



# AFS Bioengineering Section Monthly ExCom Meeting Notes

Date: Thursday, July 21, 2022. 3-4 pm ET (12-1 pm 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 (present)
  - Patrick O'Rouke – President Elect (not present)
  - Jessica Pica – Secretary/Treasurer (present)
- BES Committee Representatives
  - Randy Beckwith – BES Education Committee Chair (present)
  - Patrick O'Rouke – BES Resource Policy Committee Liaison (not present)
  - Gordon Clark – BES Digital Media Chair (not present)
  - Jenna Rackovan – Ned Taft Award Chair (present)
  - Kevin Mulligan – AFS/BES - ASCE/EWRI Joint Committee Chair (not present)
- Other

## 2. Call meeting to order:

- Quorum
- Dan motioned to approve 5/11/22 ExCom meeting notes with Dana's revisions, Dana second

|  |  |   |             |
|--|--|---|-------------|
| American Fisheries Society<br>Bioengineering Section | Dana Postlewait – Past President<br>Dan Giza – President | Patrick O'Rouke – President Elect<br>Jessica Pica – Secretary/Treasurer | Page 1 of 6 |
|--|--|---|-------------|

### 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: \$52,657.32 (as of 7/19/22) (\$1,625.09 is Taft funds)
- **Income**
  - *ACTION*: Deposit \$500 from Stantec grant to support listserv
- **Expenses**
  - \$625 to Rusty Wilkinson for career and project award plaques (6/29/22)
  - \$13,665 to Brent Mefford for RLF NLF Symposium project (7/19/22)
- **Banks**
  - *COMPLETED ACTION*: Dan brought up banking issue within Annual Report
  - *ON HOLD ACTION*: Open new bank account. Then will close BoA checking account.
- **Taxes**

### 6. BES Business

- **Ned Taft Award**
  - No applications submitted for AFS 2022
- **Digital Media**
  - Updates to website to help support the June 9 networking event. Integration of email registration \*ics file appeared to be successful and provides a good template for how to execute future events and integrate with webpage.
    - <https://units.fisheries.org/bes/meetings-events/>
    - <https://units.fisheries.org/bes/2022-networking-event-series/>
  - MailPoet list serve (hosted on Joint Comm Wordpress page) has grown to >1000 subscribers and requires a paid subscription now. Is it possible for us to pay for this fee (annual cost) in the near term to support this platform using the monies donated from Stantec? This is a topic of interest for the Joint Committee Communications Task Group and Webinar Task Group as well.
  - THANK YOU GORDON! For applying to Stantec for funds to support the listserv
  - *ACTION*: Gordon and Jessica to connect on paying with \$500 funds from Stantec

- *ACTION*: Dan to write thank you note to Stantec
  
- **Networking Event Series**
  - Event held June 9<sup>th</sup>. Recording available:  
<https://vimeo.com/718860067/24156b2588>
  - Attendees: Taylor Giogaia, Dan Giza, Timothy Hogan, Jenna Rackovan, Patrick Michael O'Rourke, Dana Postlewait, Randy Beckwith, Edward Entsminger, Christine Moffitt, Audrey Thompson, Devan Nichols, Jonathon Mann, Laura Wildman, Kimberly Capone, Gregory Weissmann, Michal Koller
  - Plan next networking event for fall 2022
  - At ExCom meetings, have one or two people to give a brief overview of their work so we can get to know each other better
  
- **Committee Updates**
  - *Education Committee (Chair – Randy Beckwith)*
    - FPC2022 nature-like fishway symposium (RLF)
      - Symposium held with 7 talks
      - *ACTION*: Follow up meeting with Steve and Brent to discuss next steps
    - 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*
    - 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)*
  - Seeking officers for upcoming term (chair, vice-chair, secretary/treasurer). Kevin to connect with Dan if BES email to be sent.
  - FPC2023 still to be determined
- *Resource Policy Committee (Liaison – Patrick O'Rourke)*
  - No updates
  
- **Bylaws**
  - *ACTION:* Dana to draft bylaws then pass to ExCom and Randy Shultz for review
  
- **Administrative, Reporting**
  - *ACTION:* All review 'Bioengineering Section 2021-2022 Report' document and Dan to finalize/submit
  - *COMPLETED ACTION:* Dan brought up that the system is not able to handle adding section memberships mid-cycle within Annual Report
  
- **Officer Elections 2022**
  - Announcement was included in the networking/information email to membership on 4/26.
  - 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.
  - Jessica submitted name for President-Elect. Send updated bio.
  - Audrey Thompson submitted name for secretary/treasurer. Dana to get her bio.
  - *ACTION:* 7/25 last call for nominees email, 8/1 email nominees bios, 8/8 email google forms voting survey, 8/19 close voting survey, 8/23 announce new officers at annual business meeting

## 7. Conferences/Training Opportunities

- 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

- Annual Business Meeting Tuesday August 23, 2022, 8:30-9:30 pm ET (5:30-6:30 pm PT)
  - *ACTION*: Dan to draft agenda

## 9. Adjourn

## Action Items

- 1. Bills, bills, bills (Treasurer)**
  1. Deposit \$500 from Stantec grant to support listserve
  2. On hold: Open new bank account. Then will close BoA checking account.
- 2. Ned Taft Award**
- 3. Digital Media**
  1. Gordon and Jessica to connect on paying with \$500 funds from Stantec
  2. Dan to write thank you note to Stantec
- 4. Education Committee**
  1. Follow up meeting with Steve and Brent to discuss next steps
- 5. Technology Committee**
- 6. ASCE-EWRI Joint Committee Fisheries Engineering and Science**
- 7. Resource Policy Committee**
- 8. Bylaws**
  1. Dana to draft bylaws then pass to ExCom and Randy Shultz for review
- 9. Administrative, Reporting**
  1. All review 'Bioengineering Section 2021-2022 Report' document and Dan to finalize/submit
- 10. Officer Elections 2022**
  1. 7/25 last call for nominees email, 8/1 email nominees bios, 8/8 email google forms voting survey, 8/19 close voting survey, 8/23 announce new officers at annual business meeting
- 11. Annual Business Meeting**
  1. Dan to draft agenda

## Completed Action Items (this period)

1. Dan brought up banking issue within Annual Report
2. Dan brought up that the system is not able to handle adding section memberships mid-cycle within Annual Report