American Fisheries Society

Estuaries Section

Executive Committee Meeting – March 12 at 1PM Eastern DST

Call-in # - 866-700-0938
Participation code - 677294

Officers
President: Abigail Franklin Archer
President-Elect: Karin Limburg
Secretary: Lynn Waterhouse
Treasurer: Konstantine Rountos
Past President and Newsletter Editor – Lee Benaka

MEETING NOTES

1. Treasurer Report
   a. Google drive folder: has statements, spreadsheet of balances (is treasurer’s workbook), reimbursement documents
      i. Goal of doing this is making it transparent
   b. Konstantine will update spreadsheet following meeting
      i. balance will most likely be $1,500 by AFS meeting
      ii. have not yet received AFS check for 2015 dues – Konstantine will call National office on June 1st if we have not yet received a check from AFS headquarters

2. Winter Newsletter
   a. Should be ready fairly soon
   b. Decided to add photos to candidate statements
   c. Will post to: Website, Facebook, LinkedIn

3. Elections
   a. Timing – candidate statements will go out with Newsletter
   b. New officers are ‘sworn in’ in August at business meeting in Portland
   c. When should we do Ballot? Send out with winter newsletter
   d. How to do ballot? ideas: email, google form
      i. Konstantine will investigate google
      ii. Abigail will ask headquarters

4. Symposia for 2015 Portland Meeting
   **Symposia organizers need to keep track of how many people are at each talk

   a. Anthropogenic Effects – special journal issue?
      a. Invited speaker list is 15, expecting about 4 to not be able to show up
      b. 3 student presenters currently
b. Otoliths
   a. Still looking into doing a continuing education course, may include a vendor in it (as a means to have access to technology) – would have experts in room and make short presentations, would try and do some demo-ing (difficult without microscopes)
   b. Have many speakers lined up

5. Workshop for 2015 Portland Meeting
   a. Have 5 or 6 speakers lined up “monsters”
   b. Beverley (new education coordinator at AFS)- this is not a continuing education class, AFS views more as a fundraiser, which means there are costs we have to incur for meeting
   c. Good news, don’t have to pay for room
      1. room request is in, Sunday 12-4pm
   d. Doug Austen offered to run articles in Fisheries Magazine to promote event
   e. Will have to pay for A/V costs (Lee has schedule for that)
      i. Patrick Lynch is bringing Projector
   f. AIFRB may be interested in helping with Cost in exchange they get to hand out materials at the door, will thank them at beginning --- AIFRB gave us $200
   g. Abigail points out that Mugs may not be favorable for people traveling, suggested making stickers
   h. Unsure of charges at this point in time – maybe $40 for non-student, $20 for student?
   i. Steve Cadrin has another suggestion of person to invite (Abigail will ask for), likes idea of demystifying stock assessment

6. Website Update
   a. including member photos
   b. New website is up and running but we need to wait for parent society new website to go live before we can make the Estuaries website homepage more welcoming
   c. call is in newsletter for regional coordinators to gather updates from members
   d. Ask membership if they want to post recent publications (as a way to promote their research and scholarship) – would continue the scientific conference all year – would increase publicity of articles and their exposure (Member Highlight or Member Spotlight or Newest Publication or Publications from Our Membership **could go in Latest News** – some way for them to submit a “press release” on their research
   e. Will have paragraph on this for this newsletter (Konstantine writing)
   f. Add heads up to newsletter

7. Student Travel Award – timing
   a. Announcement that we are open for applications will go out April 1st
   b. Due May 20th, let winner know around 1st week of June
   c. $500 award amount (1 winner)
   d. Advertise on Facebook and LinkedIn

8. Donation to Equal Opportunities Section for Student Travel Award
   a. donate $100

9. Email request 2/11 for Crustacean Symposia sponsorship
   a. Voted no
10. Chapter Insurance
   a. Declined

11. Business Meeting in Portland
   a. Marine Section is organizing this year
   b. Sunday 4-6pm tentative day/time
   c. Ben W. (Marine Section) will give us update on food and cost

Next meeting: End of April? Week of 27th
   Works for Karin, Lee, Lynn
   Doodle poll to come