2020 FITS Annual Business Meeting Minutes


1. Call to Order 3:05pm
2. Recognition of Guests
3. AFS Officer and Guest Remarks
4. Determination of Quorum (need 10)
   a. Met
5. Approval of Agenda
   a. Motion to approve Jodi
   b. Second Julie
6. Approval of Last Year’s Minutes (link)
   a. Motion Julie
   b. Second Gary Ash
7. Officer Reports
   a. President
      i. Thank you to all our members and ExCom
      ii. Look forward to second year
   b. Secretary-Treasurer’s Report (link)
   c. President-Elect
      i. No additional comments
   d. Past-President
      i. No additional comments
8. Committee Reports
   a. Communications Committee (Julie)
   b. Policy Committee (Jodi)
      i. Statement from AFS released related to defining fish habitat for the ESA.
      ii. Aquaculture statement sent to governing board for approval.
      iii. Call for Volunteers to address the dam removal policy: Contact Jodi for more information
      iv. Jodi is now chairing the policy committee and is stepping down as FITS representative.
      v. Soon there will be a call from resource policy committee to provide short list of policy or issues that the committee should focus on this next year
   c. Electronic Services Advisory Board
      i. FITS is looking for a new representative for this board!
ii. FITS rep to provide a voice to AFS on different ways they can provide quality electronic services to better serve members

iii. Gray literature Database supported by AFS
   1. Non peer reviewed reports
   2. Graylitreports.fisheries.org
   3. Working on expanding and getting funding for long-term maintenance
   4. Open for submissions

iv. Research web tool to provide forum to connect and collaborate on active projects
   1. Great home for technical committees
   2. Easily share updates and have discussions

9. Old Business
   a. AFS 2020
      i. Promote FITS related symposia
         1. Special thanks to Dan for organizing Big Data symposium
      ii. Data Management workshop cancelled due to Covid and move to online meeting but hope to offer in Baltimore next year.
   iii. AFS 150 celebration in Baltimore (Rebecca)
      1. Virtual reality experience to “go through time” of the history of fisheries technology.
      2. Call for pictures to include in the exhibit and there is a prize for best photo.
   iv. Tech Talks and Center for Fisheries Technology and Collaboration (Rebecca)
      1. Way for vendors to connect with members beyond meeting interactions
      2. One-stop shop for your fisheries “stuff”
      3. Useful tool for members to easily compare fisheries tech and gear
      4. Thank you, Jason, for all your hard work!!
      5. Live at https://units.fisheries.org/fits/solutions/
      6. Daniel Cassidy: What is the business model and how does this impact institutional membership? Venders are given a certain number of listings and Additional listings will have additional costs. Those profits will go to FITS.

   b. Partnership Travel Award
      i. Initially OFWIM conference but extended to any relevant conference
      ii. But on pause because of pandemic but could be modified to fit future virtual meetings

   c. Fisheries Data Exchange Standards and Book Chapter
      i. Standards of data management and sharing
      ii. Delayed due to Covid

   d. Advanced Technology Articles
10. New Business
   a. Bylaws to formalize officer responsibilities as they move through presidency
      i. Y1- Learning year
      ii. Y2- additional responsibilities mentored by Past President
      iii. Y3- 1st year Presidency
      iv. Y4- 2nd year
      v. Y5- Heavier responsibilities
      vi. Y6- Mentor President Elect and shift of responsibilities to President Elect
   b. Open positions
      i. ESAB Representative
         1. Student or Professional! No experience required
      ii. Communications coordinator
         1. Student or Professional! No experience required
      iii. Policy Committee Representative
   c. Citizen Science task force
      i. Contact: Sean Simmons & Paul Venturelli
      ii. This is a FITS and Communications Sections Collaboration
      iii. Webinars for researchers to share research results with Angler community.
      iv. Close the loop, give anglers feedback
      v. Sustain angler engagement in Citizen Science
   d. AFS Baltimore Meeting planning (workshops, symposia)
      i. TBD based on AFS leadership decisions
      ii. Planning to offer Data Management Workshop
   e. Discussion: how can FITS use its income to better serve members?
   f. Discussion: strategies to recruit more students and young professionals
   g. Discussion: By-law amendment

11. Other Business?
12. Adjourn 3:48pm