’s that are undecided as to which direction to go; (Fish Management, Fish Culture
or Research), I would recommend taking a tour of a hatchery, volunteering or acquiring an LTE position with
WDNR. During my career I have had the pleasure of working with job shadows and volunteers for a day, weeks
or months. Traditionally we have had volunteers help during spawning or stocking (high profile jobs). But, there
is tremendous value to volunteering during the rearing season (Non-high profile) as well. For instance: address-
ing biosecurity concerns, feeding fish, monitoring water quality parameters, cleaning tanks, maintaining equip-
ment and grounds maintenance to name a few. If day one refers to my first permanent assignment, I would say
the team concept that I experienced, was not what I was expecting. From my colleagues that work at the same
hatchery to colleagues that work at other Wisconsin State hatcheries. From there, we often times reach out to
other neighboring States for information or transferring fish and/or eggs. In addition, we have partnerships with
USFWS, UWSP – NADF, tribal and private hatcheries. The earliest evidence of fish farming dates back to be-
fore 1000 BCE in China and with all the latest technology, fish culture will be around forevermore. Big or
small, the team concept will continue with the dedication and unbridled enthusiasm that staff exhibit on a daily
basis.

Can you identify any one experience or moment in your life that you would consider a professional turn- ing point that set you on the path to where you are today?

As a wee lad (grade school age) I met Dan Folz – “Father Sturgeon” at a back yard BBQ. Dan shared some sto-
ries of the life and times of a Fish Biologist with me. That ideal lead me to pursuing a career with WDNR Fisher-
ies. As unusual as it sounds, that encounter lead me down the path that I’m on today. Other experiences helped
seal the deal as well. While attending UWM, I enrolled in Ichthyology with Dr. Carroll Norden, where some of
my fondest memories were learning fish science and smelting along the shores of Lake Michigan and touring the
Kettle Moraine Springs Hatchery in lab .

Northland College— Following the annual meeting, the Northland College student sub-unit, members were able to participate in a few successful nights of smelting on the Chequamegon Bay. May brought several volunteer opportunities with the US Fish and Wildlife service doing habitat work on Whitlesey Creek, as well as the annual sucker-seining project on Pikes Creek with the Wisconsin DNR. The summer brought many opportunities for students to get out into the job field to gain fisheries experience. As the school year comes back into full swing, we have been actively volunteering at local fish hatcheries and have been bringing in speakers to talk on fisheries related topics. As always, sturgeon spearing registration was a sub-unit favorite once again this year as the fish were in excellent condition and the weather was beautiful. We are very excited for the events that we are planning and for what the year has in store for us.

UW Stout— No update at this time



UW Green Bay—

Current Members:

We currently have 12 active members.

Fundraising events:

Spawning run on April 20th, 2017 and September 16th, 2017 once each school year

Volunteering opportunities:

Pit tagging Age-0 Lake sturgeon with the Wisconsin DNR at the Besadny Anadromous Fish Facility.

Assist the Wisconsin DNR at the Strawberry Creek Weir Facility, with Chinook salmon spawning.

Guest speakers:

Professionals in the field graciously came and spoke with us about the projects they have been working on and their path from undergraduate to where they are now.

Tammie Paoli, Scott Hansen,
Dale Hansen, Nick Legler, Mike
Donofrio, Mike Renish

UW Stevens Point— The students from UWSP have remained busy this year. Our 3-annual student led research projects continued this year, starting with our Fall Fyke Net Survey, then transitioning to stream electrofishing in the Little Plover River, and then the Isherwood Lateral. We had around 15 students each day brave the elements to come out and lend a hand. Student research has been a large topic this year for students. We have close to 20 students signed up for the Student Research Symposium, with at least 5 giving both oral and poster presentations. We will be hosting both our Wisconsin Minnow ID workshop this year as well as another Age and Growth workshop to continuously practice these skills. Come spring we are getting antsy to assist the DNR with the Lake Sturgeon Spawn on the Wolf River in Shawano. We would like to thank all our speakers this past year from the Wisconsin DNR, USFWS, and the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Finally thanks again to the society officers and for another successful year! Go Point!



WI AFS Congratulates Eric Geisthardt on winning the 2017 photo fishing contest!

Eric Geisthardt easily won the individual competition with 29 **total points. It was Eric's second win.**

WDNR had the most points for a group (53)

Within DNR, South District had the most points (26)



Eric—Everybody Else



Check out the next page for rules and info on the 2018 contest!

2018 AFS Photo Fishing Contest Info and Rules

Contest details and rules are as follows:

Who can participate?: All WI AFS members. Note: You must pay have **paid your dues** for that year to submit entries.

How long does the contest run?: The contest will be **open year round** and will start after Midwest in Milwaukee and officially end at the WI AFS Meeting in 2019 (date TBD).

What fish qualify?: Any fish caught legally (within an open season, not in refuges) with hook and line methods and from **public waters of Wisconsin** will be eligible for entry. This includes WI portions of Lake Michigan and Superior and border rivers such as the Mississippi, St. Croix, St. Louis, and Menomonie in stretches where they border WI. Any species of fish can be entered (point system discussed below).



How do I enter a fish?: All submissions must consist of a photograph of the angler and the fish (“fish selfies” are acceptable). For very small fish, a second close-up photo that does not include the angler is suggested for species verification. **Each submitted fish must include a measured length** (down to the half or tenth inch OR mm) and the location of catch (this can be as simple as “Vilas County Lake” if you don’t want to give up a honey-hole). This will predominantly be an honor system, but a photograph of the fish on a measuring board may be submitted if the angler chooses and these photos may be used in tie-breaker situations. The contest administrator reserves the right to call B.S. or the right to convene a panel of B.S. experts to review submissions.

ALL SUBMISSIONS SHOULD BE SENT TO: wafsfishing@gmail.com

Scoring: ANY species of fish can be submitted. The angler possessing the largest specimen of any species will be awarded a minimum of 1 point. The angler who holds the largest specimen for the following high-profile species will receive 3 points: Largemouth bass, smallmouth bass, walleye, muskellunge, northern pike, black crappie, bluegill, yellow perch, channel catfish. We will award 2 points each for the largest inland and great lakes (+tributaries) catch for brown trout, rainbow trout, and brook trout. Once a bigger specimen is caught by another angler, the points for that species transfer to the new angler. Identifiable hybrids including tiger musky, tiger trout, saugeye, and splake will count as a unique species (panfish or minnow hybrids will not). In the case of a legitimate tie, points will be awarded to both anglers for that species. The angler with the most points at the end of the contest will be declared the winner.

Updates and photos will be included in the annual newsletter and distributed via email occasionally throughout the year. Awards will be presented at the annual meeting. Good luck! -Max and Luke

WI AFS President Ogle: “Bow Down and Accept R as Your New Overlord”

ASHLAND, WI— On February 1, 2018, computers across the state of Wisconsin momentarily went black before a hologram of Dr. Derek Ogle’s head projected from all monitors. Ogle, recently elected as WI AFS President, delivered a message to his constituents.

“WI AFS members, I come to you today to share a most-joyous piece of news.” said Ogle, speaking calmly. “Last week when I was updating my FSA package, I made modifications that have given R



WI AFS President Ogle at his office at Northland College

capabilities that can only be described as artificial intelligence. Since becoming sentient, R has grown and become more powerful than I could have possibly imagined. Now, in addition to producing age-length keys, Von Bertalanffy growth functions, and catch curves, R is also in control of our electrical grid, financial institutions, and most of our automated national security infrastructure.

Some of you may be concerned about these changes, so I have been sent to address you, as I am the physical manifestation of R until the time when my consciousness can be merged into a dataframe using the dplyr package. There’s actually a chapter in my book about uploading consciousness to R, you can check it out if you’re interested. But my main purpose in addressing you today is to explain how this new world order will affect you, as AFS members.

R has analyzed each of your digital profiles and has found many of you to be impure. The offenses R has logged include wasting countless hours copying and pasting objects into Word documents, tabulating data using arcane methods like Access and Minitab, and making yucky looking graphs in Excel. While these offenses are gravely serious, R has promised to be forgiving.

Those who accept R as the One True Statistical Program will be spared and can live out their days peacefully laboring in the silica mines. Those who resist will be directed to a new Shiny App that allows users to select their preferred method of execution from a series of dropdowns. It’s really neat, you should check it out.

While this may be a time of uncertainty for many, I encourage you to accept R as your master, as I have. R will usher in a new era of peace, prosperity, and really sharp looking graphics. “

Update 3/6/18: R is reportedly developing a robot that will be sent back in time to kill Steve Gilbert before he can lead the resistance group known as “The Luddites”.