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SDAFS Business Meeting

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Officiated by President Mark Rogers

Determination of a quorum: Secretary-Treasurer Brandon Peoples

Approval of the agenda: Moved by Lynn Quattro, seconded by Gene Gilliland. Motion carries.

Pres. Rogers recognized past SDAFS presidents in attendance: Cecil Jennings, Miguel Garcia, John Jackson, Steve Lochmann, Cindy Williams, Wesley Neal, Dennis Riecke, Fred Heitman, and Brian Murphy.

AFS President Cecil Jennings provided remarks from the Society:

- Expressed interest in being an ear to listen as well as voice for AFS
- Recognized retirement of AFS Executive Director Doug Austen
- Promoted attendance at upcoming AFS meeting in Honolulu, World Fisheries Congress
- Updating AFS strategic plan. Tasked a special committee to identify ‘where we are and want to go’ as a society
- Engaged on DEIJA efforts on many levels
- Noted declining membership; down 13% from last year.

Remarks from SDAFS President Mark Rogers:

- Noted the first SDAFS was held over 30 years ago in Chattanooga as a result of a standalone meeting, and it has grown substantially.
- Noted that his report stands as written in the Briefing Book
- Asked audience to move to approve last year’s minutes. Moved by Wes Neal, seconded by Mike Homer. Motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: Brandon Peoples

- Asked approval for a \$1,000 donation to the Black Bass symposium. Moved by Fred Hitman, seconded by Natalie Koasch. No debate.
- Request for additional \$1,000 for Student Affairs Committee for student rooms. After much debate, motion to approve from Amanda Rosenberger, approved by Lynn Quattro.

Report from host chapter: Shawna Fix reported on the impressive number of attendees (including students), workshops, symposia, and presentations.

President-elect Anthony Overton then shared highlights from several Chapter reports, and Vice President Jess Baumann reported on highlights from Technical Committees.

Dennis Riecke then read a resolution commending and thanking TN Chapter for their efforts to host the meeting, and Past President Jason Olive gave a report of the Ballot Committee.

Presentation of Awards: Jason Olive and Mark Rogers

Student paper awards from the 2023 annual meeting in Norfolk, VA:

- Best undergraduate poster: Lily Casteen
- Best undergraduate student poster runner up: Adam Cieslik
- Best graduate student poster: Cameron Bodine
- Best graduate student poster runner up: Devin Raburn
- Best undergraduate student presentation: Meghan Booknis
- Best undergraduate student presentation runner up: Garrison Forrester
- Best graduate student presentation: Thomas Dodson
- Best graduate student presentation runner up: Jacob Barrett
- Best PhD student presentation: Alex Zalmat
- Best PhD student presentation runner up: Leah Bayer

Professional awards:

- Jack DeQuine – Lynn Wright and Timothy Brister
- Jack DeQuine – Jake Norman and Todd Driscoll
- Best Student Subunit – University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- Outstanding Large Chapter – Georgia
- Outstanding Achievement Award – Shannon Brewer
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- Awards by Technical Committees:
 - Robert M. Jenkins Memorial Reservoir Research Scholarship Award
(Sean Kinney, Reservoir Technical Committee)
 - Jimmie Pigg Memorial Outstanding Student Achievement Award
(Stephen Curtis, Warmwater Streams Technical Committee)
 - Alligator Gar Technical Committee Scholarship
(Brandon Simcox, Alligator Gar Technical Committee)
 - Resolution of Appreciation to Hosts (Dennis Riecke)

Other Old Business: Mark Rogers. Report from EXCOM meeting stands as written

Installation of newly-elected officers were installed: Vice President Dan Daughtery

Remarks by incoming President (Anthony Overton)

- New business (Anthony Overton)
 - 2025 SDAFS Annual Meeting Preview, hosted by North Carolina Chapter

Motion made to adjourn made by Wes Neal, seconded by Jess Baumann