



AFS Bioengineering Section Monthly ExCom Meeting Notes

Date: Friday, January 21, 2022. 12-1 pm ET (9-10 am PT)

Meeting: Monthly BES ExCom Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams

Subject: Meeting Notes

1. Attendance

- Current BES Officers
 - Dan Giza– President (present)
 - Dana Postlewait – Past President (not present)
 - Patrick O'Rourke – President Elect (not present)
 - Jessica Pica – Secretary/Treasurer (present)
- BES Committee Representatives
 - Randy Beckwith – BES Technology and Education Committee Chair (present)
 - Patrick O'Rourke – BES Resource Policy Committee Liaison (not present)
 - Gordon Clark – BES Digital Media Chair (present)
 - Jenna Rackovan – Ned Taft Award Chair (present)
 - Kevin Mulligan – AFS/BES - ASCE/EWRI Joint Committee Chair (not present)

2. Call meeting to order:

- No quorum
- Cannot approve 12/9/21 ExCom meeting notes

3. Revisions to Agenda

- Governing Board meeting – January 20, 2022
 - Nothing major to report

- Focus on how to better support membership
- Website updates coming soon

4. Announcements

5. Treasurer's Report

- **Account Balances**
 - All funds in general checking right now during banking transition
 - General Business Checking: \$51,947.32 (as of 1/19/22) (\$1,625.09 is Taft funds)
- **Income**
 - Membership dues: \$1,400 deposited 12/9/21
 - *COMPLETED ACTION*: Jessica deposited RLF \$30,000 check
- **Expenses**
- **Banks**
 - *ON HOLD ACTION*: Dan to bring up banking issue when next opportunity arises
 - *ON HOLD ACTION*: Jessica open new bank account. Then will close BoA checking account.
- **Taxes**

6. BES Business

- **Ned Taft Award**
 - *COMPLETED ACTION*: Gordon created a PayPal link on the BES webpage.
 - No donations yet
- **Digital Media**
 - BES/JC has continued to test MailPoet with webinar information. They've learned to integrate forms with the platform which will be used for signing up for email lists (e.g. webinars, job announcement, etc).
 - Gordon met with Beth Beard (AFS) and Grant Price (word press consultant). They're investigating a platform like Slack that AFS can use for community discussions. Referred to as fisheries communication platform. Timeline 2022.
- **Committee Updates**
 - *Education Committee (Chair – Randy Beckwith)*
 - FPC2022 nature-like fishway symposium (RLF)

- Nature-like Fishways – Current Philosophy and Innovative Design
 - Focus of the symposium will be best design practices and a smaller portion will present case studies and research that expands the typical design base of nature-like fishways
 - Symposium abstract submitted on 1/13/22
 - Team includes Randy, Jessica, Dana, Brent Mefford, and Mike Garelo
- AFS2022 bioengineering symposium
 - Fisheries Bioengineering: Innovative Improvements in Connectivity, Protection, and Habitat
 - Team includes Randy, Jenna, Dan, and Marcin Whitman
 - Symposium abstract due January 31, 2022. Draft abstract is in the works.
- Meet and Greet Event
 - Objectives: series of social and networking events, bring in more and new people to BES, targeted to young and old BES members, opportunity beyond the BES Annual Business Meeting to engage with members
 - Topics: "What is Bioengineering and do I belong?", overview of BES officers and committees, short/speed presentations from BES members on "How you got where you are in your career?", open discussion on goals or what folks would like to see in future BES social events, engineering for biologists and biology for engineers presentation
 - Series schedule: quarterly events. April 22, 2022, June/July in advance of the Annual Meeting with a focus/target to students, after the BES Annual Business social in-person event with beer! (August 21-25, 2022), early December with a focus/target toward existing AFS members
 - Team includes Randy, Dan, Dana, Patrick, Tim, and Jessica
- *Technology Committee*
 - *COMPLETED ACTION*: Tim circulated ideas for possible committee direction.
- *AFS-BES/ASCE-EWRI Joint Committee on Fisheries Engineering and Science (Chair – Kevin Mulligan)*
 - Citations database – looking for replacement chair since Alex Haro retired
- *Resource Policy Committee (Liaison – Patrick O'Rourke)*
- **Bylaws**
 - *ACTION*: Dana to draft bylaws then pass to ExCom and Randy Shultz for review

- **Administrative, Reporting**
 - *ACTION*: Dana/Dan coordinate update/calendar. Pull in Mike if needed.
 - *ON HOLD ACTION*: Dan to bring up that the system is not able to handle adding section memberships mid-cycle when next opportunity arises.
- **Officer Elections 2022**
 - Keep track of who has been contacted with below spreadsheet:
 - <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/196TkTSkGe26TUNReElOw3Jz5NmYRjakr?usp=sharing>

7. Conferences/Training Opportunities

- Joint Aquatic Sciences Meeting, Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 14-20, 2022
- World Fish Migration Day, May 21, 2022. <https://www.worldfishmigrationday.com/>
- Fish Passage 2022 – International Conference on River Connectivity, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington, June 13-16, 2022
- American Fisheries Society 2022, Spokane, Washington, August 21-25, 2022
<https://fisheries.org/events-page/future-afs-meetings/>
 - Bob Hughes has asked BES to sponsor and help recruit organizers and speakers for a symposium titled “Pros & Cons of Dam & Culvert Removals”. Symposium abstract has been submitted and Laura Wildman was listed as an organizer
 - EPRI has asked BES to sponsor a 316(b) related symposium, protection at cooling water intakes
- Clean Currents 2022 (National Hydropower Association), TBD

8. Next Meeting

- February 10, 2022. 3-4 pm ET (12-1 pm PT)

9. Adjourn

Action Items

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2. **Ned Taft Award**
3. **Digital Media**
4. **Education Committee**
5. **Technology Committee**
6. **ASCE-EWRI Joint Committee Fisheries Engineering and Science**
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Completed Action Items (this period)

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