



American Fisheries Society - Wisconsin Chapter

WIAFS 2023 Annual Business Meeting Agenda

Holiday Inn Convention Center

Stevens Point, WI

Wednesday, February 1, 2023 4:30 PM

1. Recognition of Executive Committee, past presidents, and special guests (Rayford)
2. Establishment of a quorum (Rayford/Heussner) (50 members) – Over 50 members
3. Call to order (Rayford)
4. Distribution and approval of 2022 meeting minutes (distributed prior to meeting) – Approved at 4:38PM
5. Old Business
 - Speed talk naming presentation (Greg Sass, John Lyons via Zoom) - “John Lyons Best Speed Talk”
 - i. Speed Talk Winner announcement – Lisa Izzo
 - NCD Representative (via Zoom) – Updates: Grand Rapids, MI AFS for 2023; March 6th registration opens for posters. NCD Swag Store is open on website; Chapters can use the store as needed; NCD doesn't take a share of the Chapter profit. Drew Holloway is the best contact. AFS is active on policy – America Rivers Recovery Act didn't get passed. Governing board approved a resolution the dams out West. Summit of editors to make sure we're maximizing journals for use. Become an AFS member to support the National Level and goes back to chapters.
 - Dean Sloss (College of Natural Resources UW-Stevens Point)
 - Midwest account (Bergman)
6. Officer and Committee Reports – short and sweet
 - Awards (Schuman)
 - i. Presentation and Poster winners will be announced at Lunch Thursday
 - ii. Is there anyone interested in joining this committee as a deputy?
 - Continuing Education (Mrnak)
 - i. No report
 - Membership (Rieth)
 - i. 2022 – 284 members (190 professionals and 90 students)
 - Newsletter and Communication (Schmidt)
 - i. No update. – Take photos
 - ii. Will not be present. Send questions to Laura if you have any.
 - iii. Reminder to take photos of award recipients on Thursday
 - Raffle and Revenue (Gerbyshak) – Thanks for everyone, ran out of buckets. Take help for next year. Another ask two months prior to raffle.
 - Resolutions / Environmental Issues (Seilheimer)
 - i. Will not be present. Send questions to Titus if you have any.
 - Scholarship (Paoli) – Committee members; plug for 2024
 - i. Carroll Norden Scholarship, \$1000 – Zachary Locklear (UW-Green Bay)

- ii. Tim Kroeff Scholarship, \$1000 – Kayla Reed (UW-Stevens Point)
 - iii. Joan Duffy student travel award, \$200 – Kayla Reed (UW-Stevens Point)
 - iv. Richard Frie Scholarship, WI AFS & UWSP, - Matthew Bartz (UW-Stevens Point)
- Student Affairs (Shaw) – Nothing additional from the presentation today.
 - i. Need new Committee Chair
 - ii. 5 subunits, not all presidents known
 1. UW-SP (President: Kayla Reed)
 2. UW-GB (President: Cayla Cavey)
 3. UW-Madison (President: vacant)
 4. UW-Stout (President: unsure, Michael Besser is Advisor)
 5. Northland (President: unsure)
 - iii. UW-SP was awarded \$1000 for field gear. Will work on a better application process through the website this coming year. (New Business)
- Website (Eggold) – Keep your email current. Job announcements for students. Registrations for next year.
 - i. No way to get new members automatically on our google groups
- NCD Committees
 - i. Urban and Community Fisheries (Rayford)
 1. New official committee that's been in the process of being established since 2020. Still working on web page.
 2. Need to nominate a representative (New Business)
 - ii. Walleye (Eslinger)
 1. Symposium Publications – Timelag on printing of publication, available online. Will be printed in near future. Thanks to authors. WI AFS contributed \$3000
 2. Joint summer meeting this summer in WI
 - iii. Reservoirs (Nye)
 1. No update, email Nate directly if you have questions
 2. Virtual February or March – any interesting projects on reservoirs to Nate to report.
 - iv. Esocid (Weeks)
 1. Annual Travel Scholarship available, always looking for applicants
 2. Meeting at mid-west; get more involved contact Jordan, next chair in MN, travel scholarships to major meetings. \$250 minimum scholarship. Musky Alliance Chapters donated the funds.
 - v. Centrarchids (Feiner)
 1. Potentially having a travel award in the future
 - vi. Ictalurid (Sims)
 1. No report
 2. Brian Brecka will be representative coming out
 3. Grant of \$800 for catfish research grant in March.
 - vii. Rivers and Streams (Parks)
 1. No report
 2. April 1st is the next meeting. Moline, IL
- Photo Fishing Contest (Wambach)

- i. Winners/Awards for Member Evan and Tony ,/Member Kids Gavin Wolter
 - ii. Potentially changing the point allocations to make more competitive (unglamorous fish) – 2 more points. look at website
 - iii. Looking to hand off running this contest at the next annual meeting. Anyone interested?
7. President Installation –Rayford/Raabe Gilly and Justine walked Josh down the floor. – Students and focus on the positive things going on.
8. New Business – Election of new officers – discussion and questions (Raabe)
 - President Elect nomination committee (Heussner) / nominations from the floor
 - i. Stephanie Shaw Motion – 1st motion Brandon, Jeff 2nd. All approved.
 - ii. Nominations from the floor? None.
 1. Unopposed – Motion
 2. Someone else – vote
 3. Motion / second, aye/nay?
 - NCD Urban and Community Fisheries nomination (Raabe)/nominations from the floor
 - i. Laura Schmidt – Approved.
 - NCD Percid Travel Award fund matching
 - i. \$300 annually if WI AFS member receives award from NCD
 - ii. Vote to add to budget
 - Proposed budget and approval
 - i. Questions on budget
 - ii. Move to approve? Second? Brad, Ben.
 - Looking to fill a few chairs by the next meeting:
 - i. Awards
 - ii. Photo Fishing Contest
 - iii. Do not need to vote, just need to be instated
 - Student Affairs Committee Nomination
 - i. Look for nominations from the floor
 - Student Subunit Fund Request
 - i. Now more than 4 subunits, continue with 4-year cycle or adjust?
 - ii. Discussion on improvements to application submission, approval from Chapter, and creating a deadline for applications.
 - Online Apparel Store (Heussner)
 - Annual Meeting Arrangement discussion (New president elect/Raabe)
9. Treasurer's Report (Bergman)
10. Adjournment 5:40PM

Expense Budget Review - 2022-23						
			<u>Budgeted 2022</u>	<u>2022 Actual</u>	<u>2023 Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Comments for 2023 Proposed Budget</u>
	Expense					
State MTG	Chapter Meeting	\$ (4,736)	\$ 12,500	\$ 17,236	\$ 12,500	
	Raffle expenses - State Meeting	\$ 185	\$ 650	\$ 465	\$ 650	
Awards, Donations	Hutton Program (AFS)	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	
	Skinner Memorial (AFS)	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
	EOS (AFS)	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500	\$ 500	
	Student Subunit Fundraising Match	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ -	\$ 1,250	
	Norden Student Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
	Tim Kroeff Scholarship	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
	Duffy Award	\$ -	\$ 200	\$ 200	\$ 200	
	Awards, Plaques, Best Papers	\$ 199	\$ 400	\$ 201	\$ 400	
	Frie Scholarship Funding	\$ 19	\$ 500	\$ 481	\$ 500	
	Fenske Scholarship	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
	Members Fishing Contest	\$ 70	\$ 100	\$ 30	\$ 100	
	Student Subunit AFS membership	\$ 220	\$ 250	\$ 30	\$ 250	
Miscellaneous Fees	President travel	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,000	\$ 300	\$ 2,000	
	Fisheries Bootcamp	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	
	Continuing education	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	
	T-Shirts	\$ (341)	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,341	\$ 1,000	
	Equipment Purchase for Subunits	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
	National Chapter Insurance	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ -	\$ 150	
	Web Fees	\$ 170	\$ 600	\$ 430	\$ 600	
	PO Box	\$ (46)	\$ 120	\$ 166	\$ 120	
	Discretionary	\$ (8)	\$ 150	\$ 158	\$ 150	
	Vimeo	\$ 4	\$ 100	\$ 96	\$ 100	
	Executive Committee AFS Membership	\$ 320	\$ 320	\$ -	\$ 320	
One-Time Expenses	\$ -					
		\$ 2,155				
	EXPENSE TOTAL		\$ 29,290	\$ 27,135		
				2022 Actual	2022	
	Income					
	Annual Meeting registration			\$ 22,960	\$ 15,000	
	Membership dues & AFS Mem. Rebates			\$ 2,242	\$ 1,500	
	Continuing education			\$ -	\$ -	
	T-shirt sales	\$ 685		\$ 2,026	\$ -	
	State Meeting Raffle Income			\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500	
	Meeting Bags Tournament			\$ 230	\$ -	
	National AFS Investment Interest			\$ 143	\$ 100	
	GNMA Investment Interest			\$ 307	\$ 450	
	Tim Kroeff Scholarship Fund			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	
	INCOME TOTAL			\$ 31,908	\$ 19,550	
	INVESTMENTS		2018	2019	2020	2021
	VanGuard (Parent Society)		\$ 28,299.34	\$ 32,337.00	\$35,006.00	\$37,938.44
	GNMA		\$ 15,640.98	\$ 15,805.47	\$ 16,059.67	\$ 15,895.16
	INVESTMENTS TOTAL		\$ 43,940.32	\$ 48,142.47	\$ 51,065.67	\$ 53,833.60
	Main Account Balance			\$ 2,604.78		
	PayPal Account Balance					
	Midwest Account Balance			\$ 23,056.59		
	Total Worth			\$73,450.87		