

Southern Division AFS Business Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2011
Tampa, Florida

The 2011 SDAFS Business Meeting was called to order at 1710 hrs by President Fred Janssen. It was determined that there was a quorum present. President Janssen recognized the current SDAFS officers; Steve Lochmann, President-Elect; Brian Murphy, Vice President; Cecil Jennings, Past President; and Dave Coughlan, Secretary-Treasurer. President Janssen then introduced SDAFS Past Presidents: Jeff Boxrucker, Larry Connor, John F. Dequine, Steve Filipek, Fred Heitman, Steve McMullin, Michael J. Van Den Avyle. President Janssen introduced AFS President Wayne Hubert.

AFS President Hubert's Remarks: Wayne noted the SDAFS meeting in 1972 (Hot Springs, AR) was his first AFS meeting and at that point he became a Lifetime Member of the AFS. He reminded everybody of the AFS mission of Conservations, Science and Professional Development and noted that the majority of work accomplished by the AFS is volunteer effort. During his tenure he has been working on the revised AFS Strategic Plan for 2010 to 2015, which is available on the AFS website. Three major goals are leadership, education, and value. The AFS meeting will be held in Seattle, WA and focused on New Frontiers in Fisheries Management. A new contract has been awarded to Taylor and Francis for the AFS journals which will feature a new format and look, but include the same content and review process. The contract will also include publishing 12 to 15 books per year. AFS membership is growing with the inclusion of students and young professionals. The Coalition of Natural Resource Societies is working with universities to maintain fisheries programs and education. The AFS leadership is also looking into improving the Certification Program and Continuing Education Program.

President Janssen's Address: Fred thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve. His goals as president were to continue with President Jennings initiative to get the website up to speed. It had been the same for 15 years. Fred began posting news on a Blog linked to a Twitter account. The SDAFS acquired a license for Survey Monkey for conducting officer elections online. This capability will also be available to Southern Division Chapters and Units. Other accomplishments include the approval of the Ad Hoc Alligator Gar Committee as a full Technical Committee. He tried to move develop a Science and Data Ad Hoc Committee, which he will continue to work on this year as Past President. Fred also worked to support the membership impacted by the floods in Tennessee and the Deep Water Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. He worked with Past President Jackson on response and Task Force at the AFS meeting in Pittsburg. Finally, President Janssen recognized Fred Harris who was awarded the Meritorious Service award at the AFS meeting in Pittsburg.

Secretary-Treasurer Coughlan's Report: Minutes from the 2010 Asheville Business Meeting were published in the August 2010 SDAFS Newsletter and in the Briefing Book. Hearing no call for revision, President Janssen asked for a motion to approve. A motion was made (Connor) and seconded (Heitman) and the 2010 Business Meeting minutes were approved.

President-Elect Lochmann's Chapter Activity Report: Reports from the various state chapters and their student subunits, as compiled in the EXCOM Briefing Book, were summarized.

Vice President Murphy's Technical Committee Report: The SDAFS Technical Committees had an active 2010. The Catfish Management Committee, in combination with the North Central Division had a successful Second International Catfish Symposium June in St. Louis with more than 100 presentations. The Striped Bass committee is working on the publication of the 2009 Striped Bass Symposium. The Small Impoundment Committee is working on publication of a book on small impoundment management. The Warmwater Streams Committee published a video about stream conservation aimed at middle and high school classes and the general public. The Trout Committee supported the publication of a technical article in The North American Journal of Fisheries Management on multi-pass depletion sampling.

Ballot Committee Report: President Janssen summarized the report from the Ballot Committee. Survey Monkey was used for the officer election for the first time in 2010 and was very successful with 423 votes cast, exceeded that in 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Presentation of Awards: President-Elect Lochmann announced the following SDAFS Awards while President Janssen congratulated recipients and presented awards:

The SDAFS Outstanding Achievement Award went to Dr. Hal Schramm of the Mississippi Coop Unit at Mississippi State University for his long career of substantial and meaningful contributions to fisheries management and ecology, education, and public outreach. Wes Neal accepted the award in Hal's absence.

The 2009 SEAFWA Jack Dequine Best Paper Award went to Eric Nagid (Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission) and Will Strong, Travis Tuten, and Richard Kiltie. The second place award went to Michael Benarski (University of Georgia) and Jeffrey Hendricks, David Higginbotham, and Douglas Peterson. Jack Dequine presented the award.

The Outstanding Student Subunit Award went to North Carolina State University under Advisor, Jim Rice.

The best student paper award from the 2010 SDAFS Spring Meeting in Asheville went to Matthew Wegener of Mississippi State University and, tied for second place, were Eric Merriam of West Virginia University and Daniel Weaver of North Carolina State University. There was a tie for best student poster from the 2010 SDAFS Spring Meeting, with the awards going to Tyler Stubbs of Mississippi State University and Paul Tobler of the University of North Carolina at Asheville.

There was no SDAFS Membership Challenge winner selected in 2010; the North Carolina Chapter will retain the plaque until next year's meeting.

The Jimmie Pigg Memorial Outstanding Student Achievement Award was presented by Eric Cummins of the Warmwater Streams Committee to Elissa Buttermore (North Carolina State University).

Two Robert M. Jenkins Scholarships were presented by Kurt Kuklinski of the Reservoir Committee to Jonah Dagal (Mississippi State Univ.) and Ryan Lothrop (Auburn University).

Resolution of Appreciation and Thanks: President Janssen presented a resolution of appreciation and thanks by acclamation to the Florida Chapter. Specifically, he recognized Eric

Nagid, General Meeting Chair; Dave Kerstetter, Program Chair; Kerry Flaherty, Local Arrangements Chair; and Wes Porak, Fund Raising Chair, for their efforts to graciously host an entertaining and well-planned 2011 Spring Meeting.

Old Business:

Installation of 2011 Officers: Newly installed officers include Elizabeth Osier Moats who will replace David Coughlan as Secretary-Treasurer; Mike Allen as Vice President; Brian Murphy as President-Elect; and Steve Lochmann as President. All were escorted to the head of the room. Fred Janssen presented the Presidential gavel to Steve Lochmann.

Newly Installed President Lochmann's Remarks: Steve thanked Fred Janssen for his guidance during the past year and awarded him a Past President's plaque and a case of beer. President Lochmann then presented outgoing Secretary-Treasurer Coughlan with a plaque for his two terms of service. As President, Steve hopes to focus on two things that make the AFS strong, which are science and management. Speaking to students, he encourages them to focus on the scientific method and experimental design. Faculty members need to work with students to produce sound science. He reminds management biologists to use science in management and conservation decisions. Strength lies in the knowledge base we create. Steve encouraged everyone to get involved in Chapter committees and the many technical and standing committees available through the SDAFS. .

New Business: A motion to adjourn was made (Gilland) and seconded (Taylor) and the meeting concluded at 1830 hrs.