



# AFS Bioengineering Section Monthly ExCom Meeting Notes

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

Meeting: Monthly BES ExCom Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams

Subject: Meeting Notes Final

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## 1. Attendance

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

## 2. Call meeting to order:

- Quorum
- Dan motioned to approve 2/10/22 ExCom meeting notes, all in favor.

### 3. Revisions to Agenda

### 4. Announcements

Welcome Eli Pica Mulligan (born 2/18/22) and Hunter Forest Dufresne (born 2/23/22)

Congratulations to the new parents Jessica and Kevin, Jenna and John!!!

Dan sent Jesssica and Jenna a gift box of cupcakes from the extend ExCom which should arrive Friday.

### 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	<a href="#">10065520210964485337</a>	
52-1273183	AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY BIOENGINEERING SECTION	2021	12-31-2021	02-04-2022	Accepted	<a href="#">10065520220355220738</a>	

### 6. BES Business

- **Ned Taft Award**
  - Dana asked the status of the Ned Taft donations.
  - Dan stated he assumes that goes to the PayPal account that Jenna set up and will need to be transferred to the BOA account.

- Dan will check with Gordon as he should have access to the PayPal account to check the balance.
- **Digital Media**
  - Dan stated that Gordon has/will update the BES website to remove old job postings and updated the events page.
- **Committee Updates**
  - *Education Committee (Chair – Randy Beckwith)*
    - Fish Passage Conference (FPC) 2022 nature-like fishway symposium (RLF)
      - Targeting 13 abstracts which will be a full day session.
      - Targeting 8-10 solicited abstracts and 3-5 from general submissions
      - Currently the organizing committee has 5 or 6 solicited abstracts confirmed
      - There are two NLF related symposium, Randy has asked the conference organizers to scheduled them for different days so folks can attend both.
      - The organizing committee notes there is lots of interest and symposium is coming together well. In addition, the legacy fund contact was excited about progress.
    - AFS 2022 bioengineering symposium
      - Randy has a few thoughts on potential folks to reach out for abstracts.
      - Dan also has some thoughts including Daniel Zielinski who gave the most recent Joint Committee webinar.
      - Dan sent out an email to BES membership soliciting abstracts for the FPC and AFS symposia.
      - Dan will plan to send a follow up email ahead of FPC abstract closing of March 21<sup>st</sup>.
      - FPC website states the organizers have yet to commit to an in-person option for a hybrid structure. The intend to make the official call in March.
    - BES Social Networking Event Series
      - Dan, Dana and Gordon met with representatives of the Joint Committee on 3/4/22 to discuss use of the webinar registration system and collaboration on this upcoming April event.
      - Gordon and Andy Peters (Joint Committee) are drafting an email to be sent to Joint Committee list serv which will include a link for recipients to define their registration.
      - Link will allow for recipients to select notifications for webinars, networking events, and other areas of interest.

- Dan will take the Joint Committee email and alter to send to BES membership so they can join the email notification. The email will also advertise the BES networking event.
  - Dan suggested that the Joint Committee email be completed by end of the month so the BES email can be drafted and sent approximately a month prior to the April Networking/Social Event.
  - Dan and Gordon will look into updating the event flyer with registration link or continue to point to the BES website.
- *Technology Committee -Tabled*
  - *COMPLETED ACTION:* Tim circulated ideas for possible committee direction.
- *AFS-BES/ASCE-EWRI Joint Committee on Fisheries Engineering and Science (Chair – Kevin Mulligan) -Tabled*
  - Citations database – looking for replacement chair since Alex Haro retired
- *Resource Policy Committee (Liaison – Patrick O’Rouke)*
  - No formal Policy Committee updates.
  - Patrick noted that if the federal gas tax is dropped/suspended it will impact Dingell-Johnson Act sportfishing restorations funding that goes to states and even some USFWS projects. This could become a hot topic for AFS.
- **Bylaws**
  - *ACTION:* Dana to draft bylaws then pass to ExCom and Randy Shultz for review
    - Dana is hoping to have a draft completed by the end of next week
    - Dana copied out the recently updated bylaws from the Alaska Chapter who recently changed their bylaws to cross check against our draft revisions, and will do a close comparison. They also had a good transmittal which Dana can use for a guide to distribute to our members when it is ready.
    - Dana expects to send one clean redlined version the ExCom for review. Then it will need to go to BES membership prior to going to Randy Schultz for the mid-year Governing Board meeting so it can be voted on at the annual meeting.
- **Administrative, Reporting**
  - *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>
- Jessica had offered to stay on as Secretary/Treasurer or President. ExCom felt she would be great in either role, however it was noted that if in the President role, any new Secretary/Treasurer would have the opportunity to learn from the best!
- It was discussed that the ExCom should target two nominations at minimum for each role.
- Daniel Deng ran for Secretary/ Treasurer in 2020, the ExCom could reach out to see if he is still interested in being nominated again. *Follow Up Note: Daniel is not on the current or 2021 BES membership list.* <https://www.pnnl.gov/people/daniel-deng>
- Dana has one or two folks at Kleinschmidt who have expressed interest in the role in the past, one of which might be interested in Secretary/Treasurer as he is very organized, and detail focused.
- It was discussed that the ExCom could host a virtual meeting for interested nominees, to discuss each role, the time commitments and allow for some Q&A. This could be offered to anyone the ExCom reaches out to for interest in nomination and would be a non-committal way of providing more information for their consideration before deciding to accept the nomination.
- Dan will also get the word out to our membership with our normal email mailings.

## 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/>
- ***Fisheries Bioengineering: Innovative Improvements in Connectivity, Protection, and Habitat***  
Organizers: Randy Beckwith, Marcin Whitman, Jenna Rackovan, and Dan Giza
- ***Pros & Cons of Dam & Culvert Removals***  
Organizers: Bob Hughes, Gary Whalen, Marybeth Brey, Helen Neville, Laura Wildman, Alison Coulter, Kevin Irons, and Nathan Lederman

- ***Challenges in Protecting Fish and Shellfish at Cooling Water Intakes: Case Studies and Experiences Complying with the 2014 Clean Water Act 316(b) Rule***

Organizers: Jeff Thomas, Ron Heun, Dan Giza, Amy Hetherington, Brad Foss, Chris Gurshin, and Jennifer Mathia

- ***Building Effective Policy Approaches for Current Fisheries Issues***

Organizer: Drue Winters, Jesse Trushenski, Susan Colvin, Helen Neville, Nathaniel Gillespie, Dana Postlewait, and Bob Hughes.

Similar to last years “how to talk to legislative officials” restoration funding. This is a follow up opening panel but topics and roles are not yet defined. Drue in the process to coordinate who will give mini presentations and panel

- Clean Currents 2022 (National Hydropower Association), Sacramento, California, October 18-20, 2022 <https://cleancurrents.org/>

## **8. Other**

- Randy suggested the ExCom consider adding a get to know a committee member to future meeting.
  - Randy pointed out that we all really don’t know the kind of work each of our committee members are involved in.
  - Each meeting one committee member would give 3-minute overview of their background and highlight their day-to-day work.
  - To be discussed in more detail at a future meeting with the larger ExCom

## **9. Next Meeting**

- April 14, 2022. 3-4 pm ET (12-1 pm PT)

## **10. Adjourn**

## Action Items

### 1. Bills, bills, bills (Treasurer)

- On hold: Dan to bring up banking issue when next opportunity arises
- On hold: Jessica open new bank account. Then will close BoA checking account.

### 2. Ned Taft Award

- Dan to follow up with Gordon to check the PayPal account.

### 3. Digital Media

- Gordon to update events page of website with Networking Event and remove old job posting.
- Gordon, Dan and Andy Peters (Joint Committee) to work on emails to go to Joint Committee and BES list serv for customize notifications.

### 4. Education Committee

- Dan to send out follow up email to BES membership as around the 3/17 a reminder about the call for abstracts for FPC and AFS symposia. FPC abstracts acceptance closes 3/21.

### 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

- Dana to identify and reach out potential nominees for Secretary/Treasurer and President-Elect roles.

## Completed Action Items (this period)

1. Jessica filed 2021 tax return with no issues
2. Tim circulated ideas for possible committee direction
3. Dropping action item to update/calendar as the Governing Board (GB) has not been focused on or even mention since Dan joining the GB meetings in 2020.