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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Over the past year, I have attended several retirement parties for those in the field of fisheries. It is strange how things seem to run in cycles. These were people with long and distinguished careers, each of them respected and admired by their peers. Each left their own unique legacies in the areas of the state that they worked and a lasting impression on the people they worked with. Being closer to the beginning of my career than the end, it has lead me to think about what will be discussed at my retirement party. How will those I worked with remember me and what lasting impression will I have left on the people and the natural resources in the areas that I have worked? I think it's important that we all keep this thought in mind from time to time. Whether you are a student, a young professional, or someone very near retirement, it is always worth while to step back and look at the big picture of your career and life. It's also important to remember that the legacy you leave doesn't need to be a series of great accomplishments. The people that you mentor and inspire to accomplish great things in the field of fisheries, may be the greatest legacy a person can leave. So, the next time you feel that you're getting into that rut, think about what will be said at your retirement party, and refocus on the larger goals you have set out for yourself and your career.

I look forward to seeing you all at the upcoming annual meeting.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sager, OK Chapter AFS President

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

OUTSTANDING OKLAHOMA FISHERIES WORKER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Nominations and Awards Committee is soliciting nominations for the OKAFS' highest award, The **Oklahoma Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year Award**. The award is presented annually to an Oklahoma fisheries professional who has made significant contributions in the field of aquatic resources conservation, management, research, culture

or education. Fishery workers in Oklahoma have, over the years, amassed a multitude of achievements and advancements in fisheries science. This award recognizes their efforts.

It's time to give a meaningful pat on the back to an individual among us who truly deserves the special recognition this award brings. The Outstanding Fisheries Worker of the Year Award last year went to **Mr. James Vincent, streams biologist for the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation**.

Please take a moment and think about who deserves the award for their hard work this past year, 2007. Nominations should include a descriptive justification, giving examples of work excellence and stewardship. Let us know why your nominee deserves this coveted recognition. Submit your nominations to **Jim Burroughs** by **January 25th 2008** at 9097 N. 34th St. West, Porter, OK. 74454 or email Jim at jb_odwc@hughes.net.

OKAFS OFFICER and COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being taken for Chapter President-Elect. **Kevin Stubbs** will be taking over as President at the annual meeting in March 2008. **THE CHAPTER NEEDS YOU** or someone you think can lead the Chapter in the future. Nominations are also being accepted for committee chairpersons of the "Continuing Education" and "Awards and Nominations" committees. Current chairpersons will be stepping down from these positions. If you would like to be considered or wish to nominate someone for these positions (must be a member of the AFS Chapter and the Parent Society), please contact **Jim Burroughs** at 9097 N. 34th St. West, Porter, OK. 74454 email: jb_odwc@hughes.net .

Activities Committee

Fund Raising Committee – Greetings all. As chairman of the Activities and Fund Raising Committee I would like to take this opportunity to ask for assistance. This years meeting is less than 3 months away. The fund raising committee is a committee of one. Therefore, I need your help to solicit donations used to help fund chapter activities

as well as to provide student scholarships. If you have any contacts that could be persuaded to donate items please contact them as soon as possible. Donations can be for small items that can be used for door prizes or for larger items that can be used for silent auction. Please remember the importance of your efforts. Money raised from these donations is given to students to assist with their educational expenses. There were an extremely limited number of items donated last year (thanks to those who did bring items to the meeting) and a corresponding limited amount of dollars raised. Please assist me with collecting an ample number of items to help ensure the Chapter's ability to continue awarding scholarships to students. As a special incentive, individuals collecting donations valued at or above \$25 will have a chance for a special yet to be determined prize. Only individuals collecting

donations valued at \$25 or more will be eligible for this prize. Items auctioned off or given away in the past include gift certificates for hunting and fishing equipment, rods, reels, knives, guided fishing trips, art work, fishing lures, ammunition, and others. Anything you can persuade someone to donate will be appreciated. Thanks for your assistance.

Environmental Concerns – Randy Parham

No new information to report.

Continuing Education - Steve Spade

No new information to report.

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

2008 OKAFS Annual Meeting

The 2008 meeting is taking place March 19-21 at the Sheraton hotel in OKC. The Sheraton Oklahoma City Hotel is at One North Broadway in the Bricktown area of OKC. We have a block of 25 rooms for March 19th and 10 rooms for March 20th. The cut off date is 2/16/2008 at midnight. Each individual guest must make their own reservations by calling 1-800-325-3535 by 2/16/2008 12:00:00 AM. You must identify yourself as members of the American Fisheries Society – OK Chapter. All reservations must be guaranteed and accompanied by a first night room deposit or guaranteed with a major credit card.

The schedule for this years meeting will consist of a student social starting at 6:00 p.m. Wed the 19th. On Thursday registration will be from 8:00 am. to 9:00 a.m. followed by presentations until 4:00 p.m. The business meeting, social and auction will also take place Thursday evening. There will also be a Pond Workshop from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Friday for those who are interested.

Last Call for Papers:

Oklahoma Chapter of the American Fisheries Society
Annual Meeting March 2008

Please send the following information if you would like to offer a 20-minute presentation (including time for a brief question/answer session):

- 1.) Title of paper
- 2.) Name of Authors with an asterisk (*) following the presenting author's name
- 3.) Affiliation of authors (Agency, School, etc.) including address
- 4.) A brief abstract of no more than 200 words
- 5.) Format of Presentation (Power Point, slides, over-head projector, etc.)

Send Presentation Information to:
Kevin Stubbs 2008 OKAFS Meeting Director
Kevin_Stubbs@fws.gov

Microsoft Word, Corel Word Perfect, and PDF files are acceptable.
All Presentations must be submitted by January 31, 2008.

138th Annual AFS Meeting

This years National Meeting will be held in Ottawa, Canada's capital city, for the 138th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) at the Ottawa Congress Centre and Westin Hotel August 17-21, 2008.

2008 SDAFS Annual Meeting

The West Virginia Chapter invites you to join them in Wheeling at the Oglebay Resort and Conference Center for the 2008 **Southern Division Spring Meeting, February 28-March 2, 2008**. The meeting's theme is "Headwater Streams to Large Rivers". They have well over 100 abstracts submitted, 3 symposia, and 7 workshops scheduled.

OKLAHOMA CHAPTER- AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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TREASURERS REPORT

None submitted

The *OKLAHOMA CHAPTER AFS* was chartered on September 8, 1968.

The **mission** of the chapter is:

- To promote conservation, development and wise use of the aquatic and fishery resources of Oklahoma.
- To promote and evaluate the development and advancement of all aspects of fisheries science and management in Oklahoma.
- To gather and disseminate scientific, technical and other information about fisheries science and management to Chapter members and the general public through publications, meetings and other forms of communications.
- To encourage competent teaching of fisheries science and management in Oklahoma colleges and universities and promote the continuing education of Oklahoma fisheries workers.

OKLAHOMA AFS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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(last) (first)

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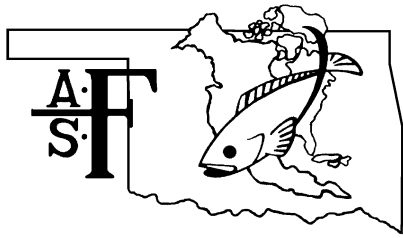
DAY PHONE: _____ E-MAIL: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE: 1 Year (\$5)_____ 2 Years (\$10)_____ 3 Years (\$15)_____ Life (\$50)_____

MEMBERSHIP STATUS: Professional_____ Student_____

COMMITTEES (please choose at least one): Activities_____ Awards_____ Continuing Ed_____
Environ. Concerns_____ Fundraising_____ Program_____

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are. It's another new year and another chance for me to let you know about all the things that the subunit has participated in this past year and some of the things we are planning for the future. This is also the spot in the newsletter where the president encourages (and sometimes pleads) for more involvement from AFS subunit members. So hear it goes.

First of all, I would like to say thank you to everyone who came out and helped the subunit with the events that we participated in this semester. Some of the highlights for the last semester included students attending the AFS National Meeting in San Francisco, California, the subunit annual fish fry, assisting ODWC with their Fisheries Field Trip at the Wildlife Expo in Guthrie, and setting up an exhibit at the Payne County Audubon Society Nature Day for kids to learn more about fish.

Although the subunit participated in a fair number of events this past semester, I think we are capable of doing so much more. Of course to do this, we not only need more participation from our members, but your ideas also. Your subunit officers have tossed around several ideas of ways to get our members more involved but now we would like to hear from you. We would like to hear any ideas you might have of ways to increase participation and even recruit more members. Things like cook outs, fishing tournaments, and float trips are just a few of the things your officers have thought about. Email or call any of the subunit officers if you come up with something that you think would be a good event or outreach for the subunit. We would even like to hear your wild and crazy ideas. You never know, we might just like them!

Thanks for another great semester. I hope to see you at our next event!

Ryan Ryswyk

Student Chapter President

13th ANNUAL FISHERIES TECHNIQUES DEMONSTRATION

Each Spring the OSU student subunit picks an area reservoir where we hold a demonstration showing students different types of sampling gear and giving students the opportunity to have some hands on experience with these different gear types. We invite both fisheries and wildlife students from universities statewide to this event. Typically Northeastern State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Oklahoma State University students make up the bulk of the attendees. Hopefully this year we will be able to persuade students from other universities who are interested in fisheries to attend.

The OSU subunit officers are currently planning this year's fisheries techniques demo. The plans have not finalized yet but here is what we've come up with so far. As of now we are planning on having the demo on Saturday, March 29th at a centrally located lake (yet to be determined). Since it was held at Lake Texoma last year we thought we would be a little kinder to the folks from NSU this time and make their commute a little shorter.

At this year's demo students will gain experience with electrofishing, backpack electrofishing, trapnets, hoopnets, seining, tagging, aging, as well as other fisheries gear. Students will rotate through different stations learning about and using each type of gear. There will be cook out style lunch with a guest speaker who is a professional in the field of fisheries. The cost is only \$5.00 and that covers attending the demo, lunch, as well as membership dues for Oklahoma Student Chapter of the American Fisheries Society.

We will send out emails when the date and location has been finalized. We hope to see you there!

Jared Lorensen, Fisheries Techniques Demonstration Committee member and Vice President

OTHER EVENTS

- This past September, we held our annual Subunit fish fry/membership drive. We had an excellent number of people turn out and lots of good food.
- In October, OSU subunit officers Ryan Ryswyk and Jared Lorensen participated in the Audubon Society Nature Day held at Sanborn Lake in Stillwater. These officers brought several different species of fish to put on display which was a big hit with the kids!

Jared Lorensen and Dane Balsman, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer, respectively

TREASURER'S REPORT

15 June 2007 – 1 Jan 2008

TILL ACCOUNT

Starting Balance		\$ 210.26
	Debits	
	AFS Cookout/Student Recruitment	\$ 88.94
	Monthly Meeting Refreshments	\$ 32.00
	TOTAL	\$ 120.94
	Credits	
	Dues and Registration (Cookout)	\$ 135.00
	TOTAL	\$ 135.00
Ending Balance		\$ 224.32

OKAFS STUDENT CHECKING ACCOUNT

Starting Balance		\$1,117.04
	Debits	
	No Activity	
TOTAL		\$ 0.00
	Credits	
	No Activity	
TOTAL		\$ 0.00
	Transfers	
	Transfer from OKAFS Student Checking to OSU Account	\$ -86.16
Ending Balance		\$1,030.88

OSU ACCOUNT

Starting Balance		\$ - 86.16
	Debits	
	No Activity	
TOTAL		\$ 0.00
	Credits	
	Student Initiative from OSU	\$ 86.16
TOTAL		\$ 86.16
	Transfers	
	Transfer from OKAFS Student Checking to OSU Account	\$ 86.16
Ending Balance		\$ 86.16

Summary

Till Balance	\$ 224.32
OKAFS Student Checking Account Balance	\$1,030.88
OSU Account Balance	\$ 86.16
OKAFS Student Chapter Balance	\$1,341.36

STUDENT CHAPTER NEWS

- Several OSU graduate students traveled to the 137th AFS annual national meeting in San Francisco, CA in September. **Dane Balsman**, **Kris Bodine**, and **Eric Brinkman** gave presentations at the meeting.
- **Kris Bodine** was awarded the Skinner Award at the Annual Meeting. The John E. Skinner Memorial Fund was established to provide monetary travel awards for deserving graduate students or exceptional undergraduate students to attend the AFS Annual Meeting.

JIMMIE PIGG STUDENT TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENTS!! STUDENTS!! STUDENTS!! This is the last call for students who would like to go to a professional meeting on someone else's money. The Chapter will award the **Jimmie Pigg Student Travel Scholarship** to a student or students who are involved in fisheries research studies and who are planning to present their findings at an upcoming AFS meeting. Last year, Eric Brinkman, graduate student from Oklahoma State University, was the recipient of a \$1000 travel grant from the Chapter. This prestigious award is named in honor of the well-known, well-respected late aquatic biologist and educator **Mr. Jimmie Pigg**, who donated the initial Chapter funding to create the award. Jimmie will always be remembered as a dedicated professional and active fisheries conservationist who loved his work and his students.

Any student who is active in fisheries or a related aquatic discipline is eligible to apply. Recipients are selected by the Chapter Nominating and Awards Committee and are presented the award at the annual Chapter business meeting. Selection is based on academic qualifications, professional service, contribution to fisheries and the applicant's demonstrated desire and need for the grant.

Awards are based on merit and are not necessarily given each year. Interested students should contact the Awards Committee Chair, **Jim Burroughs** at 9097 N. 34th St. West, Porter, OK. 74454 or email Jim at jb_odwc@hughes.net for more information and to obtain the appropriate application forms (they might be found at http://www.sdafs.org/okafs/chapter_awards.htm). Deadline to apply is **January 25th, 2008**.

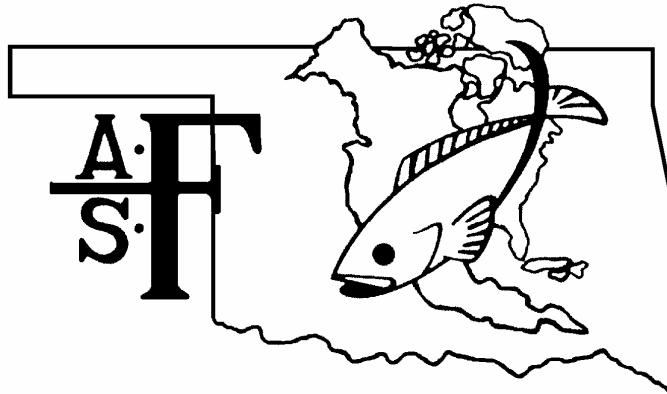
Oklahoma Student Chapter AFS Annual Fish Fry 2007



Audubon Society Nature Day







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