American Fisheries Society

Estuaries Section

Executive Committee Meeting – Monday June 23 at 1PM Eastern DST

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

Officers
President: Abigail Franklin Archer
President-Elect: Karin Limburg (unable to call-in, on plane, emailed comments prior to meeting)
Secretary: Lynn Waterhouse
Treasurer: Anthony Overton
Past President and Newsletter Editor – Lee Benaka

AGENDA

1. **Student Travel Award**- Geoffrey Smith- Travel award winner
   a. Have funds for one award
   b. Haven’t heard from SAML about funding another award (update 6/30/14 – SAML is no longer funding awards)
   c. When emailing Geoffrey to tell him about award ask for write up for newsletter (or follow up with this request)
   d. Rubric this year was good
   e. Future calls for applicants: Ask for CV and more emphasis on career goals
   f. Consider talking to Potomac section about them funding an award
      i. Lee will contact them about it (he is the Treasurer for Potomac section)

2. **Nancy Foster Award**
   a. Nominations are on the NOAA habitat conservation website
   b. Nominations open until July 14th
   c. Award is given in November in DC at Restore America’s Estuaries/The Coastal Society meeting
   d. Lee noted lots of flyers up around NOAA offices
   e. Email members of AFS section to get more nominations

3. **Business Meeting in Quebec**
   a. Report on Catering- will have self-serve drinks (charge only for what is drunk), veggies for food
      a. Cost $695.47- will get accurate bill after the event
      b. Anthony has already received a check for the half that the marine section is paying for
   b. **Agenda- Marine Section will go first**
      a. Governing Board
      b. Summary of accomplishments
      c. Treasurer report (Anthony)
      d. Konstantine will give intro to LinkedIn site
      e. Mick Walsh’s work on History project- Mick can’t do since won’t be in attendance but will make ppt. and give to someone else to present
      f. Discussion of short course at next meeting and symposia/themes
g. Nancy Foster update  
  h. Call for officer nominations for next year  
  i. Discuss upcoming elections

4. July Newsletter  
   a. Ryan Schoelese write up from winning travel award in 2013  
   b. Abigail will write a President’s Message  
   c. Roger Rulifson lab – will send on Saturday  
   d. Nancy Foster Award announcement for nominations  
   e. Agenda and announcement for business meeting  
   f. Estuaries Section sponsored symposia  
   g. Another call for webmaster  
   h. Advertise otolith symposium  
   i. Reminder of upcoming elections in 2015

5. Conference Sponsorship Request – Otolith Symposium  
   a. Unanimously agreed to fund at 200 Euro level

6. Elections  
   a. Currently on 2-year term  
   b. For 2015 meeting in Oregon people will be done with their 2 year term  
   c. Advertise elections in newsletter  
   d. Advertise/discuss elections at Business meeting in Quebec

7. Website  
   a. Anthony has been working with Sarah Gilbert Fox  
   b. AFS website being redone  
      i. Are all now wordpress based  
      ii. Need to pick a theme for Estuaries section website  
   c. Anthony will give exec. Board admin privileges

8. Abigail will be writing up progress report for AFS governing board