

American Fisheries Society

Fish Health Section

2023 Business Meeting

July 26, 2023
 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM
 (CDT)
 In-person/Virtual

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| Meeting called by: | Dr. Anita Kelly | Type of meeting: | Annual Business Meeting |
| Note taker: | Carolyn Richards | Attendees: | FHS Members |
| Presenters: | Anita Kelly, Carolyn Richards, Luke Iwanowicz, Nick Phelps, Wade Cavender | | |

Minutes

Agenda item: Review of Minutes from 2022 Meeting **Presenter:** Anita Kelly/Carolyn Richards

Discussion:

The 2022 Annual Business Meeting minutes were made available to members prior to the 2023 meeting. Hearing no objections to approving the minutes, the minutes were approved.

Agenda item: FHS Financial Report for 2022 **Presenter:** Carolyn Richards

Discussion:

Carolyn gave an overview of the financial report for 2022; the Section is in good financial standing with \$130,874.05 in the combined accounts (see report). The final expenditures for ISAAH-9 were pending at the time.

Agenda item: Recognition of Recipients of the Snieszko Student Travel Awards **Presenter:** Luke Iwanowicz

Discussion:

Recipients in attendance virtually and in-person were recognized for their achievement and award.

Agenda item: Special Achievement Awards **Presenter:** Luke Iwanowicz

Discussion:

The Special Achievement Award was established to recognize those who have made significant contributions to the field of fish health. This year, there were two recipients:

Group Award – in recognition of their contribution to the creation and continuation of the AFS FHS Summer Seminar Series:

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| Dr. Nicholas Phelps | Dr. Benjamin LaFrentz | Dr. Esteban Soto |
| Dr. Matt Griffin | Dr. Thomas Loch | Dr. Megan Shavaliier |

Individual Award – in recognition of his research and contributions in the field of columnaris research:

Dr. Benjamin LaFrentz

Agenda item: Snieszko Distinguished Service Awards **Presenter:** Luke Iwanowicz

Discussion:

The Snieszko Distinguished Service Award honors individuals for their outstanding accomplishments in the field of aquatic animal health. This year, there were two recipients:

Dr. Alvin Camus
Dr. Matt Griffin

Agenda item: FHS Leadership Election Results **Presenter:** Nick Phelps

Discussion:

Nick shared the results of the 2023 election:

Vice President: Jesse Trushenski
Technical Standards Committee: Nilima Renukdas
Professional Standards Committee: Megan Shavalier
Policy/Position Development Committee: Jayde Ferguson
Nominating and Balloting Committee: Alison Aceves Johnson

Agenda item: 2024 Annual Meeting – Idaho **Presenter:** Wade Cavender

Discussion:

Wade provided an update on the planning for the 2024 Annual FHS Meeting, which will be held in Idaho in conjunction with the WFDW. The date is to be determined.

Agenda item: Update on Blue Book and New Blue Book Coordinator **Presenter:** Anita Kelly

Discussion:

All FHS members should have received a SurveyMonkey link to vote on changes to the By-laws. Linda Rhodes will be the new Blue Book Coordinator to oversee the changes to the Blue Book.

Agenda item: Member Discussion **Presenter:** Anita Kelly

Discussion:

Anita opened the meeting to any items members wanted to discuss. Dave Groman inquired about how membership demographics have changed since the ISAHA meeting in Chile. Wade Cavender to follow up.

Agenda item: Announcing the New FHS President – Wade Cavender **Presenter:** Anita Kelly

Discussion:

As the new President of the Fish Health Section, Wade Cavender presented the Past-President Award to Anita Kelly and thanked her for her hard work.

Agenda item: Adjourn

Presenter: Anita Kelly

Discussion:

Meeting was adjourned by the 2022-2023 AFS FHS President, Anita Kelly.

Submitted,
/s/ Carolyn Richards
Fish Health Section Secretary-Treasurer

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