

Resolutions Committee

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The Resolutions Committee, which may be comprised of five (5) members, drafts and recommends to the Division for consideration at its Annual Division Meeting such resolutions considered prudent and necessary in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Division. The Resolutions Committee Chair, appointed by the President, may serve as the Division Representative to the AFS Resource Policy Committee. The outgoing (or reappointed) Chair shall be responsible for ensuring appropriate and prompt distribution of resolutions following their adoption by the Division. In order to fulfill its duties, the Resolutions Committee should review Section VII (a) and Standing Rules of the Division Bylaws (Appendix I). The Chair should also review the Society Procedural Manual (http://www.fisheries.org/html/About_AFS/ProcedureManual.pdf) guidelines pertaining to the Society Resolutions Committee.

- 1) Chair may serve as a member of the AFS Resource Policy Committee.
- 2) There are two type of resolutions:
 - 2a) Internal Resolutions ---are those that concern the Division itself (e.g. the annual resolution of appreciation to the host chapter for the SDAFS Spring Meeting.) Internal resolutions are eligible for consideration up to and at the SDAFS Annual Business Meeting.
 - 2b) External or General Resolutions—are those that place the views of the Division on record on matters of broad concern. Such resolutions must be submitted for the review, publication, notification, and approval process listed below before they are eligible for presentation to the membership for a vote at the SDAFS Annual Business Meeting or through electronic voting.
- 3) Following appointment of the Committee by the Division President, Chair places a call for resolutions in the summer Division Newsletter. Chair issues a call for resolutions to Division leadership, Committee Chairs, and Chapter presidents via e-mail concurrent with publication in newsletter. In order for resolutions to receive proper review, proposed External or General Resolutions must be received by the Resolutions Committee no later than October 1 for consideration at the next SDAFS Annual Business meeting. (Refer to the SDAFS Bylaws Section 10 Standing Rule #2 – Resolutions)
- 4) The Resolutions Committee or Chair may write external or general resolutions with the approval of the SDAFS Executive Committee. General or external resolutions are those that place the views of the Division on record on matters of broad concern.
- 5) Chair will keep the SDAFS Executive Committee fully informed on the status of

any general or external resolution.

- 6) Chair circulates proposed resolutions to Committee to:
 - 6a) Determine if the proposed resolution is prudent and necessary in the furtherance of the purposes and objectives of the Division.
 - 6b) Offer editorial suggestions.
- 7) Chair incorporates editorial suggestions of proposed resolutions which the Committee has determined to be "prudent and necessary".
- 8) Suggested Committee changes that substantively alter the nature of the original proposed resolution should be approved by the author of the resolution.
- 9) Chair sends approved and edited proposed External or General Resolutions to the Newsletter Editor for publication in the Summer or Winter Newsletters and to the webmaster for posting on the Division website. Comments on resolutions published in the Summer Newsletter are due by September 1. Comments on resolutions published in the Winter Newsletter are due by January 15. **(Note:** In order to be eligible for consideration at the Annual Business Meeting, External or General resolutions, those that place the views of the Division on record on matters of broad concern, must be printed in the Division Newsletter before the Annual Meeting). (Refer to the SDAFS Bylaws Section 10 Standing Rule #2 – Resolutions)
- 10) Chair presents the proposed resolutions and comments received to the SDAFS Executive Committee at their meeting preceding the Annual Business Meeting. The SDAFS Executive Committee votes on whether or not to submit the resolution(s) for a vote by the membership at the Annual Division Business meeting.
- 11) Chair is responsible for copying, distributing, presenting and reading of the proposed resolutions at the Annual Division Business Meeting.
- 12) Chair entertains motion for adoption of resolutions at the Annual Division Business Meeting.
- 11) Division President manages any floor, debate and the voting.
- 13) If the membership votes to adopt an External or General resolution, chair entertains motion from the membership at the Annual Division Business meeting on whether they want to send the resolution to the AFS Resource Policy Committee for consideration.
- 14) Chair sends adopted External or General resolutions to the AFS Resource Policy Committee if so directed by a membership vote at the Annual Division Business

meeting.

- 15) Chair sends adopted resolutions to Division webmaster for posting on the Resolutions Committee section of the Division website.
- 16) Chair is responsible for writing the annual internal resolution –the Resolution of Appreciation to the Host --- to recognize those members who planned the SDAFS Spring Meeting. This resolution should include the number of technical committee meetings, the number and names of workshops and symposia, the number of papers and posters presented. The text of this resolution is sent to the SDAFS Awards Chairman who prints it on the AFS Certificates of Appreciation. The host chapter, the General Meeting Chairman and Cochairman(s), the Program Chairman and Cochairman(s) are all presented with a certificate containing the text of the resolution and a certificate holder at the Annual Division Business Meeting. Everyone named in the resolution is presented with a Certificate of Appreciation which mentions what they did (e.g. Finance Chair) for the meeting. It is the responsibility of the Resolutions Chairman to name all the individuals who chaired a committee to plan the Spring Meeting in this resolution.
- 17) Example Resolution of Appreciation to the Host of the SDAFS Spring Meeting:

RESOLUTION:

***APPRECIATION TO THE HOSTS OF THE 23rd
SPRING MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN DIVISION,
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY***

WHEREAS, the 23rd Spring Meeting of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society, hosted by the Georgia Chapter of AFS, convened in Savannah, Georgia from January 29 to February 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the historic City of Savannah, founded in 1733, resting on the banks of the Savannah River, world renowned for its history, architecture, hospitality and Southern charm, has proven itself a gracious host and the Hyatt Regency Savannah Hotel is an excellent meeting location; and

WHEREAS, conference attendees had the opportunity to benefit from nine technical committee meetings, four symposia on the **Conservation, Ecology, and Taxonomy of Southeastern Crayfish; Do Macro-Consumers Matter?; Researching the Effects of Large-Bodied Biota on Aquatic Ecosystems; the Ecology and Conservation of Southeastern Cypriniform Fishes; and Meeting our Data Needs with Limited Resources: Recent Advances in Stream Sampling Techniques**; and to expand their professional skills from seven workshops on **Electrofishing Safety; Getting Hired – What Students Need to Know; Introduction to R for Fisheries Scientists; Occupancy Modeling; Social Media as a Fisheries Outreach Tool; Southeast Connectivity Assessment Project Fish Passage Prioritization; Standardization and Management of Fish Data for Rivers and Streams of the Southern U.S.** and to benefit from 258 oral presentations in 14 technical sessions and to view 66 posters; and to gather information on services and products from more than 20 vendors in the trade

show; and

WHEREAS, our stay in Savannah has afford us the opportunity to experience the history, culture, and beauty of the city and has renewed the spirits and rekindled the awareness of the visiting professionals and challenged them to continue their pursuit of excellence in their fisheries-related endeavors; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the membership of the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society, assembled here in Savannah on the 30th day of January, 2015 commends and thanks the Georgia Chapter of the AFS, and especially commends General Meeting Chair Joey Slaughter; General Meeting Co-Chair Patrick O'Rouke; Program Chair, Steve Sammons; Program Co-Chair Cecil Jennings; Local Arrangements Co-Chairs Joel Fleming and Chris Harper; Registration and Financial Chair Rebecca Brown; Registration Co-Chair, Webmaster, and Digital Media Chair, Nicole Rankin; and A/V and Technology Chair Chris Kalinowsky for making the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Southern Division, American Fisheries Society a great success