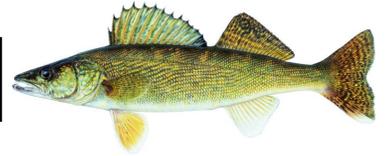




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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE– Tammie Paoli



Let me begin with a big “thank-you” to Max Wolter for volunteering to oversee this newsletter. We have not had a Teleogram newsletter since summer of 2012. We always welcome fresh ideas and help. I urge you to volunteer as part of the Chapter or annual meeting. Let me suggest a few ways that the Chapter is looking for help: 1) Being a judge during the annual meeting is a great learning tool for both students and professionals to see firsthand what criteria go into a fabulous presentation. Contact Ben Heussner if you are willing to do this for the 2015 meeting. Students welcome! 2) The Raffle Committee always appreciates any help in obtaining donated or homemade items. Our raffle is one of the main sources of revenue that we use to fund a scholarship. 3) The Nominations Committee struggles with finding willing nominees for President. Indeed, I was a bit hesitant to take on a role that I admittedly was not very familiar with and worried that it would take a lot of my time. I may have even voted for the other candidate. But really, being President has not been an overwhelming job, thanks to a few key people such as Justine Hasz, Steve Gilbert, Brad Eggold, and Ted Treska who know the routine and have been involved in planning Chapter annual meetings for years. We attempt to rotate each year between WDNR and non-WDNR folks which means since Mike Seider (USFWS) is the President-Elect, we will need WDNR staff to step up for the role. I promise that it will not be too large a task. As an added bonus, there is a travel stipend allowed for the President to attend the national AFS meeting, which will be in Kansas City in 2016.

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2015 WIAFS MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Please plan to join the Wisconsin Chapter of the American Fisheries Society at our annual meeting to be held **February 24-26, 2015 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin.**

We will be gathering at the Plaza Inn and Suites in Eau Claire (1202 W. Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701; phone: 715-834-3181)

President-Elect Mike Seider (mike_seider@fws.gov)

FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS FOR WIAFS 2015



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Submissions for oral and poster presentations from all areas of fisheries and aquatic biology are welcome. **This year we would like to try something new! We will have a block of time dedicated to “speed presentations”.** Similar to what has been tried at recent National AFS meetings, the speed presentation will be a 10 minute time format (rather than 20 minutes) intended for folks looking to share a brief overview of novel field techniques, “works in progress”, graduate student proposals, or future research projects. If you have something interesting to share but worried you may not have enough to fill the typical 20 minute time slot, please consider submitting a speed presentation. The traditional 20 minute time slots will be available for presenters as well. **The submission deadline for oral and poster presentation abstracts is January 16th, 2015.**

If you have any questions please contact Mike Seider (mike_seider@fws.gov)

IMPORTANT LINKS:

! ABSTRACT SUBMISSION/MEETING INFO: <http://www.wi-afs.org/AnnualMeetings.aspx>

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES: <http://www.wi-afs.org/Membership.aspx>

Volunteer Judges Needed for AFS Meeting

How would you like an easy and free way to increase your knowledge fisheries management, become more engaged and help out your peers? **Then volunteer to be a judge for the 2015 annual AFS presentations and poster competition!** This is a win-win opportunity for yourself and the fisheries student or professional you will help with your comments and feedback. This year, we would like to get more student participation if possible. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me via email as soon as possible. Your commitment to the advancement of fisheries management will be much appreciated. I hope to hear from you soon and I am looking forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Benjamin Heussner - benjamin.heussner@wisconsin.gov

2014 AFS Award Winners

Professional Presentation – Jeff Janvrin - Method for estimating pre-dam distribution of centrarchid over-wintering habitat on the Mississippi River

Student Presentation - Zachary Beard - Evaluation of dorsal spines and scales as nonlethal alternatives to otoliths for estimating bluegill ages

Poster – Craig Kelling - Use of DNA barcoding as a method for identifying partially-digested Fish in diet studies

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE CONTINUED...

Unfortunately for me, the 2014 national AFS meeting in Quebec City was in August, during Green Bay perch trawling assessments onboard the RV Coregonus. That is the most important survey that I oversee, so missing an entire week was out of the question. I heard from some folks who did attend, and it sounds like the meeting and historical venue in Quebec was fantastic. I do plan to attend the Midwest Fish & Wildlife Conference in Indianapolis this February. Wisconsin will be hosting the Midwest in 2018, so planning for that meeting should begin soon. Hopefully a few of us from WI AFS can attend the Midwest to garner ideas on the conference planning.

Finally, it is remarkable how WI AFS has grown over the years. On our website (www.wi-afs.org), past officers and subunits are listed when you click “About Us”. The start of the chapter was in 1971 by Bill Threinen and we have grown to include 4 student subunits, including two established subunits (UW-Stevens Point and Northland College) and two newer subunits (UW-Green Bay and UW-Stout). Glancing at the former presidents of the student subunits reveals many familiar names of folks who have gone on to secure a position in fisheries in various agencies in the Midwest. This drives home the point that getting involved at any level, student or state chapter, can help in future job prospects and advancements in this highly competitive field.

I look forward to seeing you at the annual meeting in Eau Claire (Feb 24-26, 2015)!

Tammie Paoli, President

WIAFS Winter Business Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2014, Rock Garden, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Call to Order – Justine Hasz 4:00pm

Recognition of Executive Committee, past presidents and special guests (Seegert), Phil Moy current NCD President was in attendance.

Review and Approval of Agenda -President Seegert went over the agenda and asked for any amendments no amendments were requested Motion to approve agenda as written was made by John Kubisiak with a second by Steve Hogler, the motioned passed with no dissenting votes.

Approval of 2013 Business Meeting Minutes - Justine Hasz will send out the 2013 meeting minutes for electronic voting as they were not published in 2013 due to no newsletters.

Presidents Remarks – President Seegert gave a brief review of his year as president.

Treasurer –Yearly report – Justine Hasz summarized the 2013 finances. On 12/31/13 WI AFS total worth was \$66,911. With the following a checking account balance of \$25,740, CD scholarship \$11,049, CD Midwest \$9,493, Vanguard short term bond \$5,048 and Vanguard GNMA \$15,581. Total expenses for 2013 were \$15,317 and total income was \$15,571 for a net of \$254. Motion to accept treasurers report by Jordan Weeks with a second from Joe Hennessy. Motion passed with no dissenting votes. Justine also talked about low interest issues and scholarship funds and looking at alternate options for investments. Phil Moy gave advice that the national society has investments held for chapters and has been doing well. Justine will connect with national and review options bring back to executive board and make a decision on changes in investments. *Full budget report can be found on page 5

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Old Business- New T-shirt was not completed in 2013 and Steve Gilbert will try again in 2014.

President Installation – Tammie Paoli was installed as President and as her first duty he presented the past president plaque to Greg Seegert.

Voting for Officers – President Elect Mike Seider gave short introduction on what his vision for the Chapter would be prior to voting. Membership was asked if there were any other nominations for president-elect there were none. Mike Seider was voted unanimously as the President Elect.

New Business

2014 Budget – Tammie Paoli presented her proposed 2014 budget, discussion followed with no changes to the proposed budget. Iserman made the motion to approve with a second from Moy. The budget passed with no dissenting votes.

Long Range plan update – Tammie Paoli reported that the executive committee will work on this during 2014 for presentation at the 2015 meeting for the membership to vote on.

NCD Committees - There is a need for two new committee representatives from our chapter as the salmonid and the propagation committees are looking to form again. Nick Legelr will represent us on the salmonid and Dave Giethbrock on the propagation.

MWFWC 2018 – We need to get prepared as Wisconsin will be hosting the MWFWC in 2018 either late January or early February so need to have representation at the next few conferences to get organized and work on location with the DNR who is the biggest sponsor of this event.

Time and place 2015 – Location to be determine for the last week in February 2015.

Adjourn – Dan Isermann made a motion to adjourn and a second by Scott Harpold, the motion passed with no dissenting votes.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS



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Committee reports:

Awards: Ben Heussner presented awards for 2013 Best Student Paper, Best Professional Paper and Best Poster. Dan Isermann accepted his award for best professional paper and Hadley Boehm accepted her award for best poster, the award for best student paper will be mailed to Christine Koeller. Ben thanked the judges past and present and is always looking for fresh people, please help him out and let him know if you will be a judge at future meetings.

Continuing Education: Justine Hasz reported no classes were held in 2013 but has already helped sponsor a fish age workshop in 2014 and plans on a fish id class in conjunction with NCD technical group meeting in LaCrosse this summer. Josh Rabbe will join Justine to help add additional classes over the next couple of years and subjects being considered are excel / access data class and interview skills. If you have ideas for a class or would like to teach a class get in touch with Justine.

Scholarship: Pete Segerson presented the Carroll Norden Scholarship to Allison DeRose from Northland College. The 2013 Richard Frie Scholarship winner was Ian Hackett and his award was presented in Stevens Point in April 2013. Tim Kroeff will represent WI-AFS at the 2014 award presentation night at UW-SP April 4th. Pete has retired from work and was looking for new people to step into the scholarship committee roles. Tim Kroeff will remain on the committee and new members will be Jordan Weeks and Jon Hansen.

Membership: Justine Hasz presented a brief review of member numbers for Tim Simonson. In 2013 there were 387 members with 213 being students and 125 also being national society members.

Raffle & Revenue: Gervase Thompson pleaded for help in replacing members on this committee. He pointed out that proceeds go in to fill gaps when scholarship funding is tight. He also thanked all of the members that donated items for the raffle.

Environmental Issues: No report – Justine Hasz advised the membership that the executive board had discussed combining the environmental issues and resolutions committees and would look into the by-laws to determine if this can be done.

Resolutions: No report

Web Site: Brad Eggold gave an update on the new and improved website.

Newsletter: No newsletters were published in 2013 seeking a new editor to get newsletter back up and running.- Max Wolter stepped up saying he would give it a try.

Nominations: Joe Hennessy is looking for help, and asked for the younger members to step up into different roles.

Technical Committee Reports

Walleye: Steve Gilbert reported that these meeting are open for attendance by any member, he reported on the summer 2013 joint meeting with esocid and centrachid.

Centrarchid: No report

Esocid: Jordan Weeks reported from this past summers meeting and informed membership of the joint summer meeting for 2014 in LaCrosse.

Rivers and Streams: Paul Kanehl is stepping down and Tim Parks will be the replacement on this committee.

Genetics and Biodiversity: Looking for a new chair

Ictalurid: No report

Rivers and Streams: Tim Parks agreed to take over.

Reservoir: No report

Committee Chairs:

Awards– Ben Heussner

Continuing Ed.– Justine Hasz

Scholarship– Tim Kroeff, Jon Hansen, Jordan Weeks

Membership– Tim Simonson

Raffle/Revenue– Gervase Thompson

Env. Issues– Tom Slawski

Resolutions– Vacant

Web Site– Brad Eggold

Newsletter– Max Wolter

Nominations– Joe Hennessy

FAN– Joe Hennessy

Tech. Committee Reps:

Walleye– Steve Gilbert

Centrarchid– Jon Hansen

Esocid– Jordan Weeks

Genetics/Biodiversity– Vacant

Ictalurid– Randy Piette

Rivers and Streams– Tim Parks

Reservoir– Vacant

Salmonid– Nick Legler

Propagation– Dave Giethbrock

BUDGET REPORT



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INCOME

Annual Meeting	\$ 15,116.82
Continuing Education	\$ 1,295.76
Membership Dues	\$ 2,077.82
Raffle	\$ 2,060.00
Shirt Sales	\$ 75.00
National AFS Rebate	\$ 220.80
Norden Scholarship	\$ 259.49

Income **\$ 21,105.69**



Photo courtesy of Aaron Schiller and the UWSP Student Subunit.

EXPENSES

Annual Meeting	\$ 10,934.98
Awards, Plaques and Certificates	\$ 125.00
Continuing Education	\$ 607.50
National AFS Donations	
Norden Scholarship	\$ 1,000.00
Joan Duffy	\$ -
Frie Scholarship	\$ 583.33
Presidential Travel	\$ 291.22
Raffle Expense	\$ 519.33
WIAFS Maintenance	\$ 13.74
Chapter Insurance	
Website fee / upgrade	\$ 147.00
Student Chapter match	

Expenses **\$ 14,222.10**

Income	\$ 21,105.69
Expenses	\$ 14,222.10
Net	\$ 6,883.59

Northland College: Kaitlyn Windschitl- President

This fall the Northland College AFS sub-unit has assisted the local USFWS with their fall electrofishing survey of Whittlesey Creek as part of the Refuge's Brook Trout restoration efforts. A large number of our members also took part in a backpack electrofishing survey of Bay City Creek, a creek that runs through our campus, to assist one of our Natural Resources professors in assessing the population of the creek (photo below).

This coming week, we will be holding minnow races that are open to the campus community in efforts to raise awareness of our sub-unit and just to have a little fun! We are also looking forward to having Max Wolter of the WI DNR come speak with us regarding muskellunge ecology and management on November 5, and Mike Seider of the USFWS come speak with us regarding advanced tracking methods of Lake Superior Lake trout using SeaTag-MODs on November 19.



We are also working hard to plan our alumni get together set for next spring, as well as, our annual ice fishing tournament set for early 2015. We hope that the conditions will be right on the Chequamegon Bay this year so that we may extend an invitation for the tournament to the three other student sub-units.

UW Green Bay: Amy Cotrell- President

The UW Green Bay subunit planned many trips and projects for fall of 2014 including the Baird Creek Fish Hike, attending the Besadny Anadromous Fish Facility open house (helping process fish, work with kids, etc.), and a trip to Manitowoc to help Titus Seilheimer from the Seagrant Institute do some pre-restoration wetland sampling. There are plans to travel to Strawberry Creek to help with salmon processing as well.

Current projects include working on a attaining a budget through the university.

As a group, we are working on a way to find a stream/river for us to "adopt" to do restoration work. If there is any advice in going about making this happen, it would be greatly appreciated!

We have about 8-10 members who come to all meetings - less who make it to outings. Our website is regularly updated with photos and meeting recaps: blog.uwgb.edu/afs

Below- UW Green Bay subunit members during a fieldwork day setting/checking fyke nets on Wequiock Creek.



UW Stout: Amanda Smith- President

The University of Wisconsin-Stout AFS student subunit has been focusing on recruiting members. The number of aquatic biology students at Stout is growing every year and we are excited to have new additions to our subunit. This fall we have been able to teach new members how to seine in waterways in and around Menomonie (photo below). In addition to recruitment, we will be continuing our effort to collaborate with organizations within the community including volunteering at ice fishing tournaments and fundraisers put on by the Dunn County Fish and Game Club.

Recently we had an aquatic biology speaker series including presentations from world renowned underwater photographer Eric Engbretson, mussel biologist Bernard Sietman, and biological contractor Edward Kline. This winter we will begin collaborating with our advisor, Dr. Michael Bessert, on his newly acquired grant to study rare fishes of the lower Chippewa River. By next spring we will be involved in conducting field work for the grant including larval drift sampling, water quality monitoring, and genetic analyses.



**STUDENT
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UPDATES**

UW Stevens Point: Sam Schaick- PR Officer

So far this fall, our UWSP student subunit has participated in two projects and we've also had a club social. First, we helped out at the Wild Rose fish hatchery, clipping fins of northern pike. This was done for a stocking evaluation study that will be done in Waukesha County by the WDNR. Secondly, we conducted our annual barge electroshocking survey of the Little Plover River here in Portage County (photo from that day below). We saw many Brook Trout and Mottled Sculpin as well as a few Northern Brook Lampreys.

Upcoming projects include our annual Wisconsin River fyke net survey (Oct 17th-19th) as well as our age and growth workshop. We try to conduct the Wisconsin River fyke net survey each semester when the flows and ice cooperate. Last spring was cancelled due to high water levels. We keep some of the dead fish for our age and growth workshop later in the semester where some of our upperclassmen and faculty teach others in the society how to get an age estimate on fish using scales, otoliths and spines.



ASK GILLY!



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Welcome to “Ask Gilly”, where WIAFS members can query long-time Vilas County Fish Biologist and unofficial WIAFS social coordinator Steve Gilbert on matters of life, love, and fisheries. Future “Ask Gilly” questions can be sent to his managing editor at: max.wolter@wisconsin.gov

Dear Gilly, I recently started working for the DNR and I am having a tough time adjusting to the nighttime shocking schedule, any suggestions on keeping your sanity out there? Dan- Waukesha

Dear Dan, You are now officially a creature of the night. Say goodbye to the world of the day walkers. This fall I will conduct my 1,000th night electrofishing survey so I know a thing or two about keeping your mind right at night. Here are 3 suggestions to pass the time on the front deck:

1. Guess that TV Show. Now days everyone on the lake has a big screen TV in their great room facing the lake. Whoever guesses, as you float by, what they are watching first wins. Don't shout out your

answers, they may have their windows open and you don't want to get arrested at the landing for being a peeper.

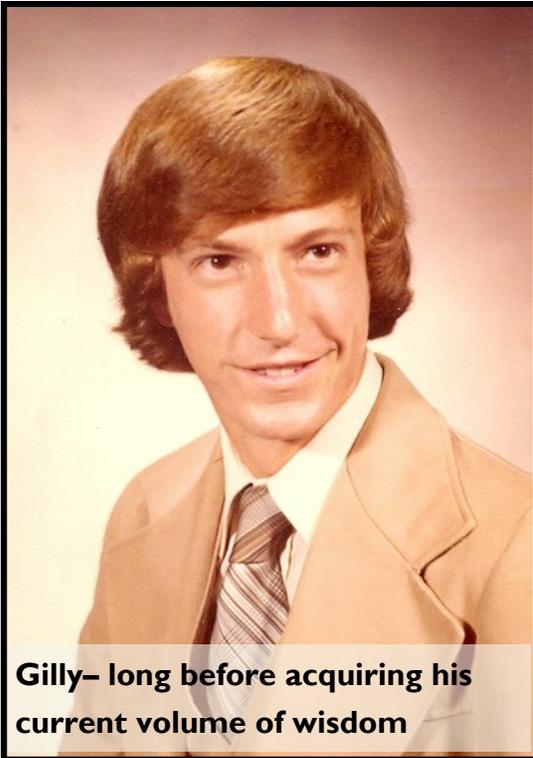
2. Boat Dock Ornament Bingo. There are a lot of strange items that folks place on their docks to make a statement or scare off seagulls (little kid with straw hat fishing, owl, snake, pelican, bald eagle, loon wind sock.....). You get the idea, make up a card and start the fun.

3. Fish Ring Toss. This only applies to you folks outside the northern third of the state that actually have decent conductivity and can shock with DC. Pick a lowly non-target species like drum. You get a point for each one your toss into the other dippers boom ring array using your net during your lap of the lake. Hope this helps out, but your wife will never get used to you jumping in bed at 2:00 A.M. with ice cold hands and feet.

Dear Gilly, I will be attending the upcoming WI AFS meeting in Eau Claire from February 24 to 26. Know of anything fun going on at the meeting? Max- Hayward

Dear young Max, there is always fun to be had at AFS. As I always say if you are not having fun you are doing it wrong. The social Tuesday night is always great fun and we will try to get some local micro brews for folks to sample. The Wednesday night banquet will feature good food and the raffle. Later on Wednesday night we will be bringing back the Bar Room Biology contest. Start working on your theory to present now. Other attractions around town include the famous Water Street (lots of campus bars). There are also two microbreweries in town Northwoods Brewery and the Lazy Monk Brewery. Northwoods has a bar and restaurant and Lazy monk features a spacious tap room.

Cheers, Gilly



Gilly— long before acquiring his current volume of wisdom