

Southern Division American Fisheries Society
Spring EXCOM Meeting
January 14, 2011
Tampa, Florida

President Janssen called the EXCOM to order at 10:10. President Janssen called roll and the following proxies were identified: Arkansas (Lochmann), Louisiana (Kaintz), Oklahoma (Gilliland), South Carolina (Osier), Texas (Bonds), Tidewater (Machut), and Aquaculture Technical (Kittel). Secretary-Treasurer Coughlan announced that there was a quorum. SDAFS Past Presidents Boxrucker, Connor, Filipek, and Heitman were recognized.

President Janssen then discussed his activities as SDAFS President. Fred attended many AFS Governing Board Meetings where he was proud to serve as the SD's representative. The Alligator Gar Technical Committee was elevated to the status of a full technical committee and its procedures were approved by EXCOM. An ad hoc Science and Data Committee that was spawned at the Asheville Meeting did not bear fruit in 2010 but Fred will continue to pursue this in the future. Fred made a presentation on the History of Fisheries Management at the Student Symposium held at the Pittsburgh AFS Meeting and noted that it was enjoyed by more professionals than students. In an effort to communicate with the membership and understand their views, Fred has made numerous blog posts (300) and tweets (150) and will make the division's copy of Survey Monkey available to the chapters and technical committees. The Southern Division was able to send Jessica Thompson to the national meeting as a Governing Board mentee.

SDAFS Officer Reports were then requested. The President-elect, Vice-President, and Immediate Past President reports stood as written. Vice-President Lochmann additionally noted that he attended the Alligator Gar Technical Committee Meeting in Thibodaux and that their procedures were approved by EXCOM. He also led a discussion about a possible Puerto Rico or Caribbean AFS Chapter.

Secretary-Treasurer Coughlan's reports were handled individually. Minutes from the Spring 2010 EXCOM Meeting in Asheville, NC, were published in the June 2010 SDAFS Newsletter. One comment was received and rectified. An updated copy of the EXCOM minutes that duly noted the generous donations of the MS AFS and MS Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks now appears in the Briefing Book. Hearing no additional questions or revisions, the 2010 EXCOM minutes were then approved.

The 2010 SDAFS budget was discussed. The Division started 2010 with \$7,138 and an additional \$4,000 in our strategic reserve fund. Major income sources were received from the Spring Meeting in Asheville (\$9,498), Mississippi AFS and WF&P donations (\$2,125), and the AFS dues rebate (\$7,934). Typical operating expenses were incurred during the year and briefly discussed. Donations to other AFS entities totaled \$2,000 and were made to Catfish 2010, the AFS-EOS, SDAFS Membership Challenge, Mexico AFS Chapter, and MSU (AFS-TWS Symposium). The Student Affairs Committee was

provided \$5,500 for student lodging at SDAFS and SEAFWA Meetings. Two thousand dollars were added to the SD Strategic Reserve Fund (for an EOY total of \$6,000) and the SD ended the year with \$10,352 in cash. An audit of the 2010 financial information was not completed in time for this meeting, but will be done. A motion to pass the 2010 Budget was made by Boxrucker and seconded by Lochmann. The budget was unanimously approved.

The Proposed 2011 SDAFS Budget was discussed. The financial concerns prior to 2010 have diminished slightly as we start the year in good shape and expect a modest return from the Tampa Meeting. Projected income in 2011 is \$29,553 and expenses are projected at \$24,780 (and include the maintenance of \$6,000 in our reserve expenditure fund) for an end of year balance of \$4,773. After no further discussion, a motion was entertained to pass the 2011 Proposed Budget (made by Lochmann, seconded by Oliver). The proposed 2011 budget was accepted by vote.

A resolution of thanks to the Florida Chapter for hosting the SDAFS Spring Meeting was approved.

Chapter Reports

Arkansas – Report stands as written. They also had joint meeting with the Oklahoma Chapter and hosted the Student Colloquium.

Auburn University - No report; not represented.

Florida - Not present; report stands as written.

Georgia - Not present; report stands as written.

University of Georgia Student Subunit - Not present; report stands as written.

Kentucky - Not present; report stands as written.

Louisiana – No report but one will be submitted.

Mississippi - Report stands as written. They will host the 2012 SDAFS Spring Meeting. There are new student subunits at MSU and Southern Miss.

North Carolina - Not present; report stands as written.

NCSU Student Subunit - Not present; report stands as written.

Oklahoma - Report stands as written.

South Carolina - Report stands as written. They had a successful annual meeting at Fort Johnson in 2010 and also conducted a workshop on the Biology and Conservation of Freshwater Mussels.

Tennessee – Not present; report stands as written.

Texas - Report stands as written.

Tidewater – present but no report submitted,

E. Carolina Student Subunit - No report; not represented.

University of Maryland Eastern Shore Student Subunit - No report; not represented.

Virginia - Not present; report stands as written.

Virginia Tech – Not present; report stands as written.

West Virginia - Not present; report stands as written.

Committee Reports

Audit Committee - The report was incomplete due to the early timing of this meeting relative to the close of 2010. The audit report will be submitted when all financial information is in hand and thoroughly reviewed.

Awards Committee - Report stands as written. Awards will be distributed at the Annual Business Meeting later this afternoon.

Ballot Committee – Report stands as written.

Membership Committee - Report stands as written.

Nominating Committee - Report stands as written.

Resolutions Committee - Report stands as written.

Student Affairs Committee – Report stands as written. Thirty students were provided rooms at the 2010 Asheville Meeting and 38 were provided rooms in Tampa. A new symposium has been instituted at the Spring Meeting to fairly and uniformly judge student presentations - 42 submitted abstracts were narrowed down to 10 presenters. The winning students will be recognized later today at the Annual Business Meeting.

Technical Committees - Reports for the Alligator Gar, Aquaculture, Catfish Management, Reservoir, Small Impoundments, Striped Bass, Trout, and Warmwater Streams committees stood as written in the Briefing Book. The Aquaculture Committee (Kittel) noted that Homeland Security is concerned about large quantities of hatchery chemicals. The Small Impoundments Committee (Patrick) noted that their textbook is close to completion. The Striped Bass Committee has travel concerns and inquired about the availability of webcasting software other than Skype.

Newsletter Editor - No report; not represented.

SEAFWA Proceedings, Fisheries Editor – No report.

SEAFWA Directors Liaison – No report.

Webmaster Report – No report.

Unfinished Business

Ad hoc Podcasting Committee - Greg Summers noted that 104 presentations were recorded as podcasts at the 2010 Asheville Meeting. He has coordinated with the Florida Chapter and they are prepared to record presentations here in Tampa. President Janssen noted that SD podcasting is the envy of everyone at the AFS Governing Board Meetings.

Ad hoc Archiving Committee – Greg Summers (for Boxrucker and Van Den Avyle) noted that they have approximately 5,000 documents to image. This could be somewhat expensive and the cheapest cost Greg has found (~ \$500) might be from the OK Department of Corrections. Greg noted that this might be worth considering for inclusion in the 2012 budget and some discussion followed.

New Business

President Janssen then introduced AFS President Wayne Hubert. Wayne invited everyone to please introduce themselves to him during the meeting. He also briefly discussed AFS concerns which include archiving, virtual meeting attendance, and monthly management committee calls. Wayne fondly recalled how his first AFS meeting made him a member for life.

Other Business

Following no further discussion items, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made (Lochmann) and seconded (Gilliland) and, hearing unanimous support, President Janssen adjourned the EXCOM meeting at 12:04.