

Notes for AFS Genetics Section Business Meeting August 20, 2018

21 attendees (membership categories: 11 regular, 1 young professional, 7 student, 2 non-member 'guests') – quorum achieved

Robert's rules of orders suspended

Introduction of incoming Excomm members

President: Andrew Whiteley

President-Elect: Marlis Douglas

Secretary/Treasurer: Wes Larson

Guest 1: Jessie Trushenski (incoming president of parent society): provided an overview of Governing Board meeting

- Committee for Diversity and Inclusion:
 - Efforts to diversify AFS membership to better reflect of general population in the society

- Continuing Education
 - Increase emphasis on inter-personal skills, beyond technical skills (which is being done well currently)
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AFS 2019 Meeting in Reno, NV (29-Sept – 3-Oct): joint meeting with TWS

- Sections encouraged to engage counterparts in TWS to facilitate interactions:
 - Organize joint workshops or symposia,
 - Meet with TWS working groups
 - Parent society will organize student socials across societies

Section Activities

1. Election results

- Jeff Olsen nominated two people for each position
- 33% vote turnout
- 2 candidates for each position
 - Wes Larson: elected as Secretary/Treasurer
 - Marlis Douglas: elected as President-Elect

2. Candidates for Names of Fishes Committee

- Tom Dowling proposed as representative from Genetics Section

3. Coastwide Salmonid Genetics Meeting (CWSGM)

- Organized every-other year
- GS now co-sponsoring the CWSGM
- 2018 hosted by NOAA in Seattle, Washington (19-21 June 2018)
 - 110 attendees, 46 talks
 - AFSGS sponsored 3 student travel awards
 - Meeting proceeds generated \$3,500 for AFSGS general fund
 - Acknowledgement to Kristen Gruenthal for her major efforts in making the meeting a success

4. Secretary-Treasurer's report

- Budget stable
- Membership = 214 (10 more than in 2017)

5. Announcements: none

Committee Reports

- **Awards 2018 Recipients:**
 - James E. Wright Award: Shannon White, Nathaniel Marshall
 - Early Career Award: Wes Larson
 - Stevan R. Phelps Award: Best genetics paper published in 2017 in Transactions of the American Fisheries Society:
 - "Deletion and Copy Number Variation of Y - Chromosomal Regions in Coho Salmon, Chum Salmon, and Pink Salmon Populations" by A.F. Muttray, D. Sakhrani, J.L. Smith, I. Nakayama, W.S. Davidson, L. Park, and R. H. Devlin.
 - Hall of Excellence: New inductee Tim King
- **Nominating committee:** Jeff Olsen
 - no report
- **Program:**
 - three symposia organized by AFSGS for 2018 national meeting
- **Newsletter:** Jared Homola
 - Encourages submissions and contributions
 - **Please submit to:** jaredhomola20@gmail.com
- **Membership:** nothing to report
- **Website:**
 - moved to parent society's subscription web service
 - Kristen Gruenthal oversaw move and dedicated a lot of time and effort
- **Listserv:**

- Efforts to move to website
- Recent 'reply to' problem resolved as a mac mail issue, notan 'emaldodo' problem

New business:

- **Coast-wide Salmonid Genetics Meeting (CWSGM)**
 - AFGS now participating with organizing bi-annual meeting
- **Wright Award:** eligibility criteria modified
 - More specific, precise language about who is eligible
 - Can only win once per degree program
 - Section activity included as part of process
 - Winners must be AFSGS members
- **Catfish 2020: Third International Catfish Symposium**
 - Co-organizer Jim Lamar visited as guest to provide information
 - Catfish Symposium is organized every 10 years
 - Request to provide sponsorship of \$1,500 in complementary registration or other levels of participation
 - PRES Wendy Stott suggested to approach sponsorship similarly to Coregonid meeting
 - Set precedence/ consistent policy
 - \$500 student award for travel and waived registration fee
 - Potential funding source: Ictalurid tree of life project (Larry Page)

Future meetings:

- 2020: Columbus, Ohio: 150th anniversary of AFS
- 2021: Spokane, Washington

Motion to adjourn meeting passed