

Genetics Section Business Meeting
August 21, 2017

Call to order 5:40

Robert's rules of order suspended by unanimous vote

Minutes from last year

No comments, approved
Reminder about website

Overview of gov board, Scott Bonar

Officers: membership up 6%
Switch to Wiley (switchover occurring now, decision May 2017)
7 free journals
old issues available through info base, grey lit as well
fishnames database (continually updated)
saves money
new President (Steve McMullin)
emphasizes diversity, student representation, communications,
strategic plan (updated every 3 years)
next year Atlantic City

no comments about section activities

student travel (coastwide, western division, coregonid meeting)

Sec-Treasurer's Report

Student travel
Travel to national meeting
Aug. 10th: 204 people
Report online for more details

Announcements

None

Committee Reports

Nominating: end of this year, new round of nominations. Contact Jeff Olsen if you are interested.
New ex-comm in place at Atlantic City

Symposia: three, times discussed

Awards

Wright Award

Winners Zachary Robinson, Mathew Snyder

Phelps Award

Ken Currens leads committee

Best paper for the year: Pat Dehaan et al, introduced pops of Oregon Chub

Pat not present, but thanked the group with a letter

Early Career

Helen Neville, Daniel Gomez-Uchida, Craig Stockwell

Difficult decision, many qualified applicants, applied nature of work helped winner stand apart

Jean-Sebastian Moore

Work with Inuit tribes, genomic work with Arctic charr

Knowledge-based exchange camps with Inuit

Please consider additional nominations in the future

Hall of Excellence

No nominees this year

Ad Hoc

Newsletter, editor Jared Homola

New name: Open Reading Frame

Please contribute

Award announcements, article, conference related

Membership

Update in Sec-Treasurer's report

Consistent with national: try to demonstrate what members get out of membership

Website: Kristen, Wes Larson

Website hacked, links disabled, spam added

Couple of days to fix (parent society attempted too)

Kristen trying to avoid problems

Moving towards AFS multisite, should be more secure (automatic updates to plugins)

Stats: probably unreliable, (bump before meeting), 50-100 per day

Listserv

Add DO NOT REPLY TO MESSAGE, email the person outside of the listserv

Old business

Adjust bylaws for early career award, in the works

New business

Wright: limit the number of times people can win award

Would need a bylaw change, vote by society

Put on application if they have won award before

Limit to diversify

Current language is open,
Currently activity in society is included in evaluation

Coastwide Salmonid Genetics Meeting

Krista Nichols

Every other year. Hired someone to handle money

Partnership with AFSGS, GS handles money

Use our bank account, Paypal to pay bills

AFSGS more permanent, more cost reliable

Want co-host by GS, could be done legally

Cost: More work for Sec-Treasurer

Benefits: discount for attendance, co-fund student travel, ask them to help pay annual maintenance fee for multisite website

Similar to done by other sections (Helen Neville has first-hand experience)

How big is the meeting? how much work for sec-tres?

IRS reporting: proceeds for year not above \$50k (look up what this threshold is)

Marlis and Michael Douglas brought up concerns about liability: what if registration costs not sufficient to cover meeting costs? Make sure GS not on the hook

Does AFS liability extend for accidents, etc? Or how do they handle liability?

Bigger legal issues with AFS parent society

Constitutional consultant (John Boreham; anyone want to apprentice?)

How much government money does she get, issues with excomm being government employees

Elected officers personally liable

No motion, Excomm will get more information, and draft a motion

Location this year not known by those present at the business meeting (meeting will be June 2018)

Benefit is possible bump to section membership

Helen, inquire with state chapter for similar arrangement

Discussion/Announcements/

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm