



AFS Bioengineering Section Monthly ExCom Meeting Notes

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

Meeting: Monthly BES ExCom Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams

Subject: Meeting Notes Final

1. Attendance

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

2. Call meeting to order:

- Quorum
- Dan motioned to approve 12/9/21 and 1/21/22 ExCom meeting notes, Patrick second

3. Revisions to Agenda

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 2/8/22) (\$1,625.09 is Taft funds)
- **Income**
- **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**
 - *COMPLETED ACTION*: Jessica filed 2021 tax return with no issues



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EIN	Organization Name	Tax Year	End Date	Created On	Status	Submission ID	Action
52-1273183	AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY BIOENGINEERING SECTION	2020	12-31-2020	04-06-2021	Rejected	10065520210964485337	
52-1273183	AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY BIOENGINEERING SECTION	2021	12-31-2021	02-04-2022	Accepted	10065520220355220738	

6. BES Business

- **Ned Taft Award**
 - No updates, no donations.
- **Digital Media**
 - No significant updates
 - New listserv used with webinar emails (~700)
 - What is the cost to transition FPC conference listserv to MailPoet (~3,000)? 3,500 subscribers at \$42/month (\$500/year)

- **Committee Updates**

- *Education Committee (Chair – Randy Beckwith)*
 - FPC2022 nature-like fishway symposium (RLF)
 - Haven't heard about symposia acceptance yet. Meeting next week.
 - AFS2022 bioengineering symposium
 - Meet and Greet Event
 - Meeting next week. Slide drafted to promote event at next webinar.
- *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)*
 - Meeting yesterday
 - Bylaws drafted, few months for committee to review, finalize at FPC.
 - Kevin's term will end this summer, Gwen planned to take over.
 - Career/project awards deadline is coming up
 - Webinars: 3 booked for this year
 - Citations database – looking for replacement chair since Alex Haro retired
- *Resource Policy Committee (Liaison – Patrick O'Rourke)*
 - Still working on Recovering America's Wildlife Act
 - No one has reached out about interest in taking over for Patrick

- **Bylaws**

- **ACTION:** Dana to draft bylaws then pass to ExCom and Randy Shultz for review
- Alaska Chapter is in process of changing their bylaws so good template (email, list of changes, and marked up draft). Dana has used this to guide BES changes.
- This chapter has email pastpresident@afs-alaska.org. Interested in learning more about how they set this up.

- **Administrative, Reporting**

- **ACTION:** Dana/Dan coordinate update/calendar. Pull in Mike if needed.
 - AFS has stopped asking for this so removing this action item.
- **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/196TkTSkGe26TUNReEIOW3Jz5NmYRjakr?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 a co-organizer
 - EPRI (Jeff Thomas) 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

- March 10, 2022. 12-1 pm ET (9-10 am PT)

9. Adjourn

Action Items

- 1. Bills, bills, bills (Treasurer)**
 - On hold: Dan to bring up banking issue when next opportunity arises
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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**
- 7. Resource Policy Committee**
- 8. Bylaws**
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- 9. Administrative, Reporting**
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- 10. Officer Elections 2022**

Completed Action Items (this period)

1. Jessica filed 2021 tax return with no issues
2. Tim circulated ideas for possible committee direction