



# AFS Bioengineering Section Monthly ExCom Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, May 11, 2022. 12-1 pm ET (9-10 am PT)

Meeting: Monthly BES ExCom Meeting

Location: Microsoft Teams

Subject: Meeting Notes

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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 Education Committee Chair (Present)
  - Patrick O'Rourke – BES Resource Policy Committee Liaison (Present)
  - Gordon Clark – BES Digital Media Chair (Present)
  - Jenna Rackovan – Ned Taft Award Chair (Not Present)
  - Kevin Mulligan – AFS/BES - ASCE/EWRI Joint Committee Chair (Not Present)
- Other

## 2. Call meeting to order:

- Quorum? Yes
- Approve 4/14/22 ExCom meeting notes
  - Dan motion to accept minutes as written
  - Dana seconded
  - Minutes accepted

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### 3. Revisions to Agenda

- None

### 4. Announcements

- None

### 5. Treasurer's Report

- **Account Balances**
  - No updates
  - 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**
  - No updates
  - Dana suggested mention the Ned Taft Award opportunity at the June 9<sup>th</sup> Networking Event

- **Digital Media**
  - Gordon has been swamped with work lately but has carved out time today to work on website updates specific to the June 9<sup>th</sup> Networking Event.
  - Gordon is working with Taylor on a manner to share the Outlook Calendar (\*.ics file) on the website so folks could “sign up”
  - Dan mention that Tim Hogan shared the Networking Event Save the Date on his LinkedIn and Dana suggested all of us with LinkedIn do the same.
  - Could share the website event link once Gordon had it updated or just have folks contact you directly for sign up information and send them the Outlook file.
- **Networking Event Series**
  - New Date: June 9<sup>th</sup> 12pm (PT) and 3pm (ET)
  - Taylor updated Save the Data and Microsoft Teams Link/Outlook Calendar Invite
  - Dan sent to BES membership on 4/26 and will send a follow up email to BES on 5/26 about the event.
  - Dan will work with Taylor to setup final meeting with Organizing Committee prior to Event. It was suggested that this meeting coincide with the next BES Ex Com meeting and be held on Thursday June 2 in advance of the Event.
  - Dan will confirm the date/time with Talyor then send out an Outlook meeting invite to for June 2 3-4pm ET (12-1 PT).
- **Committee Updates**
  - *Education Committee (Chair – Randy Beckwith)*
    - FPC2022 nature-like fishway symposium (RLF)
      - 7 talks all were solicited, but no additional talks were received.
      - Organizing Committee had a meeting with Steve Malick, who was fine with the talks received, was hoping for more but overall excited.
      - Tim Brush is leading another NLF session at FPC and agreed to combined with our session to create a single day.
      - Plan to have final planning meeting and hope to hear soon about which day the session will be held.
    - AFS2022 bioengineering symposium
      - 17 in-person talks and one virtual which result into 4 blocks over 2 days (2 blocks/day)
      - All talks receive were accepted to the session and the committee has organized the order within the AFS system.

- There will be an opening slot for a welcome /intro to BES and one slot at the end of each day.
  - One virtual talk has been accepted (not part of the 17) that will be recorded and available for viewing. The committee hopes to get the speaker virtually/on call for panel discussion second day if schedules and time zone challenges can be overcome.
- *Technology Committee*
  - No updates
  - Dan will work with Tim Hogan on connecting with the Genetic and Fish Technology and Communication Sections about developing a greater Fisheries Technology Committee.
- *AFS-BES/ASCE-EWRI Joint Committee on Fisheries Engineering and Science (Chair – Kevin Mulligan)*
  - AFS to distribute information on the May 26<sup>th</sup> Infrastructure Bill Webinar in the next e-newsletter and via AFS social media.
- *Resource Policy Committee (Liaison – Patrick O'Rourke)*
  - AFS is still very much pushing the Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA)
  - Infrastructure bill is likely to be a front burner item for AFS engagement and focus, potentially for multiple years.
    - It was noted that there are talks of Federal efforts on how to coordinated bill funding at a watershed level but little know on what this will look like.
  - Back in April Dan, Patrick and Marcin Whitman attended AFS planning meeting on Infrastructure Plenary and Workshop for the AFS Annual Meeting.
    - Patrick is part of the Plenary Session (morning) planning and
    - Dan and Marcin are part of the Workshop (afternoon) planning.
    - Plenary Session planning meetings have discussed potentially getting Federal Senior Staffer to talk on the intent of the bill and identifying another individual to speak on implementation at the ground level.
- **Bylaws**
  - *ACTION:* Dana to draft bylaws then pass to ExCom and Randy Shultz for review
  - Hope to have it done for AFS Annual Meeting.
- **Administrative, Reporting**
  - It's Back!! Annual Report Development for 2022 Plans from Spring Governing Board

- All AFS Units will be asked to participate in providing an activity report for Spokane
- No updates to date but perhaps at the AFS Governing Board meeting in August.
- *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**
  - Announcement was included in the networking/information email to membership on 4/26.
  - Tracking datasheet on the Google Drive seems to be missing the tracking tab.
    - Dan update with new May BES member list so it is current. This list now included approximated 216 members
    - Dana will update with a tracking table and include folks he has contacted with potential interest and those without interest.
  - Dana suggested advertising the call for officer and committee through Kleinschmidt social media and other channels include the BES networking event and announcement emails.
  - It was also suggested that Kevin M. might have networks through USGS or UMass and other student networks that reach interested and new folks. Dan will connect with Kevin on that.

## 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.

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

## **8. Next Meeting**

- ExCom and Networking Event Planning Thursday June 2, 2022. 3-4 pm ET (12-1 pm PT),
- Networking Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>

## **9. Adjourn**

## **Action Items**

- 1. Bills, bills, bills (Treasurer)**
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- 3. Digital Media**
- 4. Education Committee**
- 5. Technology Committee**
- 6. ASCE-EWRI Joint Committee Fisheries Engineering and Science**
- 7. Resource Policy Committee**
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- 10. Officer Elections 2022**

## **Completed Action Items (this period)**