AFS Estuaries Section Business Meeting Notes

Sunday August 15, 2015 4-6 PM

Portland, OR

Skyline II Room, Hilton Portland, Main

22 people at start of meeting after marine section

1. Call to order, introduction of Section Officers – Abigail Archer
2. Acceptance of Minutes of 2014 Annual Business Meeting in Quebec City, Quebec (minutes distributed at meeting to those in attendance)
3. President’s Remarks- Abigail Archer
   1. Went over 2015 report to AFS governing board (also distributed at meeting)
      1. website up and running- history done (Mick Walsh)
      2. symposia at 2015 AFS
      3. Abigail is involved with planning Kansas meeting
   2. young professional time expanded to 5 years (from 3)
   3. report on schools offering fisheries degree
   4. communication group doing survey to all AFS members in September (please participate)
   5. new website coming soon (for all of AFS)
   6. overhaul of AFS management- management committee does day to day (no longer with governing board)
   7. management committee is 12 people
   8. AFS starting improvement program (will hire someone to look at getting grants, etc.)
   9. AFS financial status better than previous years
4. Report on Monsters of Stock Assessment Workshop (co-sponsored by Marine Section and supported by AIFRB)- Lee Benaka and Lynn Waterhouse
   1. approximately $1,500 raised (will be $600/section after fees roughly)
   2. survey, linked in discussion for next topic
5. Treasurer’s Report- Konstantine Rountos (handed at out meeting)
   1. gave LinkedIn Update as well
   2. did get AFS membership check
   3. current balance $1,603
   4. google drive with bank statements for transparency
6. Presentation of Student Travel Awards
   1. Catherine Johnstone (present)
   2. John Mohan (was in transit, unable to attend)
7. Presentation of award to Abigail for serving as President for past 2 years
8. Installation of New Officers
   1. President- Karin Limburg
   2. President-Elect Lynn Waterhouse
   3. Treasurer Konstantine Rountos
   4. Secretary Geoffrey Smith
9. Ideas for Symposia for 2016 meeting in Kansas City, MO
   1. Geographic focus? trace headwaters to sources – Fish Habitat (Tom Bigford has expressed interest)
   2. water crisis in US (GA-GL-Alabama water wars)
   3. partner with non AFS group to look at collision of population growth and fisheries (maybe an economics group)- socio-economics section perhaps
   4. sea level rise and changing habitat- changing hydrology in Kansas (rising sea level in Tampa or Atlanta meetings)
   5. Gentrification of estuaries (save for Tampa?)- Water quality, habitat section, etc.
   6. Kansas-Mississippi – Yangtze River – or what about Amazon River (with international section)
   7. partner with another section to bring in FW people
   8. future sustainability of fisheries- marine, freshwater, aquaculture- meeting the need for growing populations- fish culture as partner section
   9. MSE approaches marine versus freshwater
   10. what can marine teach freshwater- what can freshwater teach marine
   11. Ecosystem/trophic impacts (are lakes just small oceans? are oceans just really big/poorly sampled lakes?)
   12. marine/freshwater hypoxia impacts
   13. partner with bioengineer section- fish passage
   14. Anadromous/catadromous spp.
10. Plug for film festival
    1. in future should section sponsor film contest with prize
11. Other Business
    1. note that fish habitat section held meeting offsite
    2. Question raised if we ever approached EPA and their estuaries groups for money? (NEPs?) Stan Hales 732-914-8101